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# Crafty women give back to mums in need in Melbourne's western suburbs

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CRAFTY women in Caroline Springs have found an innovative way to unleash their creativity and help new mums in Melbourne's western suburbs.

For the past six months the Spring Stitches group, made up of 35 women from across Melbourne's west, have been tirelessly sewing, stitching and crocheting quilts and bags for mums in need through the [Caroline Chisholm Society](#).

Group co-ordinator Catherine Stone said on November 27, the group donated 31 quilts and 23 material bags to the organisation.

Mrs Stone said Spring Stitchers had been making and donating items to the Caroline Chisholm Society for a few years, using whatever fabric they could afford to buy.

But this year a grant from Melton Council meant they could buy much more fabric, including eye-catching children's prints for the comfy quilts.

She said this round of donations used half of the grant money, and in another six months the group would donate even more to the not-for-profit organisation in time for winter.

Spring Stitchers meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Stevenson House in Caroline Springs.

Donations of money and 100 per cent cotton material are greatly appreciated.

For information or to donate call Mrs Stone on 0413 131 277.