

Quilters donate to Wexford

Local crafters Andrea Shipley and PJ Howard are finding creative ways to make blankets that do more than just provide warmth. The two women have been creating “busy quilts” for residents with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia living at area senior living communities, and donated 10 of the blankets to Wexford House in Denver.

“The blankets are all made with recycled items and that are safe for our residents,” said Leslie Spinner, activities director at Wexford House. “PJ and Andrea’s handiwork is multi-functional.”

The tactile blankets are useful for Alzheimer’s and dementia patients because they tend to enjoy having something to do with their hands, said Shipley.

“If you’re a quilter or



Andrew Shipley and PJ Howard enjoy making busy quilts for people with Alzheimer’s disease.

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crafters, it’s a good way to use up your scraps, do-dads and trinkets,” said Shipley.

“You can look around the house and all of a sudden you see the caps of milk

jugs and you put them on a string. It’s just a fun thing for us to do.” □