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Giving Back Makes a Happy Heart

A Colonial Heights, VA, woman is giving back to MCC and the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale. At the age of 10, Darlene Bass had a school bus driver who she'll never forget. The bus driver was a Mennonite from Harrisonburg who saw the unspoken need of her family. The driver organized a group of Mennonites to deliver food to Darlene's family when they didn't have enough. Now, almost 45 years later, she hasn't forgotten the help she and her family received, and has been giving back to MCC and the Relief Sale ever since.

This year, Darlene crafted about 175 cloth bags to hold quilts, comforters, and wall hangings after they have been purchased at the auction. The bags will be stamped with the Relief Sale logo, compliments of Daniels Promotional Products in Harrisonburg. When asked about her motivation for creating the bags, she simply stated that it "makes her heart happy."

Each year at the relief sale, Darlene loves looking at the different patterns and beautiful creations of the quilts. She and her husband enjoy all the foods and baked goods - especially the homemade brownies with nuts. They also get a kick out of eating meals in the big barn - just because it's so different!

Darlene's generosity is one piece of the puzzle that helps make a successful sale each year. **The puzzle will not be complete without you. What can you give or donate this year?**



2nd Annual 5k Run/Walk for Relief

Look for registration information and more details in the next few weeks. Fun for all ages!

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Get your first glimpse of auction items to bid on this year —photos of items already donated are now on the sale website!