

Survivors Help Unveil Cancer Quilts



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From Left to Right: Anne Kirkpatrick, breast cancer survivor; Jean Puzzutiello, breast cancer survivor; Kay Hannigan, R.N., Nurse Coordinator and quilt maker; Alexandre Hageboutros, M.D., Associate Director, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Cooper; Generosa Grana, M.D., Director, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Cooper.

Event Brief:

Three quilts symbolizing the common thread shared by cancer patients and their loved ones were unveiled during Cooper's Life and Remembrance Day held December 7. The quilts are compiled of 105 squares made by cancer patients, survivors, and their families who attended the annual Survivor's Day event held in June at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Cooper's Voorhees location.

Many squares portray personal victory over the disease, while others illustrate patients' fears of leaving families and friends. The attendees used paints, fabric, and other art supplies to create their squares. Kay Hannigan, R.N., nurse coordinator for CINJ at Cooper, stitched the squares to create the quilts.

Other activities that marked the celebration included the lighting and decorating of the Tree of Remembrance and remarks from key CINJ at Cooper physicians and staff.