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## **James Stitching Sisters to Host Annual Quilt Day** *Volunteers needed to stitch quilts for women going through chemotherapy*

**(Columbus, OH)** The James Stitching Sisters are hoping to make hundreds of lap quilts on Saturday, March 4 for Central Ohio women battling breast cancer who are patients of at the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

The James Stitching Sisters was formed in July 2004 to create lap quilts for the numerous women battling breast cancer in Central Ohio. Since then, more than 425 quilts have been distributed to women battling breast cancer. The group plans to re-stock its supply at the assembly-line quilting affair on March 4.

In 2005, the Columbus Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation granted the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute \$10,750 toward the purchase of fabrics, totes, journals and sewing supplies. The items are packaged together to create a “care tote” for a woman attending her first chemotherapy treatment.

“Our hope is that the patients who receive these totes will continue to bring back the quilt and journal to each treatment visit. The quilt will keep them warm and comfort them during this time,” said Joanne Lester, nurse practitioner at Ohio State's James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

Volunteers are needed and don't have to be experienced quilters.

“There's something for everyone at the Annual Quilt Day. If you've never quilted before, you can help by ironing or pinning fabrics together,” says Lester. “These are quilts made out of love and the purpose of these quilts is not perfection, but to show these patients that we care.”

The Annual Quilt Day event will be held at The Haimerl Center, 1421 Morse Road, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to visit The Haimerl Center throughout the day and help in anyway that they can. For more information about the James Stitching Sisters group or the Annual Quilt Day event, please contact Joanne Lester by email at [Joanne.Lester@osumc.edu](mailto:Joanne.Lester@osumc.edu) or by phone at 614-871-1199.

Komen Columbus has raised more than \$7 million since it began in 1993 – 75 percent of that money stays in its 23-county service area and is used to conduct breast cancer education, screening and treatment programs. The other 25 percent goes to the Komen Foundation to fund national breast cancer research programs. More than 30,000 people are expected to participate in the **2006 Komen Columbus Race for the Cure® that will be held on Saturday, May 20 in downtown Columbus.** For more information and to

register, please visit [www.komencolumbus.org](http://www.komencolumbus.org) or call the Komen Columbus office at (614) 297-8155.

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