



KALAMAZOO CHAPTER
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The Battle Creek Neighborhood Group is pleased to announce that its annual Cutting Day for Safe Sleepers is taking on a whole new dimension! In January we discussed ways we might continue that project without Mary Embury needing to run a sewing factory. It became increasingly apparent that we needed more help than our group could provide. At our February meeting, we announced that Grace Health Center was willing to provide financial support for the purchase of fabric and notions, using Mary's Super Savvy Shopping Skills to really stretch those dollars. Mary is still in the process of doing that shopping as fleece sales are good with spring approaching.

Discussions with Jill Wise, director of OB/GYN at Grace Health have brought us to the following plan:

Tuesday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. has been set aside as a Community Cutting Day for Safe Sleepers.

Location is the lower level community room at Grace Health Center on the corner of Washington & Emmett Streets.

Jill and her staff will work with us to develop publicity to alert our community to our joint effort and mission...200 sleepers for newborns.

Anyone in the community will be invited to drop in and spend an hour or two, or the whole day, helping with this project.

Sleepers will be cut, and kits assembled with directions for sewing.

There will be demonstrations, in person and by video, on sewing in the zippers and sewing the neckband.

We are asking Kalamazoo ASG members to come for whatever part of the day fits your schedule to act as hosts, guides and cutters, too. The plan is to set up stations around the large room for:

1. Greeting & signing in people
2. Cutting fabrics into sleeper lengths
3. Cutting out the sleepers themselves
4. Assembling kits with all the necessary parts
5. Checking and packing kits into boxes
6. Checking out kits to those who want to sew at home

A side benefit for the ASG will be the opportunity to let more people know of our existence and encourage them to check us out. By the same token Grace Health Center will spread the word of the need to provide safe sleepers for infants in our area.

Join the fun! Share the excitement!