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Women of Shir Ami Donate Fleece Blankets to NOVA

The donation conveys to NOVA clients that they are cared for and supported.

(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.) –NOVA, Bucks County’s comprehensive crime victim services agency, is pleased to announce that it received a donation of fleece tie blankets from the Women of Shir Ami in Newtown, Pa. The group, led by member Nancy Axler, a school counselor in the Pennsbury School District, created seven soft, cozy fleece tie blankets to be provided to NOVA clients who are victims of crime or trauma. In addition to offering clients physical warmth, the blankets provide emotional comfort, reminding clients that they are cared for and supported as they engage in counseling to work through their trauma.

“From selecting the fleeces to figuring out the technique of chatting while making the blankets, this was an incredibly fun project,” said Amy Buondonno, board member, Women of Shir Ami. “It was easy to fall into a groove as teams shared the duties of cutting the fringe and making the knots. We all tried to infuse the blankets with as much love and good wishes for NOVA’s clients as we could. We look forward to doing this again.”

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"We are grateful to the Women of Congregation Shir Ami for donating fleece blankets," said Penny Ettinger, Executive Director, NOVA. "They will provide a great measure of comfort to our clients who are dealing with the strain and anxiety that comes from being a victim of crime."

About NOVA

NOVA supports, counsels, and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison, and Perkasié. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state, and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit www.NOVABucks.org.

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Editor's Note: Photo and caption courtesy of the Women of Shir Ami

Image 4210420_n.jpg- Members of Women of Shir Ami pose with the fleece tie blankets that they made for NOVA clients. In addition to offering clients physical warmth, the blankets provide emotional comfort, reminding clients that they are cared for and supported as they engage in counseling to work through their trauma.

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(Left to Right): NOVA Counselors Jee Soo Lee, Kevin Keller, Beth Hafft, Ashley Foley, Ray'ven Hudley, Sydney Finsel, and Jackie Carnation proudly display the fleece tie blankets donated by Women of Shir Ami that will be provided to NOVA clients as they engage in counseling to work through their trauma.

