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FAIR & ROCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL TEAM UP ON "LAP ROBE" PROJECT

ROCHESTER, NY---The Monroe County Fair Association's Home Arts Department has teamed up with Rochester general hospital on a community service project called the "Lap Robe Project". Senior centers, community groups, school home and career students and individuals are invited to participate in making lap robes/throws for patients in various departments at Rochester General Hospital. The lap robes/throws can be made over the winter and spring and will be collected during the third week of June, just prior to the 2010 Monroe County Fair. The lap robes/throws will then be put on display during the fair and will be given to Rochester General Hospital in a special ceremony on the last day of the fair, July 18.

Many people who are immobile for long periods need a light cover to keep their legs warm, especially during the winter months or in air conditioned settings. At a time when their lives are in turmoil, having a blanket that some caring community member made can bring them much needed hope and cheer. Organizers hope that the community will respond to this need as they did to last year's "Mitten Project", over 2000 mittens and scarves were collected for Rochester City School District students.

For more information and guidelines for making the blankets, call the Fair Office at 585-334-4000.

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