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Kindergartners Make Quilts for African Kids

Carlsbad nonprofit Kids for Peace will send the quilts to the children of the Fiwagoh Orphanage outside of Nuruku, Kenya.

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Kindergartners at Discovery Elementary School in San Marcos helped put together five quilts to send to orphans in Kenya.

The back of each quilt reads: "We wish amini to a new friend at Fiwagoh."

"Amini" means "peace" in Swahili.

The quilts came to be after the Carlsbad nonprofit Kids for Peace visited the [African orphanage \(http://carlsbad.patch.com/events/jefferson-elementary-peace-rally-to-aid-orphanage-in-kenya\)](#) last summer with a group including 8-year-old Encinitas resident Shawlin Tucker and teacher Kathleen Lindemann from Leucadia. Inspired to help the children of the Fiwagoh Orphanage, Kids for Peace decided to raise money to purchase beds for them. Tucker wanted blankets for the beds as well. Lindemann met with Tucker and Leila Holkesvig, a school parent, and the quilting process began. In each quilt, they used hand-dyed fabric from Kenya that Lindemann had bought more than 25 years ago.

The kindergartners worked in teams to make the quilts. They chose the fabrics, created the designs and then sewed the blocks with help from teachers and parents. Each child-sized quilt measures 45 by 60 inches.



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