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## **BERNINA DEALER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS TO SUPPORT TWO LOCAL CHARITY EVENTS IN MARCH**

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**AURORA, Ill. – March 4, 2013** – BERNINA of America, the premier manufacturer of sewing, embroidery and quilting machines, is pleased to announce that Sew & Quilt Shop, a BERNINA Dealer in Bunnell, Fla., is looking for volunteers and donations to support two local charity events in March.

Sew & Quilt Shop will bring BERNINA sewing machines and sergers to Rymfire Elementary School, 1425 Rymfire Drive, in Palm Coast, Fla., on Thursday, March 7, from 5 to 8 p.m., to sew 250 pillowcases to benefit Foster Friends, a non-profit organization that assists children in foster homes. The pillowcases will be donated to children ages 2 to 18 who are being relocated to foster care. Prior to the event, Sew & Quilt Shop is accepting donations of fabric for the pillowcases at its store, 4601 E. Moody Blvd. The Dealer is also seeking volunteers to cut the pillowcase fabric to dimensions. Anyone interested is asked to please visit the store during business hours, Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

On Saturday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sew & Quilt Shop will participate in a walkathon at the Palm Coast Towne Center to raise money for the Precious Hearts Foundation, which serves as an aid for men, women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. Anyone interested in supporting the walkathon is asked to make a cash donation at the Dealer or attend the event. Attendees are invited to walk with Sew & Quilt Shop representatives or cheer from the sidelines.

The Foster Friends' mission is to enrich the lives of children in foster care by hosting fun events and activities to help make their time in foster care as enjoyable as possible. For more information about Foster Friends, please visit <http://www.foster-adopt.org>.

The Precious Hearts Foundation provides safety and support to victims of domestic violence through education, advocacy, safe and confidential emergency shelters in various states. The organization also offers resources throughout the United States, as well as individual crisis counseling, community referrals, safety planning, and legal advocacy. For more information about the Precious Hearts Foundation, please visit [www.preciousheartsfoundation.org](http://www.preciousheartsfoundation.org).

Sew and Quilt Shop is an authorized BERNINA Dealer providing top-quality service to area residents. The Dealer sells BERNINA sewing machines and software, and also provides a variety of sewing, embroidery and quilting classes for people of all skill levels. For more information about the Dealer, please visit [www.sewandquiltshop.com](http://www.sewandquiltshop.com).

**About BERNINA**

Founded in Switzerland more than 100 years ago, BERNINA is the world's premier manufacturer with a proven reputation for offering state-of-the-art sewing and embroidery systems, sergers and embroidery software. BERNINA's leadership is marked by an impressive number of industry leaders, influencers and artisans who chose to partner with the company. BERNINA products are sold in the United States through a network of approximately 450 fully trained independent dealerships. In 2008, the company introduced the revolutionary BERNINA 830, a machine designed to change the home sewing industry. To learn more and to find a dealer, visit [www.bernina.com](http://www.bernina.com) or call (630)978-2500.

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