

The Flower Buds on the WHAS 11 news September 24, 2012

'Flower Buds' bring cheer to those in need by Claudia Coffey

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(WHAS11) -- A true "trash to treasure" story that is having a impact on people that need compassion. It all started six years ago with one woman collecting soon to be trashed flowers at retail stores. With a little touch up and love they now grace hundreds of hospital rooms and children's organizations.

In the basement of Third Lutheran Church on Frankfort Avenue, the spirit of giving is blossoming at every table. More than 40 women, called the "Flower Buds" meet at the church every Monday. Their goal to take flowers from stores that were going to be thrown out and turn them into beautiful new creations.

"More flowers, more volunteers. We never turn a flower away, " said founder Mary Fletcher.

Each Monday the ladies put together more than 150 flower arrangements. The arrangements will go to places like St Joseph's Orphanage, Hospice Centers and Home of the Innocents with the hope of bringing a little cheer.

"It's huge and you don't even realize it until you are on the recipient end," said Fletcher.

Absolutely everything is donated including the flowers, the vases and the wire. But still they say there is one thing they need more volunteers.

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