

Marie was nominated by Barbara Parisi and Claire Keery for her skilled workmanship and dedication making and donating over 4000 blankets, crocheted afghans and handmade quilts for seven different charities including Providence House, Friendship House, St. Mathew's House and Naples Shelter for Abused Women and Children. Additionally, through Airline Ambassadors International and its sub-group Miracles in Action, Marie's works have been donated to children in Mexico, Guatemala and Peru and to Haiti after natural disasters there. Marie is also an awarding winning watercolorist featuring landscapes and seascapes whose work has been exhibited over the years at the Marco Island Center for the Arts.

When asked when she starts quilting each day – she replied “morning, noon and night” and often on a sleepless night she will get up at 3am to quilt.

Marie jokingly describes her work as an addiction and hopes to never recover from it. Her painting was for personal joy while her work now is for the comfort and joy of others.