

## SUPPORT

# Club helps nonprofit with foster children's needs

The Rip 'N' Sew Club in Sun City West has a multi-year history of fulfilling the needs of foster children through Arizona Helping Hands.

The latter group is the largest provider of essential needs to the more than 14,000 children in foster care in this state.

Flannel pajama bottoms, cute pillowcases to go with the new bedding each child receives when entering foster care, reversible drawstring bags to hold belongings when a child moves from one home to another and doll clothes for purchased dolls are some of the items Rip 'N' Sew has provided.

Club members and the public can learn more about the nonprofit Arizona Helping Hands at Rip 'N' Sew's February meeting.

Bethany Eggleston, Arizona Helping Hands director of development, will speak Thursday, Feb. 2, shortly after the meeting is called to order at 9:30 a.m. at



**Rip 'N' Sew members Verda Bell, left, and Jo Wheelock prepare fabrics before sewing a reversible drawstring bag to hold a foster child's belongings when moving from one home to another. The bags will be distributed through Arizona Helping Hands, a nonprofit that provides foster children with needed items. (Submitted photo)**

the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center social hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. The public is invited to hear her talk.

Visit [azhelpinghands.org](http://azhelpinghands.org).

Club members, especially those who participate in the subgroup

Sewing From the Heart, began making more drawstring bags this month. Mary Jo Monteen is Rip 'N' Sew's coordinator with Arizona Helping Hands. Marilyn Zenz heads Sewing From the Heart.