



Heart of America Quilt

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Addressing the needs of our country by educating our children and uniting our communities.

We have a new Web Address... Please visit www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org

Letter from the President

Continuing honorable service

Susan Morissette

Heart of America Quilt

Here in Maine the chill of the soon to visit winter is settling deep into the air. Soon our green grass will turn and the cover of snow will soon follow. I hope this note finds you well and in good health.

I write to you today with the September National Mall showing now over and our Directors, Advisors and many volunteers recovering from their hard work and dedication. A showing of that magnitude with visitors from all over the world is hard to move past. With the logistics of moving a ton of fabric and dealing with winds and the always-arising challenges, it brings together the diverse group and makes parting a hard recovery. Knowing that our friends in Belgium will not be seen for many months to come, or our wonderful volunteers, is an empty feeling that is hard to bounce back from.

The showing itself went wonderful. We even had visitors from New York. I was proud that NYMEX's DC office sent a representative to see what their help allowed us to do. My favorite story from the showing is smaller than the 1/2 acre we

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DC Showing

The full Heart of America Quilt was displayed on the National Mall in front of the Capital Reflecting Pool in Washington DC on September 10th 2006. You can view the photo gallery of that event at www.heartofamericaquilt.org. Click on the "Events" link.

Here are a few of the pictures...



Many more photos from the showing and the service are available on the web site. We hope to see you at our next event. ❖

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showed, it is smaller than the huge amount of people that stopped to see us, or the many cameras that covered the showing. It is a result of an interview done live on Fox news in DC. When we arrived at the location for the showing, we were greeted by two news vans. My first live interview was with Fox DC. Shortly after the interview a young boy (in his early 20s) came up to me and explained that he had seen me on TV that morning and had been driving around to find me. In his hand was white fabric. I looked at him, his hair cut short, his shoulders back, I knew he was in the service. He handed me the fabric and I opened it to see medals, hats and patches sewn on. I could feel the tears swelling in my eyes. He explained that he saw me on the news and made the panel this morning while he was on leave from the USAF and was visiting his family. He told me that he used items from himself, his father and grandfather to make this panel for us to add to the Quilt. He thanked me for his friends lost on 9/11 and for his comrades lost in the war on terror. This young boy was so proud, so strong. I hugged him as his mother and father stood by. I thanked him for all of us. I knew that our goal had been met...if we touch at least one person with this showing, we have succeeded...we did it. We succeeded. We laid the Quilt with much work for all involved, in front of the Capital Building of the United States of America and we moved people, we showed them that our country is united, no matter how divided.

So now I sit with much of the paperwork and fundraising aspects ahead of me for the coming years. I must say that this is my least favorite part. But the Quilt must be protected and stored. All of that is at a cost that continues to keep the directors and me on our toes. While we continue with this, our educational plan is moving fast and with the help of our wonderful sponsors, we are able to brag that our pilot program is being used in 4 states, one territory and two countries. We started with our simple idea and are working not only on our national program, but custom creating our international program as we grow. Imagine this little idea now working to teach our world how to work together to help their communities.

As I type, I am hesitant to tell you about the only showing that is in the works for next year. We have no definite funding for it as of yet, however, the Quilt seems to take on a life of its own when I even mention things. The plan is to show the Quilt in the Dallas/Fort Worth Texas area this June. It is neat to think of the world's largest Quilted United States Flag being in Texas. But as I said, it is in the works and we are trying to create the funding for this to happen. If you are in Texas and would like to help make this happen, please email us to let us know. As always and with much sincerity, thank you to all of you for your constant support and belief in this gift we are continuously creating to honor, this historic proof that when people work together, BIG things can happen!

With much Joy,
Susan ❖

Our Community Service Education Program Needs volunteers

Heart of America Quilt has developed the National Community Service Education Program workbooks and curricula for grades K-3, Middle School and Junior High/High School. We have a number of K-3 activity books in print and have found a few volunteers to pilot the program and provide feedback. We are looking for educators and other organizations that work with youth to help us teach our children the value of community service. We will provide access to the materials at no cost. All we ask is that you provide feedback.

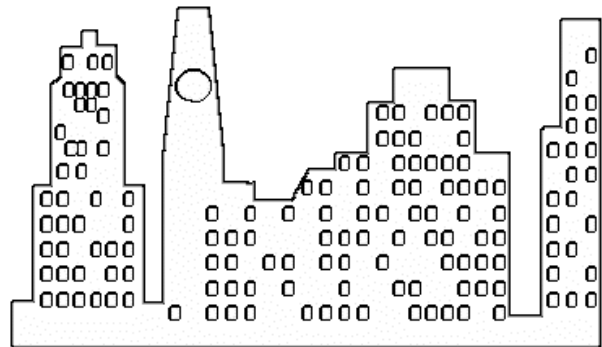
The K-3 activity book is designed to teach students about the importance of community service through activities like coloring, drawing and connect-the-dots and actual community involvement.

If you are an educator or a youth-oriented organization and would like to evaluate our curriculum, please email Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org and provide us your information so we can send you the materials (for K-3) or a link to the materials for middle school through high school.

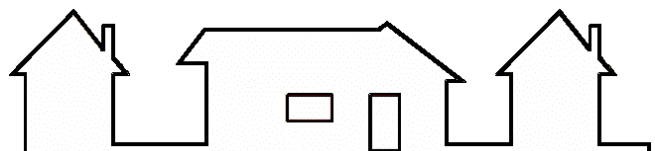
Here are some samples of what you'll find in the student activity books.

K-3

This is my community,



the city or



town where I live.

The President's Volunteer Service Award

Heart of America Quilt awards volunteers with the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service.



We will be recognizing our outstanding volunteers again in April 2007. Don't forget to log your hours and send them to admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org.

For more information about how to qualify for the President's Volunteer Service Award and how to keep track of your volunteer service hours, visit www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov or call directly at 1-866-545-5307. ❖

Happy Holidays



Heart of America Quilt Directors, Advisors and volunteers wish you happy holidays and much joy this season. May all of your dreams become bright shining lights of life in your New Year.

If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a future showing please contact funds@heartofamericaquilt.org
If you would like to get more information on sponsorship via the mail please contact us at:

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Middle School

Think About It

At the beginning of this workbook, you were introduced to community services, you saw some reasons why community services are important, and why people volunteer. The following will encourage you to think about these ideas and create some of your own.

1. **On the lines that follow tell us what community services mean to you.**

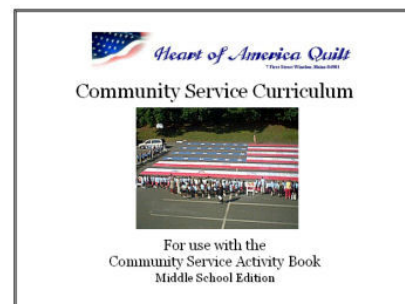
Junior High/High School

Get Involved

Now that you've had an opportunity to learn about what community services are and how they are good for you and your community, it's time to get involved.

3. **Develop a public presentation (such as a video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about the organization that you chose and the experience you had during your volunteer service. Stage your presentation in front of your class or a group of friends. What did you learn while putting your presentation together?**

Help us to teach our children about the importance of community and community service. Get your activity books and teachers' curriculum guides today. Email us for access to the materials at Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org. ❖



Words from our Directors

The Directors of Heart of America Quilt:

- Susan Morissette, President
- Colonel K Steven Collier, US Army Retired
- Tamera Selhaver, Survivor, G1 Pentagon
- Jean Rosenbluth, Business Manager, Automotive Systems Analysis
- Master Chief Mike Doyle, US Navy

Director Tamera Selhaver

Shares her Story about Surviving 9/11 at the Pentagon,
www.selhaver.com/docs/My911Story_TameraJSelhaver.pdf

If you would like to contact Tamera, Please do so at
Directors@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org

Love your new plates Tam!



Director Mike Doyle

Until I actually saw the Heart of America Quilt on display, I could only imagine its scope. I was truly in awe at the sight of a ½ acre U.S. flag with white stripes fashioned from panels from around this great nation and the world.

Even our volunteers came from as far away as Belgium to help. Some of Les Motards du 9/11 are in the photo below along several Sailors who volunteered to help. Without them the showing would not have been possible.



I feel truly honored to be part of this great organization and to know so many wonderful people. Thank you to all that helped. I invite all that are interested to join us next time. You too will be amazed!

Hope to see you there....
Mike ❖

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” -Margaret Mead

We are uniting our country and educating our children on working together to better their country and their world. Our success depends on:

- Great people like YOU
- A continued show of unity

Here are a few ways to help unite your community:

1. Organize a public signing.
2. Call your local town officials and ask them to sign a panel with your organization.
3. Have an art contest and let the winner be the designer of your panel.
4. Invite your neighbors to a gathering and all do a portion of the quilt.
5. Collect food and clothes for your local shelter while you do a signing.
6. Take a panel to the mall!
7. Ask a local event if you can bring a panel and a table.
8. Take a panel to work!

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We're on the Web!
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Heart of America Quilt is dedicated to unite in honor of those affected by 9/11, and to educate children and the public about current events, history and uniting for community service.

Important Information

Future Plans

April 2007 - Directors meeting, Advisors Meeting and volunteer social

June 2007 - Showing in Dallas Texas area.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us. Heart of America Quilt Incorporated 7 First St. Winslow Maine 04901 is our mailing address. At this time there is no public visiting time. For email, please contact

Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org and you can always visit our website at www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org.

Web Links:

Over the past three years we have met some of the kindest people in America! As always, unity and sharing with you about them is how we all keep doing the things that make this country so great! Check out these links for friends of the HoAQ:

www.nymex.com

www.usnca.org

www.redteamone.com

www.1navy.com

www.military.com

Also check out our site for more!

Donations – Please Help!

Heart of America Quilt is run by an all-volunteer body. We need your donations to keep it going. We have created a great form of living history that needs donations for preservation and continuing the gift of unity by means of our education plan. Every donation counts: \$1, \$5, \$25. Please help us preserve all this hard work.

www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org Donate Now

Donations can be mailed to

Heart of America Quilt
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You can make donations of miles and hotel points by contacting Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org

Please contact us for In Kind Donations. Every little bit helps. A ream of paper, stamps, fabric, office equipment. Please call if you have questions.

Positions Available - We need YOU!

Advisors - Heart of America Quilt is growing! We need your help with nominations to our board of advisors. Please send nominations to admin@heartofamericaquilt.org.

Representative and volunteers - Dallas Fort Worth area for our 2007 showing. We need a lot and need them now! We hear that they like BIG things in Texas so let's see what they think of us!

Volunteers - the heart of our organization, the very people that make it work! We need volunteers in all states to help organize educational programs and giving holidays.

Event Planners - we make Big impressions, but work on a very small budget. We need help raising funds via events to provide services and continue to spread our reach of the helping hand.

HoAQ Ambassador- that's right! We are looking for children and adults to help us spread the word and our mission.

None of this would be possible without our Advisors and all of our wonderful Volunteers.

Special Thank You

Special thank you to all of our sponsors this year that helped make the DC showing a huge success.

Kudos

To all of our Presidential Service Awardees.

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