



# 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](http://www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org)

## Letter from the President

Susan Morissette  
Heart of America Quilt

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is already in our midst. Here in Maine the ground is frozen and we await our first significant snow fall.

Heart of America Quilt Directors, Advisors and Volunteers send you all our best wishes and hopes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

As always I have lots of information to share with you! I have a story to share with you that still warms my heart to think about. Our Advisor, Mark Faram, took a photo on 9/11 at the Pentagon. His photo was of a victim and a priest that prayed over him. From the first time I saw the photo, I saw it as a symbol of the positive that 9/11 drew out in many people. This Priest was on the interstate near the Pentagon and ran from his car to pray for this victim. Over the years, Mark had mentioned how he would one day like to meet both of these people and last week, that reunion was made possible. I had the distinct honor of being present for the reunion and watching these three men share about the events they went through, how they were

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## 2008 Corporate Unity Award Planetutor

Heart of America Quilt announced today, that it will award its 2008 CORPORATE UNITY AWARD to Planetutor Inc. for their outstanding dedication to injured military personnel. Planetutor utilizes world knowledge to benefit students with revolutionary on line tutoring. Heart of America Quilt is honoring them with this award for their dedication to providing free on line tutoring to injured soldiers and their families residing in D.C. area Fisher Houses.

Heart of America Quilt is pleased to present our 2008 CORPORATE UNITY AWARD to this company for their outstanding support to our injured soldiers and their families. Heart of America Quilt presents this award to companies that contribute their services and goods to help victims of 9/11 and the war on terror. Planetutor offers their on line tutoring to injured military personnel, their children and spouses while they are in Fisher Houses located in Washington D.C. to help ease stresses. The donated service allows one-on-one attention to the children and refreshers for the spouses so they are able to re enter college with more confidence in addition to the services for the injured Soldier. Planetutor has stepped up to the plate and recognized a need that they can fill for our country

Planetutor provides high-quality, personalized online tutoring services in the world's most

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connected and how they will always be connected. It was a moving experience that will energize HoAQ for much time. As time inches toward the 8 year mark, I find it a blessing to see such a positive reminder of the unity, the working together, that oneness that was so evident after 9/11. It is still alive in the actions that continue to happen and in that unity that we choose to create. I hope this holiday season you can find some of that spirit to share and create in your own lives.

The past few months have created many new relationships for HoAQ. **Wreaths Across America** is a wonderful Maine organization that I hope you will take a chance to look at. You can learn more about them on our home page. If you sponsor a wreath from them before December 4<sup>th</sup>, a portion of the funds go to HoAQ!

Nanotechnology Research Foundation is a new organization with a revolutionary new scholarship program that allows students to be in charge of the size of their scholarship. You can check them out at [www.nanoresearchfoundation.org](http://www.nanoresearchfoundation.org)

I was also introduced to a company that has earned our first annual Corporate Unity Award. Planetutor Inc. is a company that utilizes world knowledge to benefit students with revolutionary on line tutoring. Heart of America Quilt is honoring them with this award for their dedication to providing free on line tutoring to injured soldiers and their families residing in D.C. area Fisher Houses. You can visit their website at [www.planetutor.com](http://www.planetutor.com)



Many of you who have been with HoAQ over the years, knows how I always meet the most interesting people on my flights! The past few months are no exception. I met a governess for a friend of the Bush family, civilian Navy personnel, a police dispatcher and a professor from George Mason University. Each person was interesting and such fun to speak with. I recently read a book written by the professor in mention and wanted to let you all know about it. If any of you are interested in WWII history, this book is a unique first hand experience. "Paul's War" by Paul Strassmann is a riveting story that includes many life lessons we can all put to action and I can tell you first hand that meeting him in person is an honor I will not soon forget.

I wish you all the best for 2009 and thank you as always for your hard work and dedication to Heart of America Quilt.

All my Best,  
Susan ❖

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interactive and personalized online learning center to students around the world. Leveraging the most advanced interactive, e-learning technologies available allows Planetutor to create an environment that will help improve your child's knowledge, grades and self-esteem. This premiere learning environment enables students to receive the help they need in the safety and convenience of their own homes. One-on-one tutoring lessons allow students to build safe and secure learning relationships with their tutors. Our tutors are passionate about education, well trained, highly skilled and carefully monitored to ensure that your child is receiving the highest quality tutoring possible.

For More Information regarding Planetutor please visit [www.planetutor.com](http://www.planetutor.com)

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## Museum Proposal

Heart of America Quilt has been presented with the opportunity to submit a proposal to a museum. The proposal will be created to show and tell the story of HoAQ.



While the proposal is just in the beginning stages, we are aware of the costs it will entail. If you would like to contribute to this effort with either donations of items needed, printing or funds to help us create a display, please contact us through email at [admin@heartofamericaquilt.org](mailto:admin@heartofamericaquilt.org).

This is a unique opportunity to tell the story of the Quilt in Washington DC. We need your help to make it happen! ❖

## WOW!

Heart of America Quilt has some great news in the works. Scholarships. We are working with a couple other organizations to offer scholarships to our friends.

We are so excited that we have having a hard time keeping this secret. We can't give you the details just yet but we are going to need your help. We will need a coordinator who is willing to work with the student and the organizations/companies.

If you are willing to volunteer for this position, please contact us at [admin@heartofamericaquilt.org](mailto:admin@heartofamericaquilt.org) with Scholarship in the title line.

Now think for a minute. Who would you nominate? Do you know a child affected by 9/11 that could use help in school or a scholarship for college to study math or science? Do you know a student who is active in community service and could use the help to pay for college?

Think of whom you will nominate for Heart of America Quilt's associates to offer a scholarship.

Is this exciting or what?

~HoAQ Team



## Points of Interest...

### Did you know...

**When Heart of America Quilt did its first showing.....It was covered by 3 major networks and the Governor of Maine attended. It wasn't even a full form of a United States Flag, it was just the corner.**

**We hear that sometimes when Susan needs a vacation, she can be found on our websites kids corner. We hear her favorite game is HoAQ Blocker.**

**It is a known fact that HoAQ has some of the hardest working Directors, volunteers and advisors. It is not so known that the volunteers and those mentioned have been known to blow bubbles after a showing.**

**HoAQ has many friends. Would you believe that McGruff the "take a bite out of crime" dog, was one of the first to ever sign a panel?**

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### Special Thanks-

A special thanks to Mount Merici School for their help with our student advisory board! We could not have done it with out the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Russo and Mrs. Cote!



# 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 Retired**

Director Tamera Selhaver

To all the Directors of the Heart of America Quilt...I just want to thank you for another year with our beloved Quilt.

This 9/11 was unlike any before and it snuck up on me very quietly. After spending all of the other 9/11's in the limelight of sorts, going on trips with the Quilt, speaking to people and answering phone calls until dawn...this 9/11 rolled around without a sound. And the silence wasn't comforting. Not one email or phone call from my family (okay, forget the fact that I was too sick to get up!). Not one "how are you doing" from folks who've always asked before. It truly was the realization that life does go on (and that people forget) but I just haven't been ready for it.

This just makes it even more important that the Quilt lives on gloriously displayed somewhere for our younger generation to see. It is important that we never forget and always remember. Not just 9/11 but all of battles that our soldiers have heroically fought in (and died) for our freedom. God Bless our Soldiers.

Enjoy the following, just examples of why America is so great...many blessings, Tamera  
[Ecclesiastes 3](#) and [Beautiful America](#)

Director Mike Doyle

As a Director for Heart of America Quilt, I have become very involved in all aspects of the organization. Heart of America Quilt has created the National Community Service Education Project (NCSEP). We are seeking volunteers to help us evaluate our curriculum that can be easily adapted into many different classes such as, Sociology, Political Science, Government, etc. We need your help to do this.

Many of you are teachers and school administrators with vast experience in curriculum evaluation. I ask that you to consider taking part in the pilot of our K-3 curriculum.

Heart of America Quilt will provide the activity books and curriculum at no cost. All we ask is that you provide us feedback so that we can continue to improve the National Community Service Education Project.

If you would like to test and evaluate our curriculum, please email the Heart of America Quilt team at, [admin@heartofamericaquilt.com](mailto:admin@heartofamericaquilt.com).

Your contributions to our effort will help our students to learn the true meaning of "Uniting to Honor". Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Mike Doyle

Director & Web and Information Advisor  
NCSEP Coordinator

**"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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**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

Welcome to Our Newest Advisor:

Phil Vyce, Pioneer Services  
HoAQ PR/ Marketing Advisor  
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## Contact Information

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## Web Links:

Over the past seven 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](http://www.nymex.com)                      [www.usnca.org](http://www.usnca.org)  
[www.totalcomputer.com](http://www.totalcomputer.com)        [www.1navy.com](http://www.1navy.com)  
[www.military.com](http://www.military.com)                [www.strayer.edu](http://www.strayer.edu)  
[www.geico.com/military](http://www.geico.com/military)

Also check out our site for more!

## 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 [admin@heartofamericaquilt.org](mailto:admin@heartofamericaquilt.org) .

**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.

**Fund Raisers** - We make Big impressions, but work on a very small budget. We need help raising funds to provide services and continue to spread our reach of the helping hand.

**HoAQ DC Ambassador**- That's right! We are looking for child and adult ones to help us spread the word and our mission.

None of this would be possible with out our Advisors and all of our wonderful Volunteers.

## Special Thank You

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

# 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.

## Buy a Heart of America Quilt "T" Shirt

[http://marketspace.goodstorm.com/stores/https\\_www\\_goodstorm\\_com\\_stores\\_heartofamericaquilt](http://marketspace.goodstorm.com/stores/https_www_goodstorm_com_stores_heartofamericaquilt)

## Shop for what You Need and Support Us at the Same time!



<http://www.shopforcharityday.com/145522>



<http://www.giveline.com/default.asp?v=V098261005>

## or Simply Make a Donation

[www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org](http://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](mailto: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.

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