



Heart of America Quilt

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

Letter from the President

Continuing honorable service

Susan Morissette

Heart of America Quilt

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Here in Maine, the weather is normally in the teen degrees and we are covered with snow. This year we are enjoying temps around 40 degrees and a few glimpses of snow. Are lawns are still showing the hint of green that spring will soon encourage.

Our Activity books have been produced in hard copy and have been sent for copyright. In the past month they have been distributed in Florida and Maine. If you would like a copy, or copies for your group or class, please contact us. We are looking forward to another venue of teaching children to work together for the better of our country.

This past month had the opportunity to visit Tampa Florida and spend time with our advisor, Honorable Doug Belden. Mr. Belden raised over 7k dollars in just a few short weeks, to help pay for the showing in Washington D.C. this year. While we have still much more money to raise, Mr. Belden raised more in this short time than has been raised in total for most of the years we have been in operation. We have never been a large financial organization, but this year we have to increase that in order to pay for the DC event. Mr. Belden has been instrumental in the kick off of that. A special thanks to him and his wonderful staff, Nancy, Carla and Jennifer for helping so much. These ladies were unbelievable to work with, made the signing at the County offices a success and made my trip so enjoyable.

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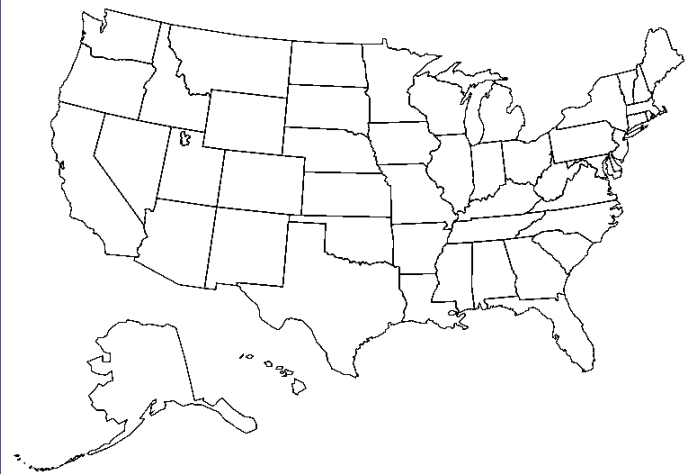
Help Us Pilot Our Community Service Education Program

Heart of America Quilt has its first set of K-3 activity books in print. We are looking for a few teachers to pilot the book and curriculum. We will provide the materials at no cost. All we ask is that you provide feedback.

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

If you are a K-3 teacher and would like to be one of the first to evaluate our new curriculum, please email Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.com and provide us your information so we can send you the materials.

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



This is my country, the
United States of
America.

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Our D. C. event in Sept. of 2006 is lining up to be an event even larger than I could have dreamt up. Our team is working hard on all aspects of the showing and it is expected that this will be our first showing in 3 years where EVERY panel will be displayed. This is a big undertaking and while we have a super team, we need many more to make it happen. Please contact us if you would like to take part in anyway or if you know of a group that might like to take part. This will increase our show of unity for all to see that as Americans we stand united no matter how diverse we are.

I know we are 8 months from this event, but I am already eager with anticipation in seeing many of you.

Thanks you for your constant support, your commitment to our youth and for all you do on a daily basis to make our country and our world an even greater place!

Joy, Susan. ❖

Advisor Notes...

Dear Friends of Heart of America Quilt, This is exciting! In July of this year I accepted appointment to the position of National Fundraising Advisor of the Quilt. During the past year, the directors have worked diligently to create a corporate presence for the Quilt. This includes the creation of the educational promotion plan with the new activity books. The result of their success has created a fantastic opportunity for the future of the Quilt. However, the continued success requires a distinct effort for fund generation activities. This includes development of the educational plan, the organization and the event planned for September 2006 in Washington D.C. Please read on to learn more.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In the past, the Quilt survived only with a volunteer network and an extremely small budget. A showing of the Quilt is a huge undertaking and requires a tremendous amount of planning and resources. This is a true reflection of the dedication of the Directors to deliver the message of the Quilt around the country. Now, it is time to take the message of the Quilt to the next level.

THE GREATEST PEOPLE ARE...

Ms. Morissette, President of Heart of America Quilt told me that "the greatest people she has ever met or dealt with are the people that make up the quilt." The potential for the Quilt is unlimited. Promoting the message of the Quilt of Patriotism and Community Service is only the beginning. Teaching children and young adults the foundations of personal integrity, Patriotism and Community Service in a fun atmosphere will only have a positive effect in schools and neighborhoods all around the country. However, we all understand the challenge ahead is not easy. We need your help. The Heart of America Quilt is a 501(c)3 corporation as described in section 509(a)(1) as determined by the IRS. All contributions are **tax deductible** to the full extent of the law.

CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE!

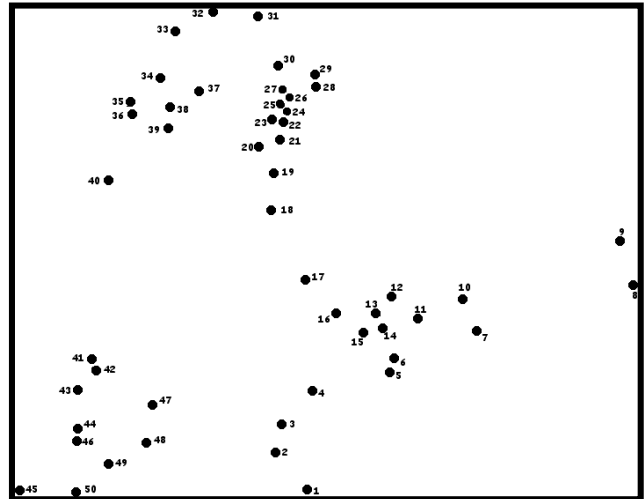
I encourage everyone to go to www.heartofamericaquilt.com. It is up to date with lots of great information. Just click on the "Sponsor Us" or "Donate Now" buttons to see how you can help. Currently, we are establishing sponsor opportunities with corporations around the country.

Additionally, you can make contributions via PayPal or by mail. Simply click any of the "Donate Now" buttons on our web site or mail your contribution to:

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Connect the dots and
color . . .

Help us to teach our children about the importance of community and community service. Get your activity books and teachers' guide today. Email us for your free copies at Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.com. ❖

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Any personal information you provide in connection with your donations will be used solely by Heart of America Quilt, Inc. as a means to provide you news of our progress and upcoming events. Your personal information will not be shared with other organizations. If you would like to review the information we have on file about you or your organization, please email us at Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.com. Information provided with donations via our web site is secured via PayPal.

Your monthly or one-time mail-in (form is available on the website) contribution will go a long way to deliver the important message of Patriotism and Community Service to children and young adults across the country.

BE A PART OF HISTORY!

Our goal is to show the Quilt in Washington, D.C. next September. The Quilt is now over a 1/2 acre in size! This is certainly a world-record in the making! With your assistance it is certainly possible. Additionally, we are setting the sights for a national tour of the Quilt at cities and towns across the country. I'm excited to know that we are a part of history in the making!

A FAVOR TO ASK...

In closing, if you know of any corporations, grants or trusts that we should contact for contributions or sponsorship, please email me at funds@HeartofAmericaQuilt.com or contact the President directly at Susan@HeartofAmericaQuilt.com. However, I do ask one favor of you. Please share this information with your friends, relatives, students and schools. There are numerous opportunities to be a significant part of the Quilt but most importantly, a part of history.

Very Sincerely, Kevin C. Sullivan, Fund Raising Advisor ❖

Dear friends of Heart of America Quilt,

I currently serve on the Board of Advisors for the Heart of America Quilt, Inc. The Quilt is a means to help those affected by the events of 9/11 and to teach children to heal and help in a simple manner. This organization began on September 13, 2001 with a panel of handprints

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and signatures from Mount Merici School in Waterville, Maine. Within weeks of its inception, the Heart of America Quilt grew to the National level. At present, the Quilt includes panels from each of the United States as well as 9/11 survivors, families of 9/11 victims and other fine organizations and individuals. Other countries have added to the Quilt as well giving it International reach. Canada, India, Iraq, England, France, Germany, Australia, South Africa, Ireland, France and Switzerland have all added signatures to join in the unity. We are organizing a showing of the Quilt in Washington D.C. to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the attacks on 9/11 and promote community involvement and awareness. We have filed papers with the Department of the Interior, Parks Department for a permit to display the quilt at the National Mall in September 2006. In order for the September 2006 showing to occur, we need your assistance. I am truly grateful for your support of this endeavor and would sincerely appreciate your favorable consideration of being a sponsor of this event. We know the success of our organization depends totally on great Americans like you. Heart of America Quilt, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization and your contributions will be tax deductible. Please contact us at funs@heartofamericaquilt.com for information on sponsorship packages.

Kindest Regards, Doug Belden
Hillsborough County Tax Collector Florida ❖

Dear friends of Heart of America Quilt,

I have served on the board of Advisors for the Quilt since the board began. In September of this year, Susan and the rest of the team will be bringing the quilt to Washington D.C. for the 5-year anniversary of 9/11. During this time, we will remember those lost with a show of unity. This Quilt will be displayed in the form of a ½ acre flag. Panels have come in from all over the world. I am proud to say that one of the panels displayed will be that of my firehouse at Reagan National Airport, Metro Wash. Airport Authority.

A few years back, Susan and Directors Jean and Tamera visited our station. As they spoke to us of this Quilt they were making for us, they also thanked us for what we do for our community. It was touching to see the panels that had already been completed and moved us to want to be included.

I was at the Pentagon on 9/11 and choose to move forward with life. I do however respect that this simple Quilt is anything but simple. It is not a constant reminder of the sadness, it is in fact a reminder of how our country came together to tend to its people. It is a collection of thank yous and good wishes. It is a collection of panels from children, adults, fellow firefighters, churches, groups and other countries, which combined to state the union and respect of America.

I look forward to seeing you all in September and I urge you to volunteer and help sponsor this showing. Every dollar counts as it moves to our nation's capital. Every volunteer is an asset to this organization.

To volunteer please email admin@heartofamericaquilt.com to sponsor our efforts for the 5 year showing, please email funds@heartofamericaquilt.com

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all in September.
Capt. Harry C. Hopkins, III, NREMT-P – Metro Washington Authority, DC ❖

A very special thank you...

Heart of America Quilt would like to give a very special thank you to Hillsborough County Florida for their recent signing of a panel. Also to our special sponsors-

Carroll Air Systems, Inc.	Castcrete	Holtec (USA) Corporation
LazyDays	Newman Foundation	Tampa Marriott Waterside
Southern Wine and Spirits	TECO Energy Foundation	United Healthcare
Wachovia Bank		Yale Industrial Trucks

The President's Volunteer Service Award

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



Established in 2003, the Award is available on an annual basis to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering. As one of hundreds of Certifying Organizations participating in the Award program, Heart of America Quilt confers the award to recognize the outstanding achievements of its volunteers.

Heart of America Quilt has a long history of volunteer service, and more than 200 volunteers perform community service each year on behalf of the organization. Volunteers from across the country are working for the Heart of America Quilt in many forms of community involvement.

In his 2002 State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush created the USA Freedom Corps, and called on every American to make a lifelong commitment to volunteer service. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals and families who have answered that call.

America's volunteers work to make our communities stronger and safer. As a Certifying Organization for the Award program, Heart of America Quilt is proud to be aligned with this prestigious volunteer award, and we are especially proud of our volunteers who have made volunteer service a central part of their lives.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is an award for volunteer service that every American – from every age and every walk of life – can aspire to achieve. To be eligible to receive the Award, individuals, families and groups submit a record of their annual volunteer service hours to participating Certifying Organizations, such as Heart of America Quilt, that will verify the service and deliver the Award. Award eligibility for individuals and groups is based on hour requirements varying by age.

Recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award are role models for all Americans. Each volunteer hour contributed makes a difference in improving the quality of life for others, and Heart of America Quilt encourages everyone to contribute to their communities and our nation by volunteering. Volunteers bring us closer together as families, as communities and as a Nation, through their commitment to helping others.

The Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a group created by President Bush to recognize the many valuable contributions volunteers are making to our Nation.

Chaired by two-time Super Bowl Champion Darrell Green, with former U.S. Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn as honorary co-chairs, the Council comprises leaders in government, media, entertainment, business, education, nonprofits and volunteer service organizations, and community volunteering.

For more information about volunteering for Heart of America Quilt, please contact Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.com.

For more information about how to qualify for the President's Volunteer Service Award and to find out how to identify additional volunteer opportunities in your area, visit www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov or call 1-866-545-5307. ❖

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, http://www.selhaver.com/docs/My911Story_TameraJSelhaver.pdf

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

Love your new plates Tam!



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 is in the process of expanding from a 9/11 and War on Terror memorial to a viable community service organization. To that end, 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 Heart of America Quilt Community Service Education Program.

If you would like to test and evaluate our curriculum, please email the Heart of America Quilt team at, 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

"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

Future Plans

April- Annual Directors/Advisors meeting.

July- NCA Symposium

September- Washington D.C. Showing

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.com and you can always visit our website at www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.com.

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.com Donate Now

Donations can be mailed to

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Donations of miles and hotel points can be made by contacting admin@heartofamericaquilt.com

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.com.

Representative and volunteers - Washington D.C. area for our 2006 showing. We need a lot and need them now! This is looking to be our largest event to date and we need your help to make sure the Heart of America Quilt is presented to the best of our Nation from the best of our Nation!

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 DC Ambassador- That's right! We have lots of guest visiting from all over the world and we need your help to make them feel comfortable.

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

Special Thank You

Special thank you to NYMEX for believing in our little Quilt and helping us to present our children with a tool to learn how to work together and make our country a better place.

Kudos

To all of our Presidential Service Awardees. We look forward to presenting them to you in April!

Contact Information

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