



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 note finds you well. Summer is in full swing here in the Maine and the natives have already begun to long for fall.

Today I write you with reflection. I am humbled to sit in my little office with boxes and boxes of your hard work. Panels from all over the world, compassion and when placed together, a show of unity that can not be denied.

I have sat and spoke with people from other countries, people from many different religions. I'm proud that the Quilt has touched each of them in many ways. This month I was reminded of an email that I received years ago. Susan from Fabric Traditions in NY City wrote to me about getting on the subway and seeing our Soldiers in uniform going to fight the war on terror. It has been a vision in my head for years now. This month I was blessed to visit the NCA Symposium for our second year. I walked among hundreds of Sailors. Because even after all these years, speaking of the Quilt makes me cry, they dubbed me the Crying Quilt Lady. After I spoke, and told them we are grateful for their dedication to our country, they came and thanked me. It was overwhelming to hear them, to see the thankfulness in their eyes and to know that their hugs were filled with love for the people they could touch, that love was for the Quilt. For all that each of you have done to make this proof of neighbor helping neighbor and the promise of support it gives to them. I wish you could have all been there, to see them walk among the panels from NYMEX knowing they lost friends on 9/11, or the ones Mary from NM did with all our lost Sailors and Soldiers from the war on terror. As I write, my eyes swell with tears in knowing how much the Quilt touched their lives.

Now I have got to tell you how excited I am. I know I told you last newsletter about our showing in DC. It is revving up and just a short time away. Some mornings I wake up and think to myself I will never get everything done in time.....but with the help of our Directors, Advisors and the wonderful volunteers, I am eased into believing I might ☺ I have received emails asking if it will be on the news. I have no control over the media and I can't answer that question. I hope they do cover it, it is so important to the many who have signed that will be unable to attend. I am also asked about how to help if you can't be there. My answer is....PLEASE get the word out. Send a note to your groups, school and anyone you can think of. Email your friends, email organization on the web. Let them know we want them to see it. Forward our invitation to friends. The hardest thing for me to ask for is always the funds. This has been a wonderful year and with a donation last year from NYMEX, we were able to produce our activity books and distribute. I can proudly tell you that as I type, they have been distributed in 2 countries and 4 states. We are working to get them in schools in Guam and have even been asked to produce new ones for other countries. Thank you NYMEX. As it stands today, we are in need of

the fabric for the showing. When I tell people this, I often wonder if they are picturing me going to Wal-Mart and getting a bolt of fabric. The truth is, the fabric has to be special made and is at a tune of approx. 5 thousand dollars. We then have to have the stars done and purchase the plastic to lay the Quilt on. Shipping has yet to be determined and after it is shipped, it will be another 1 thousand dollars to get it to DC. When people think Non profit; they think the organization is set. Our budget for this showing is 8 thousand dollars. We have no paid employees and everyone is donating their time for each person that has signed. Every penny counts. If you are able to make a donation to help with this showing, please visit the website to do so.

For those of you that can make it, I can't wait to introduce you to our friends from Belgium that travel Europe placing a United States Flag in location, in memory for those we lost on 9/11. Or our performers, our Directors (who are just amazing!) and many of the Advisors that have helped to guide the Quilt to where it is today and where it will be in September. So keep checking the site for updates and I can not wait to see you in September!



All my best, Susan

Participate in Our Community Service Education Program

Heart of America Quilt has developed 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.

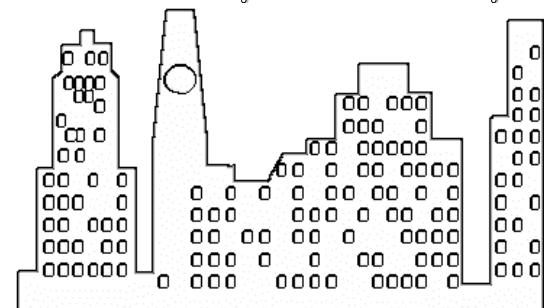
If you are a an educator or a youth-oriented organization and would like to evaluate our curriculum, please email

Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.com 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.

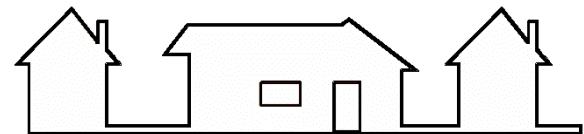
Here are some samples of what you'll find in the student activity books.

K-3

This is my community,



the city or



town where I live.

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.com. ♦

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Advisor Notes...

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 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 funds@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 ♦

Student Ambassador Christopher Morissette...

Hi, my name is Chris. I'm a student Ambassador. I work for the Heart of America Quilt. I am 9 years old and I was 4 years old when I helped to start the Heart of America Quilt.

Here are some things I would like to share with you...

Volunteer Today! I need your help. I am asking all students who would like to help, to please email the quilt and tell them you can help. We can work together so more people can see the quilt.

I also want to share with you that I think we are doing something that is good for our world. We are helping to show people that it is good to all work together.

Thank you for helping. Christopher Morissette ♦

Points of Interest...

Heart of America Quilt Needs YOU!

We need lots of volunteers for our Washington D.C. showing. If you would like to volunteer or if your company would like for its employees to volunteer, heck if you want your Girl Scout troop to take part, let us know! We need lots of help and we can only do it with your support. If you will be able to help, please contact our supervisor of volunteer efforts, Sarah Boggs, at unite@heartofamericaquilt.com

In addition to our Showing-

We are working on a service to be held at the host hotel location. Visitors will be families of 9/11, fellow 9/11 organization from Belgium, and honorable guests from around the world. We will keep you posted and we hope to have it booked for September 9th 2006. A RSVP will be needed for a person count. If you would like to help with the planning and coordinating, please contact world@heartofamericaquilt.com

Your support is needed.

Heart of America Quilt is in dire need of new red and blue fabric for our D.C. showing. Due to the size of this showing and fabric needed, our best researched pricing is \$4,000. That in addition to the many other expenses included in a showing of this size leaves our small budget in need of improvement. Any size donation is of great help. If you would like to donate or be a sponsor for this showing please contact funds@heartofamericaquilt.com. If you would like to contact us for more information on sponsorship via the mail please contact us at

**Heart of America Quilt Incorporated
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or
**Heart of America Quilt Incorporated
Capitol Division
1101 30th Street NW Suite 500
Washington D.C. 20007**

Special Thanks-

A special thanks to Mount Merici School for their help with our panel logging project! We could not have done it with out the 6th grade, Mrs. Russo and Mrs. Cote! Thanks to all who stopped by to help and give a hand. ♦

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.



Congratulations to this years recipients of the Presidential Service Award!

Honorable Doug Belden	BRONZE
Mike Doyle	SILVER
Kevin Sullivan	BRONZE
Peter Koenigseder	BRONZE
Joan Phillips Sandy	BRONZE
Amelia Ardito	BRONZE
Annesley Beringer	BRONZE
Brian Bosse	BRONZE
Megan Champagne	BRONZE
Lauren Crane	BRONZE
Nathan DelGiudice	BRONZE
Grace Gould	BRONZE
Lucas Higgins	BRONZE
George Hofgren	BRONZE
Danielle Jacques	BRONZE
Britney Jandreau	BRONZE
Lauren Massy	BRONZE
Amanda Quirion	BRONZE
Natasha Wallace	BRONZE
May Ye	BRONZE
Abu Gershman-Mannocchi	BRONZE
Joshua Morissette	BRONZE
Christopher Morissette	BRONZE
Donna Russo	BRONZE

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. ♦

**"Ask not what your country can do for you.
Ask what you can do for your country."**

John F. Kennedy

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.com

Love your new plates Tam!



Director Jean Rosenbluth

I have recently participated in our Board of Directors meeting here at the Tysons Corner Marriott, Tysons Corner, VA. I first want to say that the entire staff of the Marriott treated us so special; they are the best!

It was great to see Tamera again. I was also very excited to meet our newest Director, Master Chief Mike Doyle, from Hawaii, who gives so much energy and commitment to the Quilt! He is a definite asset to our team. We had a very productive meeting and got the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C., to see where we will present the Heart of America Quilt on September 10, 2006. We all were so excited when we saw that our location was in front of the reflecting pool in front of the Capitol Building!! Imagine, our quilt/flag laying in honor in front of the Capitol.

A tremendous amount of work has been done by Susan and others to make this a reality. I hope all our directors, advisors and volunteers will step up to help with the myriad of jobs that need to be done to accomplish this showing. Whatever time and energy you can give, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. As you know, our volunteers are the heart of our organization!

Hope to see you there on September 10 to unite to honor all those we lost that day, all those who survived and all the family members who were so affected by this unspeakable event. We must never forget. ♦

Important Information

Future Plans

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

**Heart of America Quilt
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You can make donations of miles and hotel points 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 without 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.

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"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
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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 Events, History and Information

Some of our past events include:

July 10-14, 2006 -- 18th Annual Navy Counselors Association Symposium Memphis, Tennessee

April 29-30, 2006 -- Annual Directors' Conference Washington DC

April 6-8 2006 -- Logging of Panels for HoAQ Map Location Mount Merici School Waterville Maine

January 13, 2006 -- Hillsborough County Florida Signing

September 9, 2005 -- New York Merchantile Exchange (NYMEX) employees sign panels in remembrance of their lost friends and co-workers.

July 18-22, 2005 -- 17th Annual Navy Counselors Association Symposium San Diego CA.

March 18, 2005 -- Annual Directors' Conference Washington D.C.

October 3, 2004 -- Heart of America Quilt visits the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta® in New Mexico

September 8-11, 2004 -- Heart of America Quilt visits the Intrepid Air Space Sea Museum in New York City

March 27, 2004 -- Virginia Social and Fundraiser

YMCA Fairfax County Reston 3-5pm

September 14, 2003 -- Freeport Freedom Festival, Freeport Maine

July, 17, 2003 -- Museum of Science and Technology (MOSI) Tampa Florida

July 4th, 2003 -- Winslow Maine 4th of July Celebration Fort Halifax Park

February 2003 -- Reston, Virginia YMCA kick off Benefit

September 2002 -- Make a Difference Day The Heart of America Quilt traveled to Arlington Virginia to present a panel to the Pentagon for signatures. Fairfax County Fire Department In Reston Virginia

October 2002 -- Waterville Maine Public Signing Bicentennial Celebration 2002

September 2002 -- St. Joseph Catholic School, Danbury Connecticut

August 23, 2002 -- Hathaway Shirt Company Showing of Heart of America Quilt

July 4, 2002 -- Winslow Maine 4th of July Celebration

June 2002 -- Portland Maine Public Signing Maine Fabric and Fiber Arts Festival Cumberland County Civic Center

May 2002 -- Bangor Maine Public Signing

History of the Quilt

The Heart of America Quilt began September 13th 2001 with a panel of hand-prints and signatures from Mount Merici School in Waterville Maine. The Morissette family searched for a means to help those affected by the events of 9/11 and help teach their children and other children a simple manner to heal and help. They began with a simple idea, their oldest son Christopher's school and a panel of fabric with fabric Markers. The first coverage of the quilt by media was September 13th 2001.

Within weeks the Heart of America Quilt grew to National level and at present includes panels from each of the United States. Other countries have added to the Quilt 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.

The Heart of America Quilt has been called "America's Healing Quilt" because of its unique way to bring everyone together and remember that America, while divided in many ways, stands as one people. This unity is a great gift to all who suffer the affects of 9/11 and a vehicle to catapult community involvement.

Today the Heart of America Quilt works hard to create an educational program to teach children about our history, dealing with current events and how to work together to solve problems in our communities and country by providing teachers with a means to organize group workings with the quilt.

The Heart of America Quilt is guided through a partnership of Directors and Advisors each bringing their expertise and knowledge to further the mission of the Heart of America Quilt and better our country. The Heart of America Quilt Directors, give to the quilt and their country in ways beyond the call of duty. The Heart of America Quilt is only possible with the desire and participation of children.

The Heart of America Quilt in full form is ½ acre in size. The most common size for a showing in the form of a United States Flag is approx. 7,200sq.ft. The panels shown at each showing differs in order to show as many panels of fabric as possible. The Quilt is not sewn together. It is made up of long pieces of red and blue fabric. The white fabric is laid down and the panels are placed on top. The quilt can not be displayed in an upright position and if sewn together the weight of the fabric would pull on the panels and tear them.

The Heart of America Quilt has been shown in Waterville, Maine at the Hathaway Shirt Company, Winslow, Maine at the 4th of July event, Danbury, Connecticut, Tampa Florida at the Museum of Science and Industry, Reston Virginia at the Reston YMCA, the Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum in New York City and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta ® in New Mexico.

If the stripes of the quilt in ½ acre form were laid end to end, the Heart of America Quilt would be approx. one mile long. ♦

Heart of America Quilt Incorporated

On September 13th 2001, Susan and Bill Morissette sat with their children (all under 5 yrs old) to explain in a simple manner what was going on in the country and on T.V. As the parents spoke simply of the plane crashes and the loss of lives, the oldest son took the quilt that covered them, pulled it under his chin and said "mommy, I wish that everyone could feel like this". On that day the journey of the Heart of America Quilt began.

Heart of America Quilt is an international memorial for 9/11. The Quilt is being designed in the form of a 1 acre United States flag. The white stripes are made up of squares of fabric from around the world. These panels are decorated with artwork and logos then adorned with signatures of unity to be presented in honor of those that lost their lives on 9/11 and during the war on terror. The Quilt is a lasting form of history from all that take part. Countries involved include Canada, Germany, Australia, South Africa, Ireland, France, UK, India, Iraq and the list goes on. We have received panels from all 50 of the United States. Panels include Schools both public and private, Elected officials (Governor Jeb Bush, Governor John Baldacci, Senator Susan Collins and others from across our great country), Military bases from around the country, West Point Class of 1977, Mainiacs (Maine Air National Guard), Peterson Air force Base Colorado Springs Co., and G1 of the Pentagon, to mention a few. Business and organizations from across our country have contributed as well. FDNY, YMCA, Catholic Charities of Maine, Hathaway Shirt Company, The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, VFW, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts (from many states) and Washington Metro Airport Authority are a handful of such organizations.

The Quilt boasts of tens of thousands of signatures from all over the world, most important children, the world's future, filling the simple white fabric squares with signatures, artwork and pure compassion for others.

The quilt can now be displayed in a 7,200sq.ft. size and a 19,000sq.ft. size. The quilt will be over an acre when complete.

The Quilt is used as a means to educate about history, current events, and the unity of America. The services include speakers both national and local, as well as singers and a focus always on children's involvement. The Heart of America Takes Pride in those that protect our very freedom to do this wonderful project. ♦

Please Donate!
Help us help your community through
community service education.

Fast Facts about Heart of America Quilt

In its first showing, the Heart of America Quilt shined with Stars made from the Hathaway Shirt Company. America's Oldest Shirt Company. The Quilt was displayed in their parking lot just weeks before it closed its doors for good. That showing, white fabric and paint was donated. The white fabric was needed to make the blue and red parts of the quilt. Bill Morissette painted the fabric for this showing. That fabric was also used for the showing in Danbury Ct.

In 2002, the heart of America Quilt traveled to Washington D.C. to show the quilt. Unfortunately because of sniper activity, it was unable to be shown.

The Heart of America Quilt traveled for 3 years on the kindness of in-kind donations. Heart of America Quilt functioned on under \$10,000 and visited 6 states.

Heart of America Quilt has an ALL volunteer staff including Directors, Advisors and Officers.

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Heart of America Quilt's scrapbook contains letters from President George Bush,

Vice President Cheney, "I wish to thank you for remembering your fellow citizens in this very special way."

Former Mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani, "This Quilt is a symbol of our national unity and a reminder of how far we have come from the tragedy that befell our nation"

and many Senators and Representatives.

There is no official count of the numbers of signatures the Heart of America Quilt contains. It is estimated at tens of thousands.

Heart of America Quilt has involvement from all 50 states. ♦

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