



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

Susan Morissette
Heart of America Quilt

I hope this note finds you well. The weather here in Maine is springing new buds of life as I type. How fitting it is that I write to you about the new life that is budding in Heart of America Quilt with the flowers just starting to bloom in my little corner of the North East. For over 5 years I have written to you with such hope and passion in my heart. With each panel or meeting, came a spark of energy to keep going. To be honest with you, the many hours that it takes to keep HoAQ in working, the all volunteer staff, can be draining. Our passion and the many people we meet are the major force for pushing us to honor and continue to grow for the betterment of our country. With that lead in, I have a few stories to share from the past few months.

After our annual Directors meeting, a few of us headed over to Ft. Myers Fire Dept. This is the department that housed the fire truck that was located at the Pentagon, just feet from where the plane entered on 9/11. You might have seen it on the news coverage. A dear friend, Alan Wallace, was there at the Pentagon on that horrid day. At first the guys were a little weary of why we were there. Why would some quilter that doesn't sew come to just thank us for serving our community?

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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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By the time we left, we had new family for the Quilt and I even snuck a little ride in the shiny fire truck! As we left the station, I was awed by how close the Navy annex was to the Pentagon and I thanked God that our Director, some friends and our Advisor Mark were not injured. When we returned to our hotel to finish up with some more work on the education program, Director Mike was foolish enough to point out a group of firefighters standing in front of the hotel. I turned without hesitation and moved in to thank them for all they do. Little did I know that hundreds of firefighters were in the hotel with me. They were there for the annual Northern Virginia Rescue Challenge. Some of them even knew about the Quilt! They were so kind and that very next morning at 7:30am, I stood in a hall at the hotel waiting for my turn to speak to this awesome group of firefighters. With each second, each moment, new life was giving breath to the Quilt.

When I returned home, I was presented with the chance to do a small signing at a conference in North Carolina. I packed up and began the preparations. I arrived to share space with a company in their booth. They were so kind to allow a portion of the quilt to be signed in their booth at this event. I met several of the employees and was grateful to get the chance to tell the company president what a great team he has. Each of them experts in their field, but also kind and considerate to the fact that a new portion of the Quilt was with them. The company is Total Computer Group. I could tell you a little bit about each of them, but I know I have typed too much already. I do want to mention Joe. Joe is a former NYPD and has a 9/11 story that just makes you want to hug him. He is a miracle story and his story gave additional new life into HoAQ. I'm proud to have met him and all the others. Heart of America Quilt has been altered in an up most way do to their kindness and help.

Next month I will visit Texas for the first time. I hear Texas likes BIG stuff, so I am sure we will be a BIG hit! For year three, I will speak before the Navy Counselors Association and with pride, add 3 new panels.

With the Quilt now well into its journey to a full acre, our Education project working its way through the nation and recognition as the largest quilted United States Flag in the WORLD, I am prouder then ever to know each of you. I am honored to be a part of an organization that has touched so many lives and prides itself on a mission to teach children to do what we have already done.....see a situation that needs help and HELP. If you would like to be part of the Educational Project for Community Service in your area, please contact our Director Mike at mike@heartofamericaquilt.org

Thank you all. It is only with each of you that the Heart of America Quilt is what it is today!

With Joy,
Susan Morissette ❖

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.



Congratulations to our 2006 Volunteer Service Award Winners

Steven	Collier	GOLD
Mike	Doyle	GOLD
Jean	Rosenbluth	GOLD
Tamera	Selhaver	GOLD
Tracy	Plante	SILVER
Corey	Achramowicz	BRONZE
Devika	Agrawal	BRONZE
Jerome	Amurao	BRONZE
Brianna	Bernier	BRONZE
Melanie	Bureau	BRONZE
Aidan	Calkins	BRONZE
Madeleine	Chisum	BRONZE
Justin	Cruz	BRONZE
Sage	Duguay	BRONZE
Steve	Esposito	BRONZE
River	Garling	BRONZE
Emily	Hofgren	BRONZE
Mary	LeClair	BRONZE
John-Peter	Michaud	BRONZE
Madalyn	Minot	BRONZE
Nicholas	Murray	BRONZE
Nathaniel	Rector	BRONZE
Steven	Sawyer	BRONZE
Kevin	Sullivan	BRONZE
Alison	Theberge	BRONZE
Nicole	Violette	BRONZE

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. ❖

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 6th grade, Mrs. Russo and Mrs. Cote!



Our National Community Service Education Project Needs You!

Heart of America Quilt has developed the National Community Service Education Project (NCSEP) workbooks and curricula for grades K-3, Middle School and Junior High/High School. The curricula and workbooks are available on our new site, www.ncsep.org.

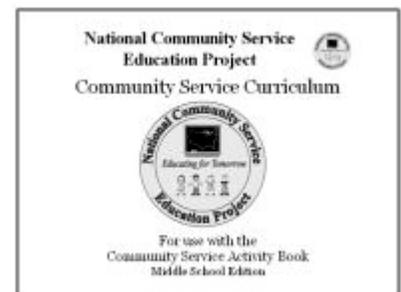
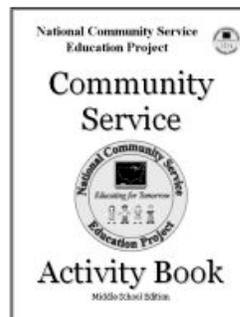
The K-3 activity book is designed to teach students about the importance of community service through activities like coloring, drawing and connect-the-dots and actual community involvement.

The Middle School, Junior High School and High School workbooks and curricula provide the students with opportunities:

- To learn about the values of community service to them and their community;
- To research local service organization;
- To select an organization to work with as a group;
- To write about and discuss their experiences; and
- To become better citizens.

If you are an educator or a youth-oriented organization and would like to evaluate our curriculum, please email Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.com, or contact Director Mike Doyle directly at mike@heartofamericaquilt.org so we can give you access to the materials through our web site.

All we ask in return is that you provide us feedback so we can continue to improve the curricula and workbooks.



Help us to teach our children about the importance of community and community service. Get your activity books and teachers' curriculum guides today. ❖

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

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
tamera@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org

Love your 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 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.

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

Future Plans

September 2007 – NYMEX Visit

Contact Information

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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.totalcomputer.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

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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 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.

Event Planners - 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.

Kudos

To all of our Presidential Service Awardees.

To Director, Master Chief Mike Doyle on his retirement from the United States Navy

To Advisor Kevin Sullivan for making Master Chief

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