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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 warmth of our short summer has begun its change. The crisp mornings have been decorated with the start of our changing leaves. Fall is showing its colors.

I'm proud to tell you that the Heart of America Quilt Community Service Educational Plan is in process for all levels of age groups from k-12. We have also begun work on a wonderful new award program to help people see the work they have done for their community. It is focused on children and has been named Team Unity. All that take part in community service have the chance to write us and tell us their story. Those people will receive a certificate of participation, an ID for Team Unity and a letter from the Heart of America Quilt along with a press release for their local media. It is a way for Heart of America Quilt to let children know what their community action means to our country.

Along with our Team Unity we are working to raise funding for a television show to premier in Maine and grow to include national visits that will showcase these children and thank them for the work they do to make their communities and our country an even better place.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have devastated many. Some of those are people that have given so much for the betterment of the Quilt and their country. Heart of America Quilt has created a fund to help with these constant arising disasters. Heart of

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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

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America Quilt Disaster Relief Fund will be an on going aspect of the Quilt. We will, whenever needed, raise funds for our neighbors and distribute them in means of goods for the children and donations to organizations that are working in the Heart of the area in need. When donating to our Disaster Fund, please earmark it for that cause (subject line in memo or note via credit on website).

Our D. C. event in Sept. of 2006 is lining up to be an event even larger then 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 great show of unity for all to see that as Americans we stand united no matter how diverse we are.

I know we are 11 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! *continued* →

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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. ❖

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I encourage everyone to go to our website 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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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 *continued on page 3*

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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,

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P.S. Thank you for your continued support to the Quilt. Check out FREE gift and book offer on the website in the "Donate Now" section. ❖

"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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Helping to Make our Country Better through Community Service Education

Heart of America Quilt has created a new educational program, which we will begin to pilot this school year.

The program consists of activity books and curriculum that will help to teach students the values of community service by learning and doing. Each student, under the direction of his or her teacher, will complete the activities outlined in the book and participate in a community service project of their choice.

During his inauguration, President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." It is this spirit of service to country and community that has inspired the Heart of America Quilt Staff to embark on our educational program.



If you would like to take part in the program, please contact Heart of America Quilt via email at admin@heartofamericaquilt.com. ❖

A very special thank you...

Heart of America Quilt would like to give a very special thank you to New York Mercantile Exchange for their grant to help print and distribute our activity books for children. We would also like to thank NYMEX for allowing us to be a special part of their service this September to honor their lost friends and co workers. Welcome aboard to Linda Rapacki of NYMEX, our newest addition to the board of Honorary Advisors.

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 develop 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 development. I ask that you to consider developing curriculum for different grade levels that will teach our future leaders the values of selfless service to the community.

Curriculum should include field trips that expose the students to real-time community service projects. If you would like to contribute your support to our expanded mission, please contact me, webadvisor@heartofamericaquilt.com, or email the 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

Fun Facts

Why are community services important to you and your community?

1. 73% of America's 60 million young people believe they can make a difference in their communities. (Do Something Young People's Involvement Survey /Princeton Survey Research, 1998)
2. Teenagers volunteer 2.4 billion hours annually. (Independent Sector/Gallup, 1996)
3. Teenage service is worth \$34.3 billion to the US economy. (Independent Sector/Gallup, 1999 value of service)
4. Youth who volunteer just one hour a week are 50% less likely to abuse drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or engage in destructive behavior. (Search Institute, 1995)
5. Youth who volunteer are more likely to do well in school, graduate, vote, and be philanthropic. (UCLA/Higher Education Research Institute, 1991)
6. The value of service carried out on National Youth Service Day exceeds \$171 million. (Youth Service America estimates based on Independent Sector value of service, 1999)
7. Youth who volunteer are three times more likely to volunteer as adults. (Independent Sector/Gallup, 1996)
8. Teens say the benefits received from volunteering are: Learning to respect others; learning to be helpful and kind; learning to understand people who are different from them; developing leadership skills, becoming more patient, and acquiring a better understanding of good citizenship. (Independent Sector/Gallup, 1996)

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

We have been requested in D.C. and New York (2006) for the 5-year Anniversary. If you live nearby and would like to help with your contribution of volunteering and donations, please email us.

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.

Fundraisers - We need your help to raise the funds to make it all possible! The Heart of America Quilt is a small organization working to help teach the art of working together. 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.

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

Special Thank You

Special thank you to our latest addition to the board of Advisors- NCCS(SW/AW) Kevin Sullivan, USN - Heart of America Quilt Sponsorship and Fundraising Advisor.

Kudos

Our friend Master Chief Vince Patton for a job well done in his appearance on CNBC.

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