



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 all well. Here in Maine the trees have begun to bloom and the bird chirp a promise of the warmth to soon arrive.

Today I write to you 1700 days into the Heart of America Quilt. Before my update this newsletter, I had to sit back in my old creaking office chair and ponder what has been done, how and what it has done for our country and world. There is no sensible reason why hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world, from all walks of life would put such effort forth; no sensible reason, of course, except sheer human kindness and compassion. I am often told I see the world through rose colored glasses and I smile. Maybe I do. Fortunately for me, I have seen the proof. On September 10th 2006, I will have the chance, the opportunity, the privilege of sharing that proof with many people at the Capital Reflecting Pool in Washington D.C. With our honorable Directors, Advisors and many wonderful volunteers, we will display for our country to see what can be done when we work together.

Last month I was privileged to meet with our Directors in our Nations Capitol. While much time was spent conversing about logistics and fabric and how we could best help everyone get to DC that longed to be there, I drifted for a moment. Watching these people that have donated their time over the past few years to tend to the working of the Quilt was amazing. I sat in the meeting room with a Master Chief in the United States Navy, A survivor of 9/11 from the Pentagon and a true American Patriot and business owner; all of us different, but with a single goal.

That goal will come to fruition. Near the five-year anniversary of September 11th, the Heart of America Quilt will show a 1/2 acre of red, white and blue in a location perfectly worthy of its voice of unity. Three of the directors and I stood on the grassy location and looked up at the United States Capitol building that will be the back drop of this showing. We were all left breathless

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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.

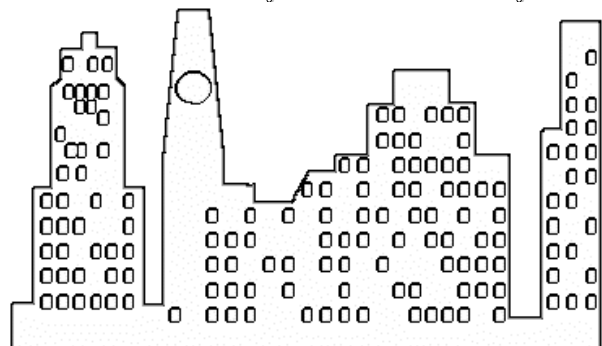
The K-3 activity book is designed to teach students about the importance of community service through activities like coloring, drawing and connect-the-dots and actual community involvement.

If you are 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

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for a moment. On the grass will be panels from Governors, Senators, Children, Military, businesses, organizations, families and even a very special panel that bears a picture of a friend we never knew except through her father's dear story of that horrid day.

I invite you all to visit us on September 10th 2006 right near the Capitol Building and the Capitol Reflecting pool in Washington D.C. Please let us know if you would like more information about our host hotel or our official drivers for this time. The Directors, Advisors and myself look forward to meeting many of you for the first time, and hope to see some familiar faces as well.

Thank you all for helping to create this wonderful show of kindness and compassion, this show of unity and our proof that nothing is impossible with a team effort.



With much joy,
Susan Morissette ❖

Advisor Notes...

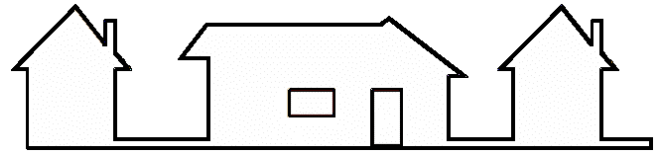
Dear friends of Heart of America Quilt,
I currently serve on the Board of Advisors for the Heart of America Quilt, Inc. The Quilt is a means to help those affected by the events of 9/11 and to teach children to heal and help in a simple manner. This organization began on September 13, 2001 with a panel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

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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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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

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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. ❖

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.

"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

July- NCA Symposium

September- Washington D.C. Showing

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.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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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 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.

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