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QUILT



## The Power of the Quilt

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## WORLD AIDS DAY 1999

This year our World AIDS Day has come and gone and we achieved a number of successes. We displayed 225 sections of the Quilt in more than 89 locations throughout the New York City area. There were 34 schools and universities, 15 ASO/CBOs, 6 federal and state facilities, 11 medical clinics and hospitals, 2 prisons, 12 corporate offices, and 9 places of worship. This year we raised more than \$17,000 in honorarium which will help to continue our work in the Big Apple.

#### SCHOOL ACTIVITY

We facilitated the Quilt to be displayed in six schools with the National School Quilt Program (NSQP). Since there wasn't a NSQP coordinator at the National Office, the Chapter temporarily took on this position, organized the displays, packed and shipped Quilt, and provided technical assistance for each school. There were more than 40,000 students to view the Quilt. Our special thanks to Maxine Berger at Abraham Lincoln HS, Kim Hunter-Martin at John Jay HS, Bonnie Schonfeld at Brooklyn Tech HS, Tom Porton at Monroe Campus, and Sally Hipscher at Edward R. Murrow HS.

#### BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

In collaboration with the President's office and Brooklyn Pride, the Chapter co-hosted a powerful evening of commemoration and celebration in Brooklyn. Three sections of the Quilt were on display during the week. Our thanks to Dorothy Deringer, and our Brooklyn Delegate Pat Caltabiano in making this evening possible.



#### YONKERS

World AIDS Day (WAD99) was more than just an ordinary day. Numerous events were scheduled including a proclamation ceremony with city and county officials, display of the Quilt, youth rally with national recording artist Donnell Jones, Lox, and Black Rob, and a powerful candlelight vigil. Impassioned testimonials from those afflicted with HIV/AIDS and performances by local theater groups and youth choirs, including the Greyston Foundation's Maitri/Isaan Theater Group and the Mt. Vernon Teen Task Force, highlighted the events. Attendance for all four events numbered about 2,000 and local media provided extensive coverage.

These events were coordinated by members from the Yonkers HIV/AIDS Providers Task Force, a coalition of 24 local HIV/AIDS providers and area businesses. "We reached teens and youth adults through these events. This is an audience which under normal conditions is not always receptive to HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention messages," said Elaine Perez of Leake and Watts Services, and chairperson of the committee. Plans are already underway for WAD2000.

We would be remiss if we didn't include a grateful thanks to the dozens of volunteers at each location who made each display successful. Each year we challenge participants to assist in their own logistic management, and find volunteers to help with the implementation of the event. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for making this day of remembrance so successful.



Students participating in the National School Quilt Program in NYC during World AIDS Day 1999.

## CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### CORPORATE SPONSORS

The Chapter continues to have businesses help sponsor our World AIDS Day events. We want to thank each of them for their support to help us specifically underwrite our expenses to reach our youth at risk to HIV/AIDS. As one-half of all new HIV infections occurs with someone between the ages of 14-22, these sponsors will help us continue our programs for the coming year.

We welcome to our NYC's NAMES Project family of sponsors: [American Express](#), [St. Luke/Roosevelt Hospital](#), [Franciscan Friars of the Atonement](#), [PACE University](#), [Kingsborough Community College](#), [A.R.E.A.](#), [Pfizer](#), [Sarah Lawrence College](#), and [Yonkers HIV/AIDS Providers Task Force](#) who each gave more than \$500.

We especially want to thank [Chase Manhattan](#), [Beth Israel Medical Center](#), and [NYU School of Dentistry](#) who each gave more than \$1,000.

### SOUTH AFRICA

The Quilt toured townships in the Cape Town area for World AIDS Day. Portions of the Quilt from the Netherlands, the US, and So. Africa were on display. Our own Jeff Bosacki coordinated the tour, and passed the display on to Quilt Display Coordinators (QDC) Jerry Suarez and Michael Brown who traveled to So. Africa to QDC the tour. Other Chapter volunteers who found their own funds to travel for the tour and trainings include: Mattie Lovett and Maria Betters from New Jersey, Dennis Chase from the Bay Area, and Board President Ed Gatta. Andrea Shorter, who co-chair the tour along with Jeff, was the staff representative. Deny de Jong from the Dutch NAMES Project also brought Quilt sections from Holland. Plans are underway to display International sections of the Quilt at the XIII AIDS Conference this year being held in July in Durban, So. Africa. This year's theme is "Breaking the Silence."

The Quilt tour was well received, some locations with smaller visitor numbers, but each location helped to build bridges and strength our future efforts in So. Africa. The Central Florida Chapter participated with displays for the World Parliament of Religions conference happening at the same time. The presence of the Quilt strengthen relationships with our new colleagues in So. Africa, is strengthening our ties to the African American community in New York City, and is only the beginning in our efforts to globally help those affected and infected with HIV/AIDS.

In February, Jeff Bosacki returned to So. Africa and used the chapter's Quilt 101 curriculum and program in two schools. More than 700 students viewed the Quilt and was well received by the students and faculty. The program has been revised to include the many cultural differences, and has been proposed to the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the University of Cape Town and NACOSA (a national AIDS organization in So Africa) to implement in schools.

Plans are underway to bring more volunteers to Cape Town in September for Health Week. We hope to reach approximately 20 to 40 new schools in all types of communities. If you are interested in being trained as one of our presenters, have the resources

to fund yourself to come, can take off the time from work, and would like to help us make a difference, please contact Jeff Bosacki at the Chapter.

### ANNUAL NATIONAL CHAPTER CONFERENCE

Seven members of the Chapter traveled to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to attend The NAMES Project's National Chapter conference. The weekend started with a three hour intracoastal cruise on Friday night, and was followed by two days of breakout groups covering fundraising, volunteers, education, report from the Board, and reviewing future plans of the organization.

### MARCH ON WASHINGTON

On April 29 & 30, 2000, the NAMES Project will be participating in Washington, D.C. at the March On Washington rally and festival. While we will not be having a traditional Quilt display with the entire Quilt, we will have a presence. The NAMES Project Foundation will be hosting two booths at the festival both days, selling NAMES Project merchandise, and handing out information about the organization. There is a Millennium New Panel Dedication Ceremony being discussed that if decided on will be held on Saturday afternoon on the exact location on the National Mall where the first display of the Quilt was in 1987. Approximately 500 new panels submitted between summer of 1999 to World AIDS Day to Chapters and the National Office will be on display. For more information, visit the Foundation's website at [www.aidsquilt.org](http://www.aidsquilt.org).

### STITCHING A REVOLUTION

Cleve Jones, founder of The NAMES Project, has written his autobiography. The book reveals one of the greatest human struggles of discrimination, death, and despair, while telling an uplifting story about the creation of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. He will be in New York City on his book signing tour on Thursday, April 27, 2000 from 7:30pm until 9:00pm at Barnes and Nobles in Chelsea located at 675 Sixth Avenue near 22nd Street. Sales of the book will assist The NAMES Project Foundation in continuing its work in the remembering of lives lost to this epidemic.



The Beacon School display on World AIDS Day 1999

## WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

<p><b>MANHATTAN:</b> AIDS Interfaith New York, American Express, American Museum of Natural History, AREA Candlelight March and Service, The Beacon School, Beth Israel Medical Center, GMHC, Barnard College/College Activity Office, Boro of Manhattan Comm. College, Cabrini Medical Center, Chase Manhattan Bank-Chase Plaza, Columbia University/Women &amp; Children HIV Project, District Council 1707, God's Love We Deliver, Housing Works, HS Leadership &amp; Public Service, Manhattan Ctr for Science &amp; Math, Marymount Manhattan College, Merrill Lynch, New York Public Library, NYU College of Dentistry, NYU Health Center/Ctr Health Prom., Pace University Student Life, Pfizer, Inc., Phoenix House-Manhattan,</p>	<p>Rivington House, St. Luke/Roosevelt Hosp.Ctr., Rutger Presbyterian Church, Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Ctr., Thurgood Marshall Academy HS, US Dept. of HUD, YAI Nat Inst People with Disabilities.</p> <p><b>BRONX:</b> Bronx Boro. President's Office, Bronx Lebanon Hospital, Co-Op City, Monroe Campus HS, Lehman College Campus Life, Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture.</p> <p><b>QUEENS:</b> Catholic Medical Center, Hillcrest HS, Interfaith Med. Ctr., Haitian Women's Program, LaGuardia Community College, Phoenix House-Queens, Queens College Student Life Off.</p>	<p><b>BROOKLYN:</b> Abraham Lincoln HS, Brookdale Univ. Hosp. Med. Ctr., Brooklyn Boro. President's Office, Brooklyn College Health Programs Office, Brooklyn Technical HS, Edward R. Murrow HS, John Jay HS, Kingsborough Comm. College, Park Slope United Methodist Church, Phoenix House-Brooklyn, Pratt Institute.</p> <p><b>STATEN ISLAND:</b> Arthur Kill Correctional Facility, Bethel United Methodist Church, College of Staten Island Wellness Pgrm., Educational Alliance, Mt. Sinai Church, Project Hospitality, SI HIV Care Network, St. John's University, Staten Island AIDS Task Force, Staten Island Boro President's Office, Wagner College Student Activities.</p>	<p><b>OUTSIDE NYC:</b> Chase Manhattan Bank-Garden City, Chase Manhattan Bank-Hicksville, Chase Manhattan Bank-Houston, TX, Chase Manhattan Bank-Tampa, FL, Chase Manhattan Bank-Tempe, AZ, Chase Manhattan Bank-Rochester, NY,</p> <p>AIDS Project New Haven, Fishkill Correctional Facility-PACE, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, JFK HS, Mattlin Middle School, Plainview-Old Bethpage S.D., Inclusive Community UCC, Sarah Lawrence College. Peer Ed., St. John's Church, Yonkers, Suffern HS, Trinity Episcopal Church, Ossining, Westchester Med. Ctr. AIDS Care Ctr., Yonkers HIV/AIDS Providers Task Force.</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### “JOIN OUR TEAM” ANNUAL AIDS WALK

For the eighth year, NAMES Project NYC will walk as a team in GMHC's annual AIDS Walk on Sunday, May 21, 2000 in Central Park. We invite you to participate with us this year. Last year we raised more than \$3,500 and would like to increase that amount this year. You can help.

If you'd like to raise money for the Chapter and/or walk with us this year, simply give us a call and we will send you a registration card. If you already have a form, simply let the walk offices know that you're with The NAMES Project NYC Team or write our team number on your form (team #0036). Then simply come to the walk to turn in your money and have some fun. Brunch will be available to those who walk with us. So come join the fun and our team this year.

### NYC UNFOLDS

Our 8th annual NYC Unfolds will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2000 on West 3rd Street at NYU. Eight sections of the Quilt representing more than 64 New Yorkers will be on display for the public to view. As Loeb Student Center was demolished this past year, the Quilt will be displayed in a new location near the library.

We will be inviting local AIDS and community based organizations to pass out educational information. We invite you to come and enjoy this annual fun day. If you'd like to volunteer, give us a call at the Chapter.

## THE GIVING CORNER

**MEMBERSHIP: (ANNUAL):**

- p Associate (Individual \$35)
- p Associate (Household \$45)
- p Organization (inclusion on our Website) \$75

**CARE DONOR:** “Friend of the Quilt-NYC” to fund storage, shipping & care for the Quilt.

**MAJOR SPONSOR:** Underwrite our youth programs taking the Quilt into classrooms to talk about compassion & memorials.

**IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

from \_\_\_\_\_  
p \$35 p \$50 p \$100 p \$\_\_\_\_\_ other

(Donations will be printed in our trimester newsletter)

**WISH LIST:**

p Small Copy Machine p Postage Scale p Someone to scan pictures for our website

**VOLUNTEER NEEDS:**

**TREASURER:** Someone to help with the bookkeeping of the Chapter.  
**GRANT WRITER:** Someone to perform researching tasks of finding suitable grants for the Chapter.  
**WEBMASTER:** Someone to run and maintain our website.

To apply for any of these positions or to receive information concerning a donation, please contact Jeff Bosacki at (212) 226-2292

**IN-KIND REQUEST:** We spend approximately \$10,000 each year to ship the Quilt to New York, store, care and transport it to local schools and businesses. We do not receive any funding from The NAMES Project Foundation, our National Office in San Francisco, CA. Please consider giving us a donation or becoming a member of the Chapter to help underwrite these expenses.

*The Chapter is a 501(C)(3) and a non-profit organization in the state of New York.*

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*from* MR. AND MRS. FRAN AND PAT GUERRIERO

### DATES TO REMEMBER

BROOKLYN PRIDE  
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2000 12NOON-6PM

OUR CHAPTER'S ANNUAL STREET FAIR AT NYU  
SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2000 11AM-6PM

**MEETINGS:** Our next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, May 3, 2000. If you are interested in coming to learn more about what the Chapter is up to, committees and projects needing volunteers, news on panelmaking, updates concerning South Africa and more, please call the Chapter for details and the location of these meetings.

Contributors to this newsletter: **JEFF BOSACKI, ELAINE PEREZ, & REV. PAT MORGAN, MSC**

**QUILT.** Many of us have submitted panels throughout the years and may not have included a story about the individual memorialized. We invite you to updating this information in San Francisco. Whether you are submitting something new, or simply updating us with more information, give us a call or simply send your information to the Chapter address. We will forward it to the archives in California.

Help us to *Remember their NAMES!!!*

Please visit our website at [www.aidsquilt-nyc.org](http://www.aidsquilt-nyc.org) for updates.

## PANELMAKING WORKSHOPS

### MANHATTAN & BROOKLYN:

Panelmaking workshops continue to be held on an "appointment" basis in Manhattan during the evening and in Brooklyn on Saturdays. Please call (212) 226-2292 and leave a message for Ben McLaughlin, our Panelmaking Coord. Please leave your name and how we may contact you.

A new monthly workshop has opened at GMHC. Workshops will be held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10-11:30am. Please contact Michelle Aubian at (212) 367-1054 for more information.

### QUEENS & THE BRONX:

We are looking for an organization or place of worship to host a workshop in either of these boroughs. Anyone interested please call (212) 226-2292 and leave a message for Ben McLaughlin, our Panelmaking

### STATEN ISLAND:

If you live in Staten Island, you can call the Staten Island AIDS Task Force at (718) 981-3366 for workshop information.

If you need help with ideas, layout, design, what to use, where to buy it, call us so we can arrange a time to meet and help you with your panel.