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QUILT



## The Power of the Quilt

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## QUILT IN ITALY

The Chapter had the distinguished opportunity to bring Quilt to Italy in conjunction with the annual International Book Fair in Torino, Italy. As the Chapter is well connected with many of the NAMES Project International Affiliates, we were asked by DIRE AIDS, the local HIV/AIDS organization, to help bring Quilt from different countries, and bring our respective HIV/AIDS prevention/education, and peer education programs to share. As Hepatitis C is a much bigger problem in Italy than HIV/AIDS, and "Hep C" is in the same high-risk family as HIV/AIDS, the agency believes that by using the visual power of the Quilt they can affectively reach this at-risk community.

Over 80 sections of Quilt from the USA, Philippines, South Africa, Guatemala, and Italy were on display. The Quilt was unfolded using the traditional unfolding ceremony by over 60 young students. The event was sponsored in part by the launching of AmFar's new book entitled "Guest's and Foreigners: Corporal Histories" by Joseph Kosuth.

One suggestion we offered for the future to our colleagues is to match students from New York City who have been involved with HIV peer education programs, find the funding to create a student exchange program, and bring students together from both countries and share each other's experiences. We look forward to helping our Italian colleagues.

The collaborations we do in any country that has cultural ties with our own communities we will continue to explore in our effort to better serve New Yorkers. Anyone with funding and/or experience with developing exchange programs we encourage to contact the Chapter.



Volunteers unfolding The Quilt in Torino, Italy.

## World AIDS DAY 2001

This will be our seventh year of commemorating World AIDS Day in all the five boroughs of New York City, December 1, 2001 (WAD2001). Last year we had over 100 different locations, and the requests for participation have already begun. Invitations will go out to organizations, medical centers, places of worship, corporate offices, and financial institutions.

We traditionally have over a dozen schools who use the National School Quilt Program from our National Office. As the funding for this program no longer exists, we are looking for individuals, businesses, and sponsors to underwrite the costs to bring the Quilt to schools. We hope you will consider an annual donation of \$500 this year to help us continue to serve our schools.

Anyone wishing to display Quilt please call the chapter at (212) 226-2292 or send

us an E-mail for a WAD2001 Panel Request Form. There is a \$100 to \$200 honorarium per section to cover the costs of shipping, storing, printing, and handling the hundreds of emails, letters, and phone calls we receive for this event. The deadline to submit display requests is October 1, 2001.

Not all New York City panels automatically come for this event. Therefore, if you wish for your panel to be requested, you need to contact us by mail or email. Your request must include the panel 4-digit number and name on panel. As this will be the first time our National Office's new location will be open, we cannot guarantee all requests will be honored. The sooner we receive your request, the sooner we can submit it. Deadline for these special requests, in writing via mail or email is August 1, 2001.

## Chapter Accomplishments

### SCHOOLS COME TOGETHER IN QUEENS

During a week in March, Newcomers High School, in Long Island City, displayed a portion of the Quilt. The students had a number of goals they wanted to achieve. One of the outcomes were two beautiful panels that were submitted to the Chapter. From reading the comments and notes from the teacher and students, their words powerfully showed that the experience for the students was extraordinary, and the majority of students felt inspired to do something in response.

As teacher Julie Mann explained, "we decided that the best response would be to create our own panel for the Quilt. We share the building with another high school, and there have been conflicts between the schools. In an attempt to create something positive together, a group of students from each school designed our panels, together."

The collaboration was a huge success. Seven pages of pictures, comments, and emotional reactions were received from students along with the new panels. One student wrote, "when the student Council of Unity saw the Quilt and realized its value, we decided to show our tribute toward those who died of AIDS by building a panel to add to the Quilt. By creating these new Quilt panels, we tried to show people that youth, if given an opportunity, try to do our best to make a difference in the community." The panels that were received poignantly express that students have all the capabilities of expressing themselves.

We are honored to work with teachers and students who continue to bring the message of the Quilt to their student bodies.

### PROSPECT PARK OUTDOOR DISPLAY

On Saturday, June 9, 2001, the Chapter displayed sixteen sections the Quilt in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. This was the third year the Quilt was part of Brooklyn Pride's day-long festival, celebration, and evening parade. This year's display location was new and away from the noises of the festival stage. It was also directly off the walking path for the thousands of 'Brooklynites' who use the park each day. We estimate that 3,000 visitors viewed the Quilt and hundreds of kids in strollers.

After many years of rainy or questionable weather, the day was sunny and perfect. With a large African-American population in the borough of Brooklyn, we decided to display not only portions of the United States Quilt, but include sections from South Africa. This beautiful additions to the display continue to assist the Chapter in our efforts to remind New Yorkers that HIV/AIDS is a global problem, and that it is not over. With more new HIV infections occurring in our black population, we use every opportunity to tie cultures and communities together. The presence of the Quilt from South Africa made a significant impact.

We were honored to have so many new volunteers to help this year, and look forward to seeing in the future. Our special thanks to Howard Orlick, Ernie Pedroso, Frank, Bernardo, Janice, Hank Krumholz, Jackie, James, Claire, Jo, chair Jeff Bosacki, and the many volunteers from Brooklyn Pride. We also want to thank the NYPD who assigned four uniformed officers to assist in security for the display. We thank everyone for making this year's display so successful.

## Upcoming Events

### SOUTH AFRICAN QUILT TOUR 2001-2003 IN AMERICA

The Chapter is working in collaboration with NAMES Project South Africa, and will be organizing a tour in the United States with portions of the South African Quilt thru November 2003. This fundraising effort is one of many ways the Chapter is supporting the work happening in South Africa. As NAMES Project South African didn't receive any funds from last year's tour, we wanted to change that and take the opportunity to raise awareness and funds for our colleagues. Since February, NAMES-NYC with the assistance of NAMES Project Philadelphia, NAMES Project NY Capital Region, and Bristol-Myers Squibb, the 2001 tour has already raised \$9,000 to assist with the South African School Quilt Program's office, staff, and volunteer expenses in for an entire year.

We are in the planing stages of also bringing two South Africans who will travel portions of the tour to bring their message of how HIV/AIDS has affected and infected their lives. We hope this will be a powerful message to bring to the states that HIV/AIDS is not only our global social responsibility, but remind Americans that HIV is still a serious problem here at home. With 50% of all new infection occurring in our African-American communities, the Chapter is committed to find new ways to bring our prevention message to all New Yorkers.

If you are interested in using a portion of the South African Quilt, please contact the Chapter for more information. There is an honorarium fee for each section, additional requirements to include speakers from South Africa, and shipping costs. This tour is specifically created to raise money to keep this program going for many years.

### ANNUAL STREET FAIR AT NYU

On Saturday, July 28, 2001, we will be sponsoring our 9th Annual NYC Unfolds Street Fair on West 3rd Street stretching from LaGuardia Place to Broadway. The Chapter has invited colleagues from other HIV/AIDS organizations to provide information about services they offer New Yorkers. Over 200 food, merchandise and arts vendors will be there selling their food, crafts, and goods.

Eight sections of the Quilt will be on display, half will be sections from South Africa. We will have information about the Chapter's programs, volunteer opportunities, and NAMES Project merchandise provided by NAMES Project Northern New Jersey. Hours of the festival are from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. We invite you to come, enjoy the day, and shop!



Jeff, Nozipo, and Zoleka on top of Table Mountain.



Nozipo, Bob Stump (from NAMES-PA), and Zoleka.

**LONG ISLAND GOLF FUNDRAISER**

Long Island's first annual golf outing/fundraiser to benefit The NAMES Project New York City will be held on Monday, August 13, 2001. The event will take place at the West Sayville Country Club, in West Sayville, New York. The day will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:00am, a shotgun start at 8:00am, and a hot/cold buffet lunch. There will be tournaments, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing.

On the day of the golf outing, there will be portions of the Quilt on display. There will also be a dedication ceremony held by the Chapter for those wishing to have their panels added to the Quilt. We invite everyone to support this special event.

We want to thank Liz Ebert, coordinator, who has organized this mammoth event on behalf of the Quilt. As the Long Island Chapter closed a couple of years ago, NAMES Project-NYC has been trying to keep alive the hard work started by the past chapter. Funds raised at this event will help us to continue bringing the Quilt to schools, businesses, and places of workshop in Long Island.

**SOUTH AFRICA 2001 SCHOOL QUILT TOUR**

We will be taking our second team of volunteers to South Africa this summer with the Chapter's "Quilt 101" School Program. From August 27 thru September 7th,

eight volunteers will travel to the Western Cape of South Africa to schools in poor townships outside Cape Town. Our goal is to reach more than 20,000 students, teachers, and parents, who see the affects of death and sickness every day in their community.

One of the components of our program is to introduce panelmaking to the students. We have encouraged each volunteer coming to South Africa, to bring "New Panel Kits" to give to schools we visit who are too poor to buy the materials to remember someone they have lost. From the panels made from last year's tour, it is clear that while the tradition of quilting is new to these communities, the ability to create a panel helps begin the grieving and healing process that they have not been able to do.

Panelmaking has shown it can help break the silence about talking about the disease, and helps change the attitudes. Each kit consists of a basic 3ft x 6ft section of material, felt or other materials for letters, borders, as well as pens, markers, paint and paint brushes to express their thoughts and memories.

Another component of the program is "sistering" or "partnering" schools we visit with schools here in New York and other cities in America. Each volunteer coming will bring one or more schools to begin sharing and assisting each other in their education and prevention efforts. If you are interested in either sistering with a school, businesses, or place of workshop, or helping us make kits, please contact the Chapter for more information.

**Where We Have Been** **Where We Are Going**

**BRONX:**  
STAR Acad. Middle School 201

**BROOKLYN:**  
Automotive High School,  
Brooklyn Pride

**MANHATTAN:**  
GMHC,  
Momentum Project @FIT

**STATEN ISLAND:**  
Susan B. Wagner HS

**QUEENS**  
Newcomers HS,  
Queens Pride's Interfaith  
Memorial Service

**LONG ISLAND:**  
Nassau Community College

**OUTSIDE NYC:**  
DIRE AIDS, Torino, Italy,  
Points of Light NCSC,  
Minneapolis, MN

**BRONX:**  
STAR Acad. Middle School 201

**MANHATTAN:**  
New York University Street Fair

**LONG ISLAND:**  
Golf Tournament, West Sayville

**Displays Already Booked  
for World AID'S Day,  
December 1, 2001**

**MANHATTAN:**  
Out of the Darkness Memorial  
Service and Candlelight March,  
Rugters Presbyterian Church,  
Sunny-Downtown Campus,  
Time, Inc.

**THE GIVING CORNER**

- p **MEMBERSHIP: (ANNUAL):**
  - p Associate (Individual \$35)
  - p Associate (Household \$45)
  - p Organization (inclusion on our Website) \$75
- p **WORLD AIDS DAY SPONSOR (\$100-\$500)**
- p **ANNUAL SCHOOL QUILT PROGRAM (\$500)**
- p **MAJOR SPONSOR (\$1000+)**
- p **IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF:**  
\_\_\_\_\_
- from \_\_\_\_\_
- p \$35 p \$50 p \$100 p \$500 p \$\_\_\_\_\_ other
- (Donations will be printed in our trimester newsletter)

- VOLUNTEER NEEDS:**  
Steering and Committee positions available:  
The Chapter currently has many volunteer positions available.  
If you are interested, please contact the Chapter via email or phone.
- Grant researcher and writer
  - Newsletter editor/manager
  - Media coordinator
  - Outreach Asst available day-time for school programs
  - South African "sistering" coord.
  - Treasurer (usage of Quicken is helpful)
  - Tax preparer for non-profit
  - Webmaster & web designer
  - World AIDS Day admin. assistant
  - World AIDS Day shipping coord.

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**WE WANT TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHAPTER:**  
Clara Stanton, Richard Walters, NAMES Project Philadelphia, NAMES Project-NY Capitol Region, and Bristol-Myers Squibb

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**NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS:**  
Pam Abrams, Elsy Guibert, and Ardelle Smith

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GHMC's AIDSWalk. The NAMES Project-NYC and 40,000 others gathered in Central park for the 16th Annual AIDS Walk New York. The walk also marked the twentieth year into the AIDS epidemic. More than \$4.3 million was raised to support programs for people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City. The Chapter raised over \$3,100 that will come back to us to assist the work we do throughout the year. Our thanks our Team Leader Ben McLaughlin, and walkers Jeff Bosacki, and our own star walker, Pat Caltabiano, who raised over \$2200 alone!

The NAMES Project National Office has moved to Atlanta, GA. For more information please visit their website at [www.aidsquilt.org](http://www.aidsquilt.org).

Please check for updated display schedules, information about our international initiatives, and other Chapter-related events at our website at: [www.aidsquilt-nyc.org](http://www.aidsquilt-nyc.org).

## PANELMAKING WORKSHOPS

### **MANHATTAN & BROOKLYN:**

Panelmaking workshops may be arranged on an "appointment" basis during the evenings and on Saturdays.

### **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

### **LONG ISLAND:**

In West Babylon, Our Lady of Grace Church is offering a workshop on 2nd Saturday of each month from 11am-2pm. Please contact Ada Catapano at (631) 884-5392 for further information.

### **STATEN ISLAND:**

Staten Island panelmaking workshops will start in late September to prepare for World AIDS Day commemorations. Workshop will take place at Staten Island AIDS Task Force, 56 Bay Street, 4th Floor. For more information and location, please contact Pam Abrams at (718) 981-3366.

### **NEW PANELMAKING WORKSHOPS:**

Anyone wishing to open a workshop at their church, community organization, or medical center to create panels to dedicate for the larger Quilt, please call the chapter and leave a message for Ben McLaughlin to discuss the procedure.

### **PANELMAKING ASSISTANCE:**

If you need help with ideas, layout, design, what to use, or where to buy it, call us so we can arrange a time to meet and discuss your needs concerning your panel. Also, if you would like to dedicate a new panel, please call our office at (212) 226-2292, and leave a message for Ben McLaughlin, our Panelmaking Coord.

Don't forget, panelmaking instructions in different languages can also be found on our website.