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**International AIDS  
Prevention Initiative**  
(formerly The NAMES Project-NYC)

I API's mission is to use the International AIDS Memorial Quilt to:

- Provide a creative means for remembrance and healing;
- Illustrate the global enormity of the AIDS epidemic;
- Increase public awareness of AIDS;
- Assist with HIV prevention and education;
- Raise funds for community-based AIDS service organizations.

The International AIDS Prevention Initiative ("I API") left The NAMES Project chapter program in June 2003. I API's name was formally changed in March 2004. This restructuring enables I API to continue its work in Africa and the Caribbean, and allows it to bring the work it does in these countries to communities in the New York City area and around the world.

I API is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) designated organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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# *The Power of the Quilt*

Spring/Summer 2004

## **SPRING & SUMMER OUTREACH & PROGRAMS**

### **"WAKE UP AMERICA" SISTERING PROGRAMS**

I API is pleased that many International Quilt Affiliates participate in its "Wake Up America" program. In partnership with Global Quilt, a NGO based in the Netherlands, Quilt Affiliates share Quilt portions from their countries. In return, the program allows I API to bring a global perspective to HIV/AIDS, match schools, churches, and organizations in America with our overseas partners, and raise money for country initiatives. The partnership allows I API to bring Latin and African panels to their respective cultural communities in the United States, and gives I API an opportunity to be relevant in the fight against HIV/AIDS at home.

### **BETWEEN THE SEAMS**

Through the talents of Dan Gallager, Quilt volunteer from Westchester County, his new play "Between the Seams" uses the Quilt to talk with students about HIV/AIDS. The first performance was on World AIDS Day 2003 in Yonkers. Additional performances have taken place this year at the Albert Leonard Middle School in New Rochelle, and the Saunder's High School in Yonkers. The play continues to add performances and scenes. Visit [www.btsonstage.com](http://www.btsonstage.com) for details.

### **MARCH 2004: NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

With the assistance of funds from I API's 2003 Long Island Golf Outing, Professor Cherri Sears organized Nassau's largest Quilt display to date. Portions of the International Quilt and panels from Long Island of The NAMES Project USA were on display to fill the gymnasium. While I API is no longer affiliated with The NAMES Project, it is still important to support panelmakers. The event reached thousands of college students.

### **LOCAL SCHOOL OUTREACH**

We were honored to assist in the continuing HIV/AIDS education including local high schools at Benjamin Cardoza, FLAGS, Newcomer, and Bronx Academy. We salute these schools for their continuing efforts.

### **11th ANNUAL NYC UNFOLDS @ NYU**

Portions of the Int'l AIDS Quilt were on display at our 11th annual street fair on Saturday, July 24th. Eight local ASO/CBOs along with I API were in the streets providing visitors with programs available to New Yorkers.

## **OUTREACH CONTINUES IN THE CARIBBEAN**



# *around the world*

## PREVIOUS EVENTS

### WORLD AIDS DAY 2003 CARIBBEAN TOUR

Elsy Guibert, IAPI board member and Haitian delegate, returned to Jamaica and Haiti last World AIDS Day. Through IAPI's Threads of Hope Program, supplies were provided to its Caribbean partners. On November 24th, Ms. Guibert visited JN+, a support group for persons living with AIDS ("PWAs") in Kingston, Jamaica. Two panels were completed by the group, one made honoring Loris, one of their fellow PWAs who attended last year's outreach.

Elsy also visited the Foundation Esther Boucicault Stanislas in St. Marc, Haiti. IAPI participated in a luncheon offered by the then First Lady, Mildred Trouillot Aristide. Quilt from the Netherlands and Jamaica were seen by 4,000 visitors. At the first panelmaking workshop the next day, 14 PWAs initially seemed hesitant about participating. However, after hearing about IAPI's work in Jamaica, participants were more at ease to talk about HIV/AIDS, and began opening up about their experiences. On World AIDS Day, the first Quilt was carried to Notre Dame de Lourdes, a small cathedral in downtown St. Marc for thousands to experience. The Quilt was introduced that week to the adolescents of Canaan, a commune of Montrouis, and displayed at the POZ Side (Promoteurs Objectif Zero Sida) in Port-au-Prince.

We are honored that both groups have graciously agreed to "loan" their panels to IAPI to use in its efforts to increase global awareness about HIV/AIDS. Full details about the Quilt panels availability for touring are available on our website.

## Outreach Continues in Mozambique

In March 2004, Katie Coster, a staff member to the US Ambassador in Mozambique, visited IAPI to learn more about the programs begun in South Africa in 1999. Beginning this spring, the Ambassador's office will host a panelmaking workshop for an orphanage. They also hope to add more components of IAPI's program in the future. We congratulate Ms. Coster, and her passion to help the people of Mozambique.

## NEW PROGRAMS AVAILABLE WITH IAPI

### LIVING QUILT

One of IAPI's newest programs was inspired by an HIV/AIDS agency in Yonkers, NY. Since the face of HIV/AIDS is different today, a new way has been found to value not only those who have died from AIDS, but those living with HIV/AIDS ("PWAs").

The Living Quilt program creates two types of Quilts: "Living sections" comprising of faces made by PWAs to reflect themselves and their personalities, and "Commemorative sections" that anyone can make to remember someone they have lost to AIDS. These sections are 12" or 18" squares, and are sewn together to show that we honor, remember, and value equally both living and those no longer with us. Sections become the ownership of those creating them, and are not a part of The AIDS Memorial Quilt. The program is available to any agency, support group, or conference that is looking for a way to empower PWAs, and remember those lost to AIDS.

### ANNA'S WORKSHOP

This workshop was created by AIDS Quilt Rhode Island, formerly The NAMES Project Rhode Island, to specifically target students and youth groups to learn more about HIV/AIDS through the process of panelmaking. Some don't know anyone who has died from AIDS or are shy about disclosing a person's name. The program developed the "In Memoriam Profile Form" that is completed by someone who knew the person, a family member, friend, employer, et al, to collect details about that person.

Some choose to make a panel for a famous person (Ryan White, Nkosi Johnson, Easy E, Arthur Ashe, Rock Hudson), and others wish to create one for someone from their own community. The form can be used by anyone to assist them in making a panel. At the first workshop, the person who completed the form is invited to share their personal recollections about that person. Completed panels are sent directly to The NAMES Project in Atlanta, GA.

Details and form are available on our website under the panelmaking icon.



Workshop in Haiti  
A panel honoring Loris who was a PWA who attended last year's outreach.

## Donations

- Membership:** (Annual):
- Associate (Individual \$35)
  - Associate (Household \$45)
  - Organization (listed on IAPI's website) \$75
- Care Donor (\$100+):** "Friend of the IAPI" to fund storage, shipping & care for the Quilt.
- Major Sponsor (\$1,000+):** Underwrite IAPI programs taking the Quilt into classrooms to talk about compassion & memorials.
- Event Sponsor (\$5,000+):** Sponsors major Chapter Events.
- World AIDS Day 2004**
- In Memory or In Honor of:**

from \_\_\_\_\_

- \$35  \$50  \$100+  \$500+  \$\_\_\_\_\_ other  
(Donations will be printed in our trimester newsletter)

*Care Donor, how your money is spent: A donation of \$100 or more enables IAPI to ship Quilt to and from an African or Latin/Caribbean country, or underwrite the costs for IAPI to provide Quilt in schools in the New York City area, and the nation.*

*A Membership or In Memory or In Honor of donation underwrites the cost to underwrite IAPI's newsletter, printed materials and curriculum for schools, and update the active website that is visited by thousands around the world.*

*We are a 501(c)(3) and a non-profit organization in the state of New York.*

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Please make your donation payable to IAPI using the above address and form.

## CONFERENCE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

We are honored to have long-term relationships with a number of organizations that sponsor national and international conferences. Many times, IAPI is the only HIV/AIDS agency invited to attend. Each conference gives us an unique opportunity to reach thousands of community leaders, healthcare providers, and future partners and share IAPI's programs which they can then use locally, and most importantly it enhances our work at home.

**The National Conference on African-American and AIDS** was held in February in Philadelphia. Attendees were professionals who work with the African-American community. IAPI provided portions of the International AIDS Quilt primarily from South Africa. Our thanks to Mary Hess, founder of Minority Health Care Communications, for her continued support to IAPI and its work in Africa and the African-American community.

**New York City's Department of Health Hygiene's "Faith Counts" Conference** was held at Brooklyn College in February. IAPI was honored to be included in this event focusing on one of IAPI's important target groups. Our thanks to Krishna Stone at GMHC for making IAPI's participation possible.

**Brooklyn's Association of Teen Educators** invited IAPI to participate for the third year at their conference for youth peer educators. We applaud the efforts of Teens Helping Each Other ("THEO"), the sponsor of the event. Special

thanks to Marian Searchwell and Craig Lawson, event coordinators.

**The National Conference on Latin-Americans and AIDS** was held in May in Philadelphia. Our partner, Minority Health Care Communications, sponsored this first of its kind conference. IAPI worked with its partners in Argentina, Cuba, Peru, Spain, and Venezuela to share portions of their Quilt at this and upcoming conferences. Our special thanks to Barbara Martinez from Venezuela for her translating and guidance.

**The Points of Light's National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service** was held in Kansas City in June. For the eighth year, IAPI displayed portions of The International Quilt and took the opportunity to promote its Threads of Hope Community Service Project, as well as other HIV/AIDS programs. Our thanks to Rose Welch, POLF exhibit hall coordinator, for her support.

**The International AIDS Conference** was held in Bangkok, Thailand July 11-16, 2004. IAPI in partnership with Global Quilt, an NGO based in the Netherlands, assisted the Cultural Committee in providing portions of the International Quilt from more than 17 countries. Quilt was displayed in the eight general session rooms, arena for opening/closing ceremonies, ballrooms and registration hall. In the Remembrance Hall, IAPI hosted its Living Quilt workshop where commemorative and PWA panels were made.



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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

For details, check out IAPI's website under the "Activity Schedule" icon, or contact IAPI via telephone or email.

Aug. 21	Panelmaking workshop in Harare, Zimbabwe
Sept. 6-10	IAPI's School Quilt Tour, South Africa
Sept. 13-17	IAPI's School panelmaking workshops, South Africa
Dec. 1	World AIDS Day Caribbean 2004 Tour, Haiti and Jamaica

Panels from many regions: Asia/Pacific, Caribbean, Europe and Africa are "on loan" for IAPI and Global Quilt for the International AIDS Conference, as well as IAPI's World Quilt Tour.

## **WORLD AIDS DAY 2004 and WORLD QUILT TOUR:**

IAPI will have a limited amount of International Quilt available to commemorate WORLD AIDS DAY. Participating countries include Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Venezuela. World Quilt Tour will continue through March 2005.

Visit our website at [www.aidsquilt-nyc.org](http://www.aidsquilt-nyc.org) under the "Special Events" icon.

## **ON GOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

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- Sewers are needed for Living Quilt workshops in New York City.
- Help with data entry, correspondence, and filing.