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The mission of International
AIDS Prevention Initiative 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.

IAPI is a non-profit 501(c)(3).
All donations are tax deductible.

IAPI Partners

American Run for the End of AIDS
(AREA): New York based; co-
coordinate displays of International
Quilt at Gay Games, and World
AIDS Day Out of the Darkness
events.

EMG Health Communications:
New York based; partnering with
HIV/AIDS efforts in Haiti and the
Caribbean.

Global Quilt: Netherlands based;
co-collaborator of International
Quilt usage from partners around
the world, and co-sponsor of World
Quilt tours and global displays at
HIV/AIDS Conferences.

Sizwe Sonke Quilting Project of
South Africa: Co-collaborator of
annual South African School Quilt
Tour.

IAPI is not affiliated with The
NAMES Project Foundation



The Power of the Quilt

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Having renamed and reorganized last year, IAPI managed the challenges it faced to achieve its stated goals and activities. I am pleased to inform IAPI's supporters that the organization's expectations were met, outreach programs were expanded, partnerships were formed, and the ability to reach communities most at-risk for HIV/AIDS were enhanced.

In this issue of *The Power of the Quilt*, we review many of the programs which IAPI offers in the United States and around the world. IAPI continues to achieve its mission within a very modest budget. However, as more organizations locally and globally invite IAPI to assist with their HIV/AIDS efforts, it is imperative that IAPI seek additional resources in order to expand its sistering (mentoring) with programs between US-based schools, churches, and organizations and non-governmental organizations outside the U.S.

I welcome your financial support and volunteer assistance.

Jef fry B. Bosacki

A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New York City School Outreach

Youth at-risk is one of IAPI's primary target groups for its HIV/AIDS education efforts. This transitional year was no exception and many schools from prior years used the Quilt once again. IAPI concentrated on collaborating with youth peer education programs and teen HIV/AIDS conferences.

Between the Seams

This is an extraordinary play written by Dan Gallagher using individuals memorialized on a Quilt that tell the story of their infection, discrimination, families, and death. The play addresses difficult issues for youth to talk about HIV/AIDS; portions of the International Quilt are displayed to show that it is a global problem. IAPI invites your school to bring the play to your students.

IAPI's Living Quilt Program

IAPI has created a program that reflects today's face of HIV/AIDS. Panels are typically made for someone lost to AIDS. In this program, while participants can still make memorial panels, they can also make a panel to honor someone (or themselves) who is living with the disease. The two types of panels are sewn together to honor both the living and the dead equally, and has become a powerful tool for HIV/AIDS support groups, agencies, and conferences.

AROUND THE NATION & WORLD QUILT TOUR 2004-2005

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

IAPI continues to participate at national conferences throughout the U.S. in providing attendees with community service projects, HIV/AIDS programming using the International Quilt, and partnership (sistering) ideas with foreign organizations. Some recent events included: The Points of Light Foundation/National Conference of Volunteers and Service, National Conference on Latin-Americans & AIDS, National Conference on African-Americans & AIDS, National Conference on Haitian-American Health.



National Conference on African-Americans & AIDS

WORLD AIDS DAY 2004

With panels of International Quilt from 15 countries, IAPI assisted 32 displays in area schools, churches, businesses, and non-profits. Pfizer, Inc. significantly increased their employee awareness campaign by displaying Quilt in 20 of their corporate offices world-wide. In addition, IAPI's 3rd annual Caribbean tour of panels and workshops in Haiti and Jamaica reached thousands of visitors.

Our thanks to the following participants - we salute their HIV/AIDS efforts: Teens Helping Each Other (THEO), People of Color in Crisis, AIDS Quilt Rhode Island, Westchester Medical Center, Agape Fund, Pfizer, Inc., Out of the Darkness AREA/LGBT Center, Hunts Point Multi-Service Center, Edward R. Murrow HS, Benjamin Cardoza HS.



National Conference on Latin-Americans & AIDS

FIRST WORLD QUILT TOUR 2004-2005

IAPI has begun an ambitious project to bring together Quilt affiliates and organizations that have asked for assistance. With overwhelming support from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Haiti, Jamaica, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, and Venezuela, this first tour commenced in July, 2004 at the International AIDS Conference in Bangkok.



International AIDS Conference, Bangkok, Thailand

Moscow, Russia: In April, 2005 portions of the Quilt will be on display at Central Railway Station in the center of Moscow. The display is apart of a new partnership with Transatlantic Partners Against AIDS (TPAA) and their HIV/AIDS media campaign to reach all Russians about the pandemic. In May, European and Russian Quilt be displayed at the State Duma (Parliament). Both events are made possible by TPAA, and Info-Plus, an Russian NGO that host PWA support groups, hot-line, and provide detailed information about HIV/AIDS. Twenty sections from Australia, Asia, Europe, and South America will be displayed with local television personalities, politicians, and celebrities adding their support to this HIV/AIDS campaign.

South Africa: IAPI is in the middle of expanding work in more provinces within the country. The Quilt will stop in Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, and at St. Georges and St. Michael Catholic churches for the International Candlelight Vigil in Cape Town from May 11 to 25.

Australia: IAPI will be working with the Quilting Project in Melbourne to look at ways to continue sistering (mentoring) projects with our Quilt colleagues in Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, and the Philippines.

Jamaica: The tour's final stop will be in Kingston, Jamaica with partners THEO (Teen Helping Each Other) and Mahoe Hill Action Committee. While IAPI has worked in Jamaica since 2000, this will be the first time the model of its South African school program will be used in another country. Panels will be displayed in several cities and towns, and IAPI will be working with community groups, schools, and churches.

World Quilt Tour 2005-2006: Plans are already underway to formulate the next World Quilt Tour. Some displays already scheduled are: Chicago (July), Washington, DC (August), South Africa (September), and Lima, Peru (October).

If you or your organization would be interested in hosting portions of the International AIDS Memorial Quilt as part of the 2005-2006 tour, please contact IAPI.

Donations

Membership: (Annual):

World AIDS Day (December) typically has been the time of year of IAPI's membership drive.

Membership is offered to all persons interested in helping IAPI achieve its goals and includes: newsletters; voting ability at membership meetings; and announcements for special events. Membership fees are "earmarked" for general administration.

Types of categories:

- Non-Voting Member (amount below \$35)
- Individual /Household Member (\$35)
- Organizational Member (\$75)

In Memory or In Honor of:

\$35 \$50 \$150 \$200 \$_____

A donation "In Memory" of someone you have lost to AIDS, or "In Honor" of a particular individual. The minimum donation is \$35. These donations will be announced in the newsletter.

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SPECIAL INITIATIVES:

Help transport US and foreign volunteers, provide lunch for students, transport PWAs to school outings, provide supplies for panelmaking workshops or internet access for students to do research on HIV/AIDS topics and sister with US-based churches, schools, and organizations.

Select which area you would like to assist:

- South Africa & Zimbabwe
- Caribbean (Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico)

OTHER TYPES OF DONATIONS

Here are some ways in which you can help IAPI with our work locally, nationally, and abroad.

- United Way contribution (contact your employer to designate your contribution)
- American ExtraAA #767639 Include this number to an American Airline flight and help IAPI.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES

SOUTH AFRICAN & ZIMBABWE INITIATIVE

In September, IAPI will begin its 6th year of bringing the Quilt to classrooms in township schools outside Cape Town, South Africa. Panelmaking workshops will also take place in school and churches through IAPI's Threads of Hope program. Last year over 50 panels were made by students and employees of local businesses. Panelmaking will also continue in Harare, Zimbabwe. Those with sewing and/or panel-making experience are especially welcome.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

If you would like to take part in this tour, please contact IAPI. Experience with the Quilt is helpful but not required. The cost includes airline ticket, accommodations, and transport in country (approx. \$3,000-\$3,500/volunteer); and must be available for one or both weeks of the tour - September 2 to 9 (school curriculum, and/or September 9 to 16 (panelmaking workshops). Deadline to submit applications is May 30st.

CARIBBEAN INITIATIVE

In December, IAPI will once again be organizing its World AIDS Day tour to the Caribbean. Areas scheduled to be visited are Haiti, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico.

IAPI will also be attending the National Conference on Haitian-American Health in Boston, providing information about its programs available to sister between New York and Haitian organizations abroad.

MENTORING:

Sistering between all IAPI's programs and African and Caribbean Initiatives is available to New York or U.S.-based organizations, churches, or schools.

For complete details about the World Quilt Tour or IAPI initiatives, visit IAPI's website at

www.aidsquilt-nyc.org (under Special Events),
email or call us at IAPI's office IAPInitiative@aol.com.



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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.

- May 14 BATES Youth Conference, Brooklyn
15 AIDS Walk New York (join IAPI's team #0036)
- June 8 TPAA India & Russia gala benefit, Asia Society, New York City
20-25 School and community Quilt tour, Kingston, Montego Bay, Clarendon, Jamaica
- July 23 IAPI's 13th annual NYC Unfolds at NYU (pending city permit approval)
24-25 National Conference on Latinos & AIDS, Chicago
- Aug 4-8 Points of Light/National Volunteer Conference & Service, Washington, DC
tba Panelmaking workshop in Harare, Zimbabwe & Maputo, Mozambique (planning stage)
- Sept. 2-16 South African School Program & Quilt Tour

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COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (for details, check out the IAPI website)

SEWING: Sewers to help sew Living Quilt sections together

ADMIN: Assistance with voicemail calls and emails.

PRESS: Press releases for events and placement of advertising

IN MEMORY OF:

Sal Greco - Charlie Pitre - Emily by Varga - Anthony Masi & others