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The Chicago Chapter of The NAMES Project Foundation to Host AIDS Memorial Quilt Display at Center on Halsted

Single Day Quilt Display to be Held June 27 from 9AM to 7PM.

The Chicago Chapter of The NAMES Project Foundation (NAMES Project Chicago) will host a display of over 250 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in the gymnasium of Center on Halsted, 3656 North Halsted Street, Chicago, from 9AM to 7PM on June 27, 2007. The AIDS Memorial Quilt display is being held in conjunction with Center on Halsted and AIDS Foundation of Chicago’s “Preventing HIV: Ethics, Activism, and Promising New Strategies” day-long symposium.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt (The Quilt) is the largest ongoing community arts project in the world and is the national symbol in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Created in 1987, The Quilt memorializes individuals who have died from AIDS. Composed of nearly 50,000 three by six feet individual quilted cloth panels, The Quilt represents over 85,000 names. The Quilt's mission is to bring an end to the AIDS pandemic through education and public awareness.

NAMES Project Chicago was initially established in 1988 to garner support for the first national tour of The Quilt. Since then, NAMES Project Chicago has coordinated numerous displays of the Quilt, assisted Chicagoans in creating Quilt panels through Quilting Workshops, created a Speakers Bureau, and developed an educational CD-ROM geared for middle school and high school aged youth.

NAMES Project Chicago is the only local agency that conducts displays of the Quilt and has extensive experience in planning and coordinating displays, including hosting the nation’s largest indoor display of the Quilt at Navy Pier in 1998. While Quilt displays are a focal point of many private and public sectors’ World AIDS Day programming, NAMES Project Chicago strives to showcase the Quilt year round at public events such as the display of the Quilt at the opening ceremonies of the 2006 Gay Games in Chicago.

The June 27, 2007, Quilt display at Center on Halsted is free and open to the public and was made possible by financial support provided by Northern Trust. For more information or to inquire about volunteer opportunities for the display, please contact NAMES Project Chicago at 773.661.0922 (Voice) or by email to names@centeronhalsted.org.
One menancing pandemic...
One defining moment...
One powerful spirit...
One living legacy...

AIDS Memorial Quilt Display
Center on Halsted | Gymnasium
3656 N. Halsted St. | Third Floor
June 27, 2007 | 9:00AM to 7:00PM

Join us & view the display of over 250 Quilt panels.
For more information, call 773.661.0922.

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