



Whoopi Goldberg, Harvey Fierstein, Robert Blake and others joined hundreds of volunteers on the Capitol Mall on Sunday, October 11, 1987 to unfurl the giant NAMES Project quilt, a national memorial to the tens of thousands of Americans lost to AIDS.

The quilt — roughly the size of two football fields — was composed of thousands of individual 3' x 6' fabric panels, each bearing the name of a single person lost to AIDS.

The panels were designed and constructed in homes across America by the families and friends of those who have died.

Inspired by the American folk art traditions of quilting and sewing bees, the NAMES Project is a positive expression of personal loss as well as a dramatic illustration of the impact of AIDS on American society.

NAMES Project organizers plan to tour American cities with the quilt next spring.

Funds raised from the national tour will stay in the communities in which the quilt is displayed to support local organizations providing direct services to people with AIDS and others facing the epidemic. Major corporations and foundations are being approached to underwrite costs of the tour.

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