



Dear Donor Family:

We are extending an invitation for each of our donor families to participate in the RTI Donor Services Memorial Donor Family Quilt Project. You do not have to be artistic or know how to sew or quilt to participate in this program.

In honor of all tissue donors, this quilt will belong to the communities we serve. Participating families will have the opportunity to make one quilt square in memory of their loved one. There are no restrictions as to what can be placed on the square, whether it is stitched or painted, appliquéd or silk-screened. The creative elements will be left to individual families.

The quilt will be used as a vehicle for increasing awareness about the need for tissue donation. We will display the quilt at health fairs and seminars, hospital-related functions, and special events and ceremonies. We encourage you as a donor family to reserve the quilt to display at personal family events and/or within your local community. During times when the quilt has not been reserved for a special function, it will be housed in the **RTI Donor Services** office in Madison, Wisconsin. Our goal is to let the community know that caring and compassionate people made unselfish decisions during a very difficult time in their lives. The quilt will serve as a memorial to all our donors whose legacies bring hope to others through tissue donation.

Attached are additional details on the quilt and instructions on how to prepare a square. Because the quilt will be used for public display and contains personal information on the donors, we ask all participating families to sign a release form and return it with the quilt square.

Please give this project sincere consideration. We believe that participation will be beneficial to all our donor families. We know from experience that the impact on the public is tremendous when we are displaying a memorial donor quilt at special events because it is so powerful. If you do not feel able to participate in the quilt project at this time, we understand and respect your decision. New quilts are always being created. Therefore, there are no set deadlines for creating and submitting quilt squares. Please submit a square when it is most comfortable for you.

If you have ideas or suggestions for where the quilt could be displayed, or if you have any questions about the quilt project, please contact Gretchen Reabe. She can be reached at 877-663-4437 or via e-mail at greabe@rtix.com.

Best Wishes,
RTI Donor Services

Quilt Project Instructions

Quilt Specifications:

- The personalized area for each square should measure exactly 7" X 7".
- There should be a ½" margin around the entire square for hemming. This should not contact creative work, as the margin will not be seen.
- The final product should measure 8"X8".
- All materials for the square must be dry-clean "safe."

Suggestions for the creative area include but are not limited to:

- The name and dates of life;
- Depiction of hobbies, sports or special interests;
- Favorite poem or special saying;
- Photo image;
- Section of fabric from a favorite garment, blanket or personal possession;
- An embroidered monogram;
- Drawing or special message from a sibling, friend or other relative;
- Creative use of school colors.

Suggestions for mediums include but are not limited to:

- Fabric;
- Thread;
- Paint;
- Crayola;
- Markers.

Supporting material:

- Please include a *brief* description to tell the story behind your square. The descriptions will be compiled into a brochure to be distributed at each display event. The description *must* be limited to 200 words. Please include with your description the city and state of residence of your loved one.

Authorization form:

A signed authorization form must accompany all squares.

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Memorial Donor Family Quilt Authorization

I, _____, (print your full name)

hereby give my permission to *RTI Donor Services* to reproduce and use the quilt square and the story of my deceased _____ (print relation to deceased)

_____ (print deceased's full name).

I understand the quilt square and story will be used in public education/awareness projects for *RTI Donor Services* and their partner hospitals, funeral homes, commercial leaders in innovative tissue services. I also understand that the quilt is available for other donor families to display. In the hope that many people will benefit from this education/awareness, my authorization for publication of the above stated items is not limited to this one project but extends to any project as long as it is used as an education/awareness tool for the above mentioned organization and their partners.

Signature

Date

Additional Information for Quilt Brochure

The city of residence of my loved one was: _____

The date of my loved one's birth was: _____

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Please keep design within 7"

The finished square should measure 8", including
a 1/2" margin around the design for hemming.
The margin will not be seen.

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