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NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt--April 26-28, 1992

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Friends of the Quilt at Lafayette Select Four Beneficiaries For Their April Display

The Friends of the Quilt at Lafayette Steering Committee has selected four beneficiaries for our April display. The beneficiaries we have chosen to contribute to are: AIDS Outreach, AIDS Services Center, the Latino AIDS Outreach Program, and the Religious Coalition on AIDS.

Each of these four organizations plays an active role in the Lehigh Valley with regards to support services, education, and general care to people living with AIDS and to their loved ones. We believe that these groups are emblematic of the type of philosophy and health care that should be given to people living with HIV and/or AIDS, and have thus chosen them to benefit from our display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Individually, these groups have distinct programs and policies which we feel make them desirable beneficiaries. In addition, we have already received a tremendous amount of support from all four, and anticipate even more as the display time moves closer.

AIDS Outreach is based at the Grace Episcopal Church in Allentown,



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Pa. They use an innovative team approach to provide services to families living with HIV/AIDS. This team is made up entirely of volunteers who are trained by professionals in fields such as AIDS medical overview, infection control, testing and counseling, listening skills, and communication, among others. These volunteer caregivers provide services like education, help with daily living activities, personal care needs, meal preparation, shopping, light housekeeping, recreation, respite care, emotional support, and pastoral care. All of these services are provided with a philosophy of understanding, love, care, and compassion.

AIDS Services Center, located in Bethlehem, Pa., serves the Lehigh Valley and Pocono regions of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the AIDS Services Center is to provide inclusive community services to all persons infected or affected by HIV without regard to age, ancestry, handicap, marital status, national origin, religion, race, sex, sexuality, or source of income. The goals established by this group are twofold: to provide a wide range of nonmedical support services which emphasize wellness and ensure that persons they serve are empowered to live their lives with dignity, security and pleasure; and to prevent the transmission of HIV by providing educational materials and



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information to the community.

The Latino AIDS Outreach Program, headquartered in Bethlehem, is the first Latino AIDS program in the greater Lehigh Valley. In order to address the psycho-social needs of AIDS patients and their families, this organization provides counseling and support services to all those affected by AIDS. While the program does target Latinos and their families, anyone who requests services will be assisted. By giving workshops for people living with AIDS and their families, as well as for community groups, the program attempts to disseminate information about the HIV virus, prevention, treatment, and other topics in order to raise knowledge and awareness about AIDS related issues.

The Religious Coalition on AIDS, based in Allentown, is an interdenominational and interfaith agency which exists to provide pastoral services to the AIDS community, to mobilize the resources of local faith communities in the care of persons with HIV/AIDS and their immediate caregivers, and to develop educational programs to assist local congregations and community groups in understanding all the dimensions of AIDS. The Religious Coalition on AIDS coordinates with other AIDS service providers to assure access to care and to increase the level of services to persons with HIV/AIDS.



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The Coalition is also instrumental in providing spiritual support to persons with AIDS, and getting local congregations involved in educating the community and supporting those who are infected.