

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DONOR QUILT

## SIZE

Your patch design will be on a 7 inch square (7" x 7"); however, please have an extra unfinished 1" completely beyond this, which will be the part that is seamed in by the quilters. So, it will be a 9" by 9" patch that you will be submitting, with 1" on each side that is the unfinished portion that the quilters will sew onto the quilt. This 7" x 7" square is what you will be seen on the quilt. If you have any further questions about the size, please don't hesitate to contact Jane Tucker [phone: 519-641-7549; email: [tuckerjane@hotmail.com](mailto:tuckerjane@hotmail.com)]. We're unable to include quilt patches that aren't within the size stipulations; therefore, please be sure that you are submitting an appropriate patch size. The quilters will be organizing all patches of the same size. The quilt patch will represent each Donor on the Donor Quilt, and be of enormous importance.

## FABRIC AND SEWING

The quilt will have frequent travel, therefore it's important that you sew everything on very securely and avoid using glue, as it may dry out over time. If you are including a photograph on your patch, have it transferred directly onto the fabric by a copy shop. Also, please mention to them that it is going to be on a traveling quilt, in case there is a stronger fabric that may be used.

You may use any fabric that you wish for your patch of any colour or type, including some fabrics of importance. Examples of this could be a wedding gown, high school jacket, baby blanket, etc., as you wish. We welcome all sentimental materials. You may use permanent markers, fabric paint, glitter that is recommended by a fabric or craft store for this project, embroidery thread, or any other medium to design your personal patch. You're welcome to include writing, perhaps a name, and anything of importance; however, we must stipulate that we will not be able to accept a patch with the donation date. Please note that dates are not allowed on the patch due to the Privacy Act, as we are unable to have donor families and recipients connect the dates as you know. Thank you for your understanding with this. If you wish to put the donor's age, that is most welcome. Please do not finish the patch with the quilting or backing, the quilters will complete this. If you are unsure, please don't hesitate to contact us for more information.

## PATCH REQUIREMENTS

Please note that only one patch may be accepted to represent each donor. The patch will need to be the stipulated size, so that it may fit into the quilt appropriately. We will need to have your consent form completed and returned with the quilt patch. **There are limited spaces available, and we regret not being able to accept everyone who wishes to participate at this time. If there is a large response beyond the specified spaces, I may start a waiting list, and will then work toward planning alternate arrangements for other quilts to be made.**

## PHOTO AND WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Along with your patch, we would like you to submit 3 copies of a photo (no larger than 5" x 7" size) and 3 copies of a one-page inspiring write-up about your loved one, or about yourself if you are a living donor. The album page size is 12" x 12". You may want to express how important the donation and gift of life has been to your family. It would be very nice to have this in honouring your loved one's life. This meaningful write-up and photo will be in the Donor Album that will accompany the Donor Quilt, and be identified accordingly with your patch. We also wish to honour the transplant recipients so there is a Recipient Album that accompanies the Gift of Life Recipient Quilt.

## **CONSENT/RELEASE FORM**

Please complete the Quilt Consent/Release Form, and include it with your package. This will give us permission to have your patch included in the quilt, and your write-up and photo included in the Donor Album. It will also give the London Transplant Gift of Life Association ownership and authority to display the quilt, photo, and write-up as the Association sees appropriate. We have invited the LHSC's Multi-Organ Transplant Program and the Trillium Gift of Life Network to borrow and display the quilt appropriately.

## **MAILING YOUR PATCH**

Enclose the patch, 3 copies of your write-up and photos, along with your consent/release form, all in a sealed plastic bag to ensure that it arrives clean and safely in good condition. Please package this up in a proper mailing envelope or box, and include your return address on the package. It is recommended that you send it by registered mail or insured carrier to:

LONDON TRANSPLANT GIFT OF LIFE ASSOCIATION

Donor Quilt

Attention: Jane Tucker

655 Oakridge Drive, London, ON, Canada N6H 3G3

## **CONFIRMATION OF RECEIVED PATCH, WRITE-UP, AND PHOTO**

We will notify you that we have received your patch, write-up, photo, and consent/release form. If at all possible, please forward an e-mail address, which would allow a quicker response. Thank you.

## **FOLLOW UP**

We are extremely pleased to have you join us with this important Quilt Project. Thank you in advance for participating. We realize how important this is for everyone involved. We are honoured to have the opportunity to have these most important Quilts: the Donor Quilt and the Recipient Quilt. We would be very happy to notify you when the Quilt is completed, and forward a photo of the completed Quilt in which your patch is included. We take enormous pride in this new project, and future opportunities it will provide with organ and tissue donation awareness, but mostly in honouring your loved one.

We are pleased to invite you to join us with our Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Events. If you wish to join us, please confirm this on the Consent Form, and we would be extremely pleased to notify you accordingly. Thank you once again for your support with this most valued project!