7th Annual Rainbow of Hope Quilt Auction

Welcome to our 7th edition of the Rainbow of Hope Quilt Auction handbook. I have decided that this handbook has developed into something so much more than an auction guide over the last several years. This is a testimony to what the Rainbow of Hope is about, its heart. The donations and stories printed here are not about Quilted Expressions, Tamera Ehlinger, Centra or Terri Layne but people helping and hoping for people. The expected result from all this is that we have raised money for Hospice, the unexpected result is the healing and ministry that has taken place from the making of these projects, purchasing of these projects and use of these projects long after the auction is over. The journey of one particular project is one of my all time favorite Rainbow stories. If you attended the 4th auction, you will recall a serious breach of auction etiquette! One of our bidders was actually smacked!! One of our most generous supporters had set his sights on a particular quilt which had been made in honor of a patient who was reaching the end of his journey. It was his wife's desire that he have the quilt before he died. Knowing who her proxy bidder was and seeing who was bidding against her, I watched helplessly as I knew the quilt was quickly going over her budget. The proxy had the poor wife on the phone to get approval to go higher and higher. What could I do!! I was able to get Terri's attention (my partner in all of this) to alert her as to whom the bidding war was with. Only from a previous conversation where our generous bidder had implored us to prevent him from keeping a quilt from where it belonged, Terri felt compelled to walk right over and smack him on the head. Within seconds, our auctioneer had lost total control of the event but had somehow managed to get a \$1,000 bid from our friend. Knowing what was going to happen next the proxy bidder, myself and all who knew him could hardly hold back the tears - our friend promptly turned the guilt over to our proxy bidder as a gift to the family. The guilt received top dollar, it cost the wife nothing, and it was on its way to her husband. With the help of a couple of Hospice volunteers, the guilt would be on its way to Pulaski, Virginia the next day where it was received with a couple of more small miracles. I have developed a ritual when all the stories are handed in and it's time to write up the handbook. I take a day off, a box of tissues, my computer and the stories and I type and type and type and cry. I read each and every story and come to know each and every project and what it stands for and it's hard and it's inspiring. As I stand up in front of everyone during the auction, it is another small miracle that I keep myself composed the little bit that I do! Please read these stories as you look at the projects and know the heart that was put into each one. Honor and remember each of these loved ones as well as those who so painstakingly created these projects on their behalf. Thank you for being a part of it, thank you for your generosity.

The rules of our projects donated were simple –

- 1. Choose your awareness color or colors if you need inspiration.
- 2. Make your project with love.

Quilts were due in to Quilted Expressions by the first Saturday of October and the auction is the first Saturday of November. All proceeds go directly to Hospice House. Please visit www.QuiltedExpressions.com for Rainbow details, including pictures of this and previous years' projects or call 385-6765 with any questions.

Thank you for spending the evening with us and we hope we touch your heart.

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Cancer Awareness Colors

Pink - Breast Cancer Teal - Ovarian Cancer Pearl (or white) - Lung Cancer Periwinkle - Stomach Cancer Purple - Pancreatic Cancer Purple - Leiomyosarcoma Orange - Leukemia Black - Melanoma

Dark Blue - Colon Cancer

Dark Blue - Colorectal Cancer Burgundy - Multiple Myeloma Grey - Brain Tumor Light Blue - Prostate Cancer Gold - Childhood Cancers Lavender - General Cancer Lime Green - Lymphoma Peach - Uterine Cancer Peach - Endometrial Cancer

Kelly Green - Kidney Cancer Yellow - Sarcoma/Bone Cancer Teal/White - Cervical Cancer Burgundy/Ivory - Head, Neck & **Throat Cancer** Emerald Green - Liver Cancer Periwinkle - Esophageal Cancer Yellow - Bladder Cancer

Quilt Show Judging

On October 18th, our quilted projects were judged by two talented and knowledgeable members of the quilting world. They willingly donated their time and do not get to know the stories until AFTER the judging is done! Thank you so much Neva and Kevin.

Neva Hart: Neva Hart, professional quilt appraiser and quilt historian, is a member of the Professional Association of Appraisers - Quilted Textiles (PAAQT), certified by the American Quilter's Society since 2001 and appraises for national quilt shows. Hart has participated in historical documentation of Virginia guilts, including contributing to the 2006 book QUILTS OF VIRGINIA. She works with museums and collectors around the Mid-Atlantic as an appraiser and consultant on guilts and woven coverlets. Hart writes, lectures, photographs, researches and collects guilts from her home near Roanoke, Va. Her appraisal services and informative programs are available to individuals, groups, organizations, museums and collectors in the United States. This is Neva's sixth year as a Rainbow of Hope judge.

Kevin Womack: Kevin Womack, award-winning quilt maker and instructor, has been obsessed with quilting since making his first quilt in 1986. His work has been featured in local, regional and national quilt shows, as well as the "Kool Kaleidoscope" DVD by Ricky Tims. Kevin's work has recently been accepted into Quilt National '13, an international juried competition for new innovative quilts. Having studied with many well-known textile artists, Womack developed a love for hand dyeing and manipulating fabrics with surface design techniques. These fabric experiments produce a line of unique fabrics and T-shirts in colors and patterns not readily available in the commercial fabric market that he exhibits and sells. Womack also teaches and lectures on guilt making and surface design techniques around the Mid-Atlantic region in addition to machine quilting professionally for the public. This is Kevin's third year as a Rainbow of Hope judge.

Our categories and winners are:

1st Place Junior category – #5 Ann-Claire Jobe 1st Place Quilted Textile Arts #6-9 Angela Sale 1st Place Small category – #23 Frances Calhoun 1st Place Medium category – #30 Lois Driskill & Marianne Fickling

1st Place Large category – #50 Colette Finger 1st Place Extra Large category – #63 Kim Payne Judges Choice – #61 Kim Payne Judges Choice – #62 Carol Canard Most Original – #37 Elena Dowling

Congratulations to everyone and I hope you enjoy their projects and appreciate their efforts!

Thank you to Dell and Eva Jamison for creating the beautiful ribbons for our winners again this year!

THE BURGESS ANDERSON DUFF, JR VIEWER'S CHOICE AWARD

In March of this year, Angela Sale, a fellow quilter, teacher and friend, lost her father, Sonny, to complications with his fight with cancer. Sonny and the Sale family have been involved with our Rainbow from the start and last year, while Sonny was not quite strong enough to attend the auction, we enjoyed the company of Angela's "Sonny Bear". It was with great faith and prayer that Sonny would be with us for this year's auction. Our prayers continue for the Duff and Sale families for strength, courage and continued faith as they struggle with their seemingly insurmountable loss. I have been offered these words for strength during loss:

I am home in Heaven, dear ones:

Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined

SAFELY HOME

Every dark and fearful glade. And He came Himself to meet

me

In that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or

dread?

Then you must not grieve so

sorely,

For I love you dearly still: Try to look beyond earth's

shadows,

Pray to trust our Father's Will. There is work still waiting for you,

So you must not idly stand; Do it now, while life remaineth--You shall rest in Jesus' land. When that work is all completed.

He will gently call you Home; Oh, the pleasure of that

meeting,

Oh, the joy to see you come!

It is with great sadness that we honor the memory of "Sonny", Burgess Anderson Duff, Jr. with the namesake of this year's Viewer's Choice Award. Our Viewer's Choice is done by general public voting at our Quilt Show. Our quilts are displayed at the Alan B. Pearson Cancer Center. Votes are \$1 each and all donations go directly to Hospice House. Our Viewer's Choice recipient will be revealed the evening of the auction!

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Thanks again to Nancy McKee of Crystals of Hope for honoring her battle with cancer by sponsoring the Viewer's Choice award with one of her own creations.



Thanks again to Fink's Jeweler for allowing us to support our young quilters by offering an award for a Junior category!

Thanks again to Connie Gallier and offering her talents in creating this year's Viewer's Choice Ribbon – it is truly a work of art!

THE HOSPICE CHOICE AWARD

I have asked our judges to consider the entry that embraces and demonstrates the entire project from craftsmanship, to inspiration and color choices to story submitted. Two Hospice representatives, Dr. Pat Pletke and Dr. Brenda Stokes have determined our winner of this award again this year. While they were most appreciative of the opportunity and considered it an honor, both admitted that it is, in fact, a very difficult decision. This year's recipient of the Hospice Choice Award is

So many ways for you to play......

As our auction has evolved, it has become a goal to provide many opportunities to play and become a part of the Rainbow of Hope! The Viewer's Choice votes at the quilt show are \$1, dinner tickets are \$25 while sealed bidding and live auction allow your heart to set the limit! We also have Quilt Endorser opportunities. The information for that option is on the last page of this handbook. New this year is Ricky's Road Home....... those projects that receive \$1,500 or more in endorsements are GIVEN to the families/people who they are made in memory/honor of if possible. Those endorsements may be compounded so if there is a project that you would like to help get home, let us know! The projects that are going home at the time this booklet went to printing are denoted by this symbol:

Live Auction starts at 7:00pm

(Please note, these items are in numerical order but the auction order may differ)

1 & 2. Machine pieced by Christine White Crayon Rolls I saw crayon rolls at a craft show and I thought, "how perfect are these!". My mom purchased some for my niece and nephew and I thought, "I can make these!!". So, that is what I set out to do. I made one for my son for practice then began to make more. These are in honor of kids with cancer. No one should have to deal with this terrible disease but it is even more difficult to understand when it strikes a child.

3. Hand knit by Colette Finger

Child's sweater

4. Hand knit by Colette Finger

Child's mohair sweater using blue and green

- 5. Machine appliquéd and sewn by Ann-Claire Jobe Sweatshirt jacket using pink ©This is a Junior entry. Ann-claire is 14 years old.
- **1st Place Youth Category "To The Barn" in honor of JoAnn Miller Brookhill Farm is a place where horses can be rescued and rehabbed. JoAnn's idea to create this special place turned out not only rescuing horses, but teenage girls. I know because I get to be myself in a non-judgmental environment. I made this in honor of what she has done for horses and teenage girls even when her dad was dying, she was there for us. I hope this let's her know we are there for her too.
- 6. Machine pieced and guilted by Angela Sale Sonny Bear using purple **1st Place Quilted Textile Category In loving memory of Burgess Anderson Duff, Jr – Sonny A gentle giant, just one of the many analogies I have used to describe my Dad. On the exterior he seemed tough as nails but on the inside he was as soft as a teddy bear. As many of you know, my Dad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in January 2011. He was considered to be a candidate for a Whipple procedure (surgery) after some chemotherapy and radiation. Last year at the Rainbow of Hope, Dad had just completed his last round of chemotherapy and was facing surgery in November. He had been a supporter of the Rainbow of Hope for the past 2 years so he was very disappointed when it was decided that it was too risky for him to attend such a largely populated event with a compromised immune system. Since he was unable to attend, I still wanted him to feel connected. Consequently, I patch worked a piece of fabric and constructed a bear out of the scraps from the quilt I had donated to honor him and his battle with pancreatic cancer. This bear lovingly became known as "Sonny" Bear and attended the 2011 Rainbow of Hope along side of me and my family. My Dad was so proud of "Sonny" Bear and loved to show him off. On March 26, 2012, Dad passed away as a result of a complication he developed from his surgery to remove the pancreatic tumor. Family heirlooms and legacies have always meant a lot to me so there was no question that I wanted "Sonny" Bear to continue as a legacy for my Dad and to raise community awareness for pancreatic cancer. This year I have donated 3 additional "Sonny" Bears honoring some very special people and their battles with cancer. I hope that these bears will serve as a source of inspiration and joy for those that take them home. This year Dad will not be with us in a bodily sense but I know he will be watching and beaming with pride...just like always! "The beauty of a life well lived never dies" Love You Dad!

- 7. Machine pieced and quilted by Angela Sale Sonny Bear using orange David Vassar was diagnosed with kidney cancer in January 2011. He had cryotherapy in March 2011 to freeze the tumor. At his 6 months follow up visit, he was told that the cryotherapy did not remove the entire tumor and that he would need to have surgery to remove the entire kidney. He underwent surgery in November 2011. Currently, David is doing well. A Sonny Bear in orange is being given in honor of him and his courageous battle with kidney cancer.
- 8. Machine pieced and quilted by Angela Sale
 In 2010 I donated a Victory quilt in honor of my sister in law, Jackie Viar. She was celebrating her 10 year cure from breast cancer. This year she continues to be a vibrant survivor with a love for life and an avid supporter to others who are battling cancer. We are so thankful for her and her health. This year, I chose to honor her with a pink Sonny Bear in support of breast cancer awareness and her continuing support of those who are beginning their journey with cancer. May God continue to bless you!
- 9. Machine pieced and quilted by Angela Sale Sonny Bear using pink, blue & teal This Sonny Bear is given in honor of a beautiful young lady named Kayla Johnson. Kayla was diagnosed with stage 3 thyroid cancer in February 2011 while attending VMI as a second semester sophomore. On May 19, 2011, she underwent surgery to remove the tumor and then followed up with radiation in August. In May 2012, she was given the news that she had now been in remission for 1 year. She continues to do well and has returned to VMI where she is currently a senior! Here's to Kayla and your victory!

10. Machine pieced by Karen McCann

26" high

"Whimsical Cat Doll" original using black for melanoma

On a beautiful Sunday morning, October 12th, 2008, my younger sister Kathy lost her battle with melanoma cancer. She was only 50 years old. She fought a very brave fight and her wonderful sense of humor and her very strong faith in God remained with her until the very end. This wonderful whimsical cat doll is made from the same fabrics as one of the quilts donated this year. I used a pattern by Julie McCullough, Magic Threads. Cats were Kathy's favorite pet and she always had one around her, her entire life. She would have loved this one! This quilt was made in her honor and for all of those who have lost their lives to cancer and their caregivers as well.

- 11. Machine pieced by Amelia Layne, quilted with a little help from Mom

 ©This is a Junior entry. Amelia is 6 years old

 Doll holder using pink

 "Daddy's Girl" made honoring Ray Snyder and supporting Claire

 Claire is a daddy's girl/I love "Claire's Daddy" too (that's what I always call him)/"Claire's Daddy" has had a sad year/First his dad died/Then his sister died. That's sad x's 2.
- 12. Machine pieced by Mikayla JobeThis is a Junior entry. Mikayla is 16 years old.Grab 'N Go bag using pink

The Horseshoes of Life

Isn't it amazing the places God takes us to teach us a lesson? I have cheered for LCA for four years. Every year we went to CCA camp, Christian Cheerleaders of America, camp and competition. One of the staffers who shared her testimony each year was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. She has been a huge example to me of how we, when just like horses having to get their shoes changed, have to stand still, vulnerable, and in others' hands. He will never place something in our path that

we can't handle with His help! This bag is made to support those going through breast cancer, celebrating, supporting and thanking Debbie Warren for her faithful example that with Him we can handle the most difficult times.

Machine pieced by Debbie Rakes

technology. Wahoo Wa!

Allies Bag pattern from Rotary Cut Border Bag – 2 strap bag with matching change purse

14. Machine pieced and guilted by Karen Smith

UVA Kit 'n Kaboodle Bag This bag was made to recognize the University of Virginia's role in cancer research and treatment. As a premiere institution in cancer research, there are about 160 faculty members throughout the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Engineering and Arts & Sciences engaged in the efforts to find new ways to detect, diagnose, treat and prevent cancer. UVA research has made major contributions to the understanding of cancer cells and molecular biology. Last year UVA opened a new outpatient cancer care center named for the late Virginia State Senator, Emily Couric who died of pancreatic cancer in 2001. The center offers state of the art patient care and treatment using state of the art

15. Machine pieced and guilted by Christine White Table runner using blue, yellow and green

12"x38"

16. Machine pieced and guilted by Christine White Holiday Memories table runner using pearl

17"x52"

This quilt is in honor of my Grandmother, Deloris Woodward who passed away almost two years ago on December 8, 2010. Two years earlier, Grandma had been diagnosed with having nodules on her lungs but she wouldn't allow any further tests to confirm that it was lung cancer. She also had COPD which we think further complicated her disease. My mother, who had just recently survived a brain tumor and surgery, myself and my then 6 month old son went to visit Grandma for what ended up being the time we saw her alive. For some reason, I had this heavy feeling in my heart that this was going to be my last visit. We were all very emotional – before we left, we made sure we told her how much we loved her and talked about Christmas which was right around the corner. Grandma didn't make it to Christmas, she died five days later. So, I made this tabletop runner with the Christmas theme to always remember those who are not with us during the holidays.

16A. Machine pieced and quilted by Jennifer Inscoe Virginia Tech table runner

12"x33"

16B. Hand and machine appliquéd, machine guilted by Susan Greenfeldt Hydrangea using periwinkle

18"x18"

This wall hanging is in memory of Robert Greenfeldt who passed away of esophageal cancer at age 49 in July 2012 in California.

17. Machine pieced by Colette Finger Machine quilted by Carrie White For the Cat Lover!

21"x21"

In memory of Bob Foster, poem written by his wife Sandra

Cats can be a pleasure/my sweetheart thought ours a pest.../but when he became so ill/she would sit upon his chest./She'd nuzzle soft against his face/his hands deep in her fur.../and as he watched the sun go down/she quietly began to purr./The joy she brought into his life/when joy was hard to find.../Reminds me of the ones he loved/the ones he left behind/I love that cat!

Last year between Christmas and New Year's Day, one of my Hollins College roommates died of lung cancer. It was after spending a lovely Christmas with her son's family. Then, suddenly, she was gone. She and I had been close once but time passed, our families kept us busy. Recently we reconnected. After her cancer diagnosis we saw more of her than before. She was unbelievably at peace with the thought that she might be moving on sooner than she had perhaps expected but willing to do what she could to combat the disease as long as doing so was reasonable. She visited us at the beach last fall, as good a place to contemplate life's mysteries as there can be. We discussed them all. Her faith had always been strong and being ill had not shaken that. She had taken well to chemo. During the 2 ½ years treatment had added to her life, she was able to be in the delivery room for the arrival of her daughter's younger child and to support the arrival of two children adopted by her son, one from China one from India. She was pleased to share in those extraordinary times. For a number of years, one of her pleasures had been storytelling. I thought of this quilt as a memorial to her children and grandchildren and the pleasures of being a master storyteller.

19. Machine pieced and hand quilted by Barbara McKee Windmill of Inspiration

19"x55"

As a Centra Hospice nurse, I decided to make a Rainbow of Hope wall hanging in my small amount of spare time. This wall hanging (or table runner) has three blocks; each block represents something meaningful to me and hopefully meaningful to my patients and their families. The first block represents my patients; each patient has touched my life in a unique way, they have made me dig deeper, doing research on each individual diagnosis, making me a better nurse and caregiver. Some of my patients have been an inspiration, not only to me, but to their families as well, with amazing courage, determination and the ability to take each challenge as it comes. I find that I am inspired by their resolve to maintain their dignity. The second square represents the families and caregivers whose ongoing support takes a huge emotional and physical toll. It can be a difficult undertaking to provide the support and care for the patient and find time to care for themselves. The Nursing Home staff has a special place in my heart. There are those that go above and beyond their job description in providing care and support for their patients. The third block is for my Hospice team. We work closely together with the focus on our patients and their families. We are not just colleagues we are also personal friends and people I can count on if I need a sounding board or just need a warm hug. The colors of each block are different; each strip of fabric is different just as each of us as humans are different. There are tiny imperfections in each block that represent the imperfections in each one of us. Those imperfections add to the uniqueness and beauty of the finished product.

20. Machine pieced and quilted by Joanne Cuoghi Wildfire using light blue

38"x38"

This quilt is in memory of my father, Frank S. Mirabella, who died of a heart attack while undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. I never think of him without smiling. He was devoted to his family, although two daughters could be a puzzle sometimes. Brooklyn born and street wise, the one saying I remember hearing often as a teen is "Whadda ya think, I was born yesterday?". I always picture him at the dinner table laden with good Italian food, his family around him and Frank Sinatra on the stereo. This quilt was originally titled Wildfire and I selected it for the auction because I realized it could be a metaphor for a fight with cancer. The center symbolizes cancer cells taking over. In the outer areas,

the gray and blue stand for treatment, preventing cancer from reaching the healthy cells of the body, which are represented by the dark green blocks closest to the edge.

21. Hand quilted by Fay Mays

35"x42"

22. Machine guilted and hand appliqued by Joan Savage Backyard Blossoms using gold

30"x48"

My granddaughter's bone tumor was supposed to be benign but it took surgery and chemo to cure. Four years later, she is tumor free and speaks at Walk for Life events.

23. Machine pieced, hand quilted and appliquéd by Frances Calhoun

35"x44"

**1st Place Small Category

Birds and Birdhouses using gray and dark green

24. Machine pieced by Margaret Chism

Machine quilted by Donna Chism

40"x40"

Harvest

25. Machine pieced and guilted, hand embroidered and painted by Clyde Savage **Loony Toons Blooms**

softly/that we all love him so/and our hearts are heavy/as we tearfully let him go.

32"x51"

The color was added with water color pencils then set with a mixture of fabric mediums and fixatives. It should not be laundered.

25A. Machine pieced and quilted, hand appliqued by Susan Greenfeldt

43"x43"

26. Machine pieced by Edwina Byrum Quilt and a Prayer for Baby Patrick

Machine quilted by Carrie White

38"x50"

To Patrick - Our Love

Prayer by Mary Contarino in memory of Baby Patrick Who is the little angel with a smudge on his face?/That's our little Patrick looking for his place./Pick him up, Lord./You can't resist his charms./We'll all rest easier knowing he's in Your arms./Hold him close to Your heart, Lord./He's so small and new./Our tears are many as we give him back to You./Keep a watchful eye Lord/If he swings from a star./I think he'll be a handful, most little boys are./Be patient with him Lord/as he bounces to and fro'/there wasn't time to teach him/all the things that he should know./The sweetest little flower in our garden of love/the shiny little star in the Heavens above./The silent splash of a lonely tear/will forever remind us that/Patrick was here./Talk to him often Lord about all of us here/his brother and sister and family so dear./Whisper to him

27. Machine pieced, appliquéd and guilted by Terri Layne

39"x49"

**Tharp Funeral Home is a Ruby Supporter of this project!

Faith of a Child using gold

Supporting Joy and Jason Beundorf in their journey remembering Josie Beundorf When a child is born, we all just assume that there will be many years to watch that child Believe, Dream, Love and Grow. When God's plan is different, we are all left stunned. This year Josie was "welcomed home" after 16 months here with us. I was so humbled when many of us in the community were asking "how and why, calling it a tragedy" Jason and Joy held tight to one another. Over the next few months I found myself thinking "how can a little girl I barely knew be on my heart so much?" Then I was reminded by my own little girls "and we know God uses all things to work together for good to those who love God" Romans 8:28a. Sweet Josie, a little girl here only 16 months making a difference in the lives of those who barely knew her, Joy and Jason united in love, standing strong through grief, as a family an example that when things happen that we can't Dream of, we need to Believe in Him. Love through it all, and it is then that we Grow.

28. Machine pieced by Skylar Davis Machine quilted by Carrie White ©This is a Junior entry. Skyler is 12 years old.

26"x62"

Snowman using grev

I made this snowman in honor of my friend Kinsley Justice. She had a brain tumor and still tried to be normal. She went to Forest Middle School with me. She left in the middle of the year to go to St. Jude's Children's hospital. They couldn't help her so she went back to Canada. I cut my hair in honor of her and donated it to Locks of Love. She was the best person anyone could have asked for. She was my best friend and I wish she was still her with me. I miss you Kinsley!

29. Machine pieced and quilted by Mary Kese

38"x52"

In the Pink using pink

This guilt is made in honor of my niece Lisa who just found out she has breast cancer.

30. Machine pieced by Marianne Fickling, machine appliqued and guilted by Lois Driskill 39"x52" **1st Place Medium Category Steel Magnolia using pearl

In memory of Elise H. Wentworth of Houston, Texas. Elise fought many battles in her 77 years and lost only one....cancer won and took her life in 2007. Throughout life Elise encountered anger. loathing, fear, sadness, love, joy and finally Peace. Her strong faith supported her throughout her many life battles. Virginia Elise Hughes Wentworth was as delicate and beautiful as a magnolia and as tough, strong and supportive as steel! Elise was a 'Steel Magnolia'. This project was pieced by her sister Marianne Fickling.

31. Machine pieced and guilted by Mary Kese

43"x49"

Wishing on a Star

Just because I really love quilting and supporting the cause.

32. Machine pieced and hand guilted by Mary Kese

42"x54"

The Rail using blue and green

33. Machine pieced by Sharon Smith Diamonds using black

Machine quilted by Carrie White

46"x56"

34. Machine pieced and quilted by Karen McCann

52"x52"

Civil War Sampler

On a beautiful Sunday morning, October 12th, 2008, my younger sister Kathy lost her battle with Melanoma Cancer. She was only 50 years old. She fought a very brave fight and her wonderful sense of humor and her very strong faith in God remained with her until the very end. This guilt was made in her honor and for all of those who have lost their lives to cancer and their caregivers as well.

35. Machine pieced by Edwina Byrum Doing My Part 1

Machine quilted by Carrie White

50"x55"

This quilt is dedicated to all of those who need Hospice help now or will need it in the future. I learned to sew at age 9. I had made everything from my own clothes and all my friend's clothes to parade outfits for riders and horses in the "Oyster Bowl Parade". I never guilted. When we joined a camping club, one of the members was a "quilter". She loved showing all of her projects and I really enjoyed looking at them...I was inspired by this friend to learn. Two years ago, I took a course at QE and I was hooked. So, I started guilting when I was 66 and I really love it. When I learned of the

Rainbow of Hope and how it is raising funds for Hospice, I knew that I wanted to help, I wanted to be part of it. I have named my quilt "Doing My Part 1", because this is something I wanted to do and something I can do, and I hope and pray I can continue doing my part in the future for this worthwhile project. Whatever it brings at the auction, I know will be put to good use and I will have "Done My Part".

36. Machine pieced by Kim Payne Machine quilting donated by Valerie Reynolds 53"x53" **Generation Solutions is a Ruby Supporter of this project!

When the Time Comes using brown and black

My husband and I were asked over and over "How long can you keep doing this?". We would answer, "We're not really sure but we'll do this as long as we can." Keith and I had no idea how long that would be but we felt that when the time came to make other arrangements for Mom and Richard we would know. We knew that when we had done all that God had enabled us to do for my parents, that He would let us know what the next step would be; but, only when the time comes. For five months, we honored Mom's wishes and kept her at home while she battled adenocarcinoma. My stepdad was also in hospice care with renal failure and they both wanted to spend their remaining days at home, together. Mom died just 5 months after being diagnosed and Keith and I tried to honor Richard's wishes to stay at home. It wasn't easy. Richard was in renal failure and was battling Alzheimer's. If that wasn't enough, he was a non-compliant diabetic with congestive heart failure. His care overwhelmed my husband and me, even with the help of hospice. We were honest with Richard and told him that we would make every effort to keep him home as long as possible, but we had to know that he was safe and that we could meet his needs there. We knew we needed help. Even with the home visits from hospice additional help was needed, as I worked in Charlottesville every day and still had a home to take care of. I remember so vividly the call I made to Kim Kirsch at Generation Solutions and her amazing ability to calm my anxieties and minister to me over the phone. She helped to put in place the services that we needed for Richard. Together, we were able to provide Richard with the care that allowed him time at home, time to grieve his wife's death in the privacy of his home, and to be with those who loved him. As Richard's needs progressed, it soon became apparent that even Keith and I with our team of caregivers and the home hospice could not provide him with the 24 hour care that he needed. And so it seemed that the time had finally come to place Richard in a hospice facility. We literally had an answer to prayer when a bed became available at Centra Hospice House. Even though it was difficult to relinquish my stepdad's care to someone else, we all knew that it was what was best for Richard. We moved Richard to Centra Hospice House on November 7, 2011, just two days after last year's Rainbow of Hope Auction. We all knew he was getting the best possible care from the hospice team that gave so much of themselves to him. Richard surpassed all expectations and lived for 7 months. He left us on June 6. 2012 with Jane, his hospice nurse by his side holding his hand. I firmly believe that taking care of a loved one and being able to serve their needs during their last days is a way to honor them and God. Centra Hospice and Generation Solutions helped me not only honor my parents, but they shared my belief that caring for others is truly a privilege and one not to be taken lightly. They took care of Richard but they also took care of me by helping me let go and free my heart from false guilt. There simply are not enough words that can adequately express my heartfelt gratitude to those servants' hearts. What comfort there is in knowing that they will be there for me again should the need arise, and for each of us, when the time comes.

37. Machine pieced, appliquéd and quilted by Elena Dowling **Most Original Animal ABC's using gold

50"x60"

Like all the other Rainbow of Hope projects I have done for the QE Auctions over the past few years, this ANIMAL ABC quilt is for the child who in his/her young life has been affected by any form of cancer. I had planned to do a quilt of mammals only. To my surprise – and dismay – there was not a

mammal to be found for every letter. Children's library books and the internet provided some "new to me" animals in other categories. Besides the quilt, I have included an animal deck of cards with their identities indicated on the reverse side of each picture. This quilt which incorporates many colors including gold was a lot of fun to make as I broadened my own knowledge of some of the wide varieties of animal life. I hope a child will also get enjoyment from both seeing and using this quilt.

38. Machine pieced by Karen Smith Kat's Kaleidoscope using pink

Machine quilted by Carrie White

55"x55"

This quilt was made to honor a young college student's unexpected battle with breast cancer. Not long after starting college she discovered a lump in her breast. A visit to the doctor and subsequent biopsy revealed an aggressive breast cancer requiring an aggressive battle plan including a double mastectomy, chemo and reconstructive surgery. What a scary journey for one so young? Needless to say, college was put on hold while she dealt with the cancer. Happily, today she is doing well and is moving on with her life, cancer free.

39. Machine pieced and quilted by Jan Englund

44"x66"

So many Marys using pink

My mother (Mary Jane) told stories of growing up with so many Marys. They called each other by first and middle names. Three uncles married Maries and we loved our 3 Aunt Marys. Last year, Mother's 1st cousin Mary Farmer was diagnosed with breast cancer and has fought like a trooper. She had the surgery and is doing well at the age of 89. She is full of hope and enjoying life. We are so inspired by her battle.

40. Machine pieced and quilted by Carrie White Turkey Time

56"x56"

My quilt is in honor of my friend Wilson Fitzgerald. We go back a long ways. I worked with him and for him for 29 years and we developed a lasting friendship. As life would have it I ended up marrying his ex brother-in-law David so he is the uncle to my two boys. Wilson is one of these guys that really made work fun. He is the person you want at your next party because he is the life of the party. He has never met a stranger and his wit, charm, and sense of humor are unlike any you have ever seen. David and Wilson are like brothers and they love to turkey hunt. They talk turkey on the phone and it's like fish tales, the turkeys get bigger and bigger the longer the conversation. In May 2012 I got a call from Wilson's wife Sheryl who wanted to know if I had heard about Wilson. He had been diagnosed with lung cancer. They would be operating the following week to remove part of his lung. They were sure they could get it all and things would be fine. I was devastated and really hated to break the news to David. David called him that night and Wilson's biggest concern was he would miss turkey hunting this season. They did the surgery and it had spread to his lymph nodes and chemo and radiation would be started as soon as possible. Wilson took radiation and chemo together for weeks. He was truly unbelievable! He worked full time, went to grandkids ball games, kept living his life and didn't miss a beat. Cancer was an inconvenience but that was all it was going to be to Wilson. Wilson has finished all his treatments and all his blood work is good. Wilson and his wife Sheryl are truly inspirations because they seemed to take this news in stride. They were determined to keep everyday normal and to move forward courageously. My prayer for them is that life will return to normal and the days ahead will be bright and you are ready for Spring Gobbler next season!

41. Machine pieced and guilted by Kathy Janky and Pat Kuhland Braided Quick Step

50"x62"

This quilt in given in honor of Dave Kan. Dave was diagnosed with colorectal cancer several years ago. He continues to fight the battle against this disease with the help of his faith in God and the many prayers that accompany him during this difficult journey.

42. Machine pieced by Carolyn Hutcherson

Machine guilted by Carrie White

56"x56"

Twinkle

Cancer knows no bounds and visits too many families and homes in our communities. Sometimes it is not one cancer type but several that visit an individual and they must fight with all they have to continue on. Twinkle is given in remembrance of two dear friends that lost the battle this year and spent their last days on oxygen and in pain. Both Elizabeth Flynn and Cecil Hendren lived over 80 years each and loved the outdoors. I like to think of all the stars watching over them and the family and friends they have left behind.

43. Machine pieced and appliquéd by Ruth Tolley Once Upon a Star using black

53"x60"

44. Machine pieced by Brenda Pickett All in the Family using pink and black

Machine quilted by Tamera Ehlinger

55"x65"

Cancer is certainly a family affair. My Aunt lost her battle with breast cancer when my sister and I, and our cousins were in our teens. Then my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Later my cousin (her mother died with breast cancer) developed skin cancer and then breast cancer. Praise the Lord for early detection. My Aunt did not have that opportunity so she left three girls (one was three) to grow up without their Mom.

45. Machine pieced by Carolyn Brown Machine guilted by Carrie White 53"x68"

46. Machine pieced by Brenda Fairley Machine guilted by Carrie White 55"x66"

**Delta Star is a Yellow Brick Road Supporter of this project!

47. Machine pieced by Jennifer Bales Machine guilted by Carrie White 58"x67"

48. Machine pieced and guilted by Jennifer Capone

54"x72"

Like a lot of people, I learned many things from my father:

- It's never too late to make up for mistakes you made in your past
- If you're going to do something, give it absolutely everything you have. Finishing a job just "good enough" to get it done is a waste of time and reflects poorly on your actual abilities.
- Most of the time, stupid jokes and lame puns aren't planned in advance, they just fall out of your mouth when the situation presents itself (and yes, they're much funnier to the person that said them than to anyone else).
- No matter how far you go to get away from your family, they're still your family...they love you and you love them no matter what.
- Don't give up...You may not get the result you want, but you'll definitely learn something from the process.
- Understand the hand you were dealt...You may not like it and may not be able to change it, but you can plan in advance for your next move.

- No matter how hard you try, you can't change how people will act, but you can change how you choose to respond to them.
- Planning what you want to happen after you die may seem unpleasant and morbid but is the best gift you can give your family.
- Laughing until you cry and your stomach hurts is a memory that will never fade.
- Showing you love someone is very important, but telling them you love them is the most important thing you can do.

This guilt is made in memory of my father (age 58), grandfather (age 63) and my great grandfather (age 65) who all died much too early following heart attacks. It is also in honor of my brother who is doing everything he can to avoid becoming a victim of the "family curse" and my uncle who survived a heart attack the day before this guilt was finished. Most of all, this guilt is made for my mother, and aunt who have fought through all the grief, frustration and (sometimes) anger related to loving these men. I have learned how to be a better woman, wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend because of them. Living with a diseased heart is challenging and frequently brief. Living with a broken heart is the most difficult thing you can do but it **is** possible and you come out the other side a stronger person.

49. Machine pieced and quilted by Karen McCann X's and O's

56"x70"

On a beautiful Sunday morning, October 12th, 2008, my younger sister Kathy lost her battle with Melanoma Cancer. She was only 50 years old. She fought a very brave fight and her wonderful sense of humor and her very strong faith in God remained with her until the very end. This quilt was made in her honor and for all of those who have lost their lives to cancer and their caregivers as well.

50. Machine pieced by Colette Finger **1st Place Large Category

Machine guilted by Carrie White

58"x75"

In memory of John W. Campbell, MD

Here is the man who kept us living/Our Doctor, a friend who kept on giving. He had the zeal to help us heal/with strong hands, yet such softer feeling. Greeting patients with his happy smile. You knew he would go that extra mile. The memories of this gentle giant/will live within our hearts and mind./ Farewell, your legacy is left behind./ Everyone loved Doctor Jack. By Rita Peterson

Evangeline

51. Machine pieced and quilted by Donna Goad Jones Lighten Up using white

62"x72"

My quilt is being dedicated in memory of Richard Eddie Campbell, known to most as "Jack" but to my daughter, Kelly, he was Papa. In Kelly's words, Jack was my husband's grandpa but I was always treated like one of his kids. When our first daughter, Jasmine, was born Papa allowed us to live with him until we were able to get our own place. He believed family should always be together. When our second daughter, Taylor, was born, he had his first lung surgery. I stood back while the family gave him hugs and kisses before surgery. He told me to come to him, I was family too. From that day on I knew that was exactly where I wanted to be. On Sundays, we would visit Papa, and Taylor would sit in front of his recliner and watch TV. We all knew his health was fading when Taylor had a birthday party at Smith Mountain Lake and Papa was out of breath with the oxygen tank. We all prayed for a miracle. On Friday, May 29, 2009, the family was called to Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was unresponsive. All the family was there which included three daughters, grandchildren and great

grandchildren. His death took a toll on the family. We all knew that heaven received a great Angel that night in Papa Jack.

52. Machine pieced by Katlyn Watts Machine quilted by Carrie White 60"x78" ©This is a Junior entry. Katlyn is 11 years old.

**Oakey's Funeral Service is a Ruby Supporter of this project!

Rainbow of Colors

This is the second year that I have made a quilt for the Rainbow of Hope Auction and my third year of coming to it. The amazement of seeing all the quilters' hard work, the helpers that night and all the bidders at the first auction I came to, I will never forget. It is amazing all the hard work that is put into the Rainbow of Hope, the time and the effort that is put forth by so many people, the showing of love to the Hospice House and the Hospice program is, well, beyond what words can say. I wanted to do a guilt this year for two reasons. First, I realized recently that my Papa is a survivor of kidney cancer. I love my Papa very much. We do a lot of things together and I enjoy my time that I spend with my Papa. I could not imagine what life would be like without having my Papa in it. I thank God that my Papa is a survivor of kidney cancer. I know that many folks are not as fortunate to have their family or friends with them, due to that cancer has won the battle. That brings me to the second reason I did a quilt, to bring recognition to all the different cancers that affect so many. My quilt is made of different colors, a rainbow of colors to bring awareness to people of so many different cancers that are out there. There are many colors in my quilt as there are many types of cancer. Kidney is just one type. There's breast cancer, bone cancer, lung, liver, stomach, colon and many more types of cancer. We all need to be aware that cancer can affect and does affect someone at any given time. The more awareness there is of cancer, the more likely it is that it can be found and treated.

53. Machine pieced and quilted by Frances Butler Vintage guilt

53"x86"

54. Machine pieced and quilted by Debbie Rakes & Sharon Ratcliff Bundle of Twelve

62"x77"

For the past several years we have made quilts to donate to the Rainbow of Hope Auction honoring family and friends who have survived, those who are fighting, and those who fought and lost the battle with cancer. Sharon and I both know survivors and fighters on a very personal level. However, this year we have decided to dedicate this quilt to thank all of the girls at Quilted Expressions who make the auction a reality to benefit Centra Hospice, as well as honor all of our family and friends who are/have been affected by this difficult and challenging disease.

Bundle of Twelve People – in no particular order (except for the first one) – who work so diligently getting this auction to come together each year – hours upon hours of preparation mentally, physically, and emotionally! This is truly "paying it forward".

1. Tamera 6. Karen 11. Terri (from than 12 if you count 2. Carol 7. Sharon Hospice) all of the members, 3. Brenda 8. Pat 12. Mountain View but you get the 4. Melinda 9. Carrie **United Methodist** idea). 5. Kathy 10. Jennifer Church (that's more

Twelve Friends and/or family members who have dealt with or are dealing with cancer.

- 1. John Semones (Sharon's son) still fighting
- 3. Earl Surface (Debbie's dad) survivor
- 2. Irene Newsome (friend) in treatment
- 4. Liz Surface (Debbie's mom) survivor

- 5. Doris Surface (Debbie's Aunt) in remission)
- 6. Ruth Ratcliff (Sharon's sister in law) in remission
- 7. Louis Gallaher (Debbie's friend's husband) in remission
- 8. Andrew White (Sharon's friend's son) lost his battle in 2010
- 9. Wendell Craig (Debbie's friend's husband) lost his battle in 2011
- 10. Mary Bell (Sharon's friend's son) lost his battle in 2011
- 11. David Ratcliff (Sharon's brother lost his battle in 2012
- 12. Pauline Ratcliff (Sharon's mom) lost her battle in 1987

Bundle of Twelve Reason we wanted to make this a celebration for these ladies who make the auction possible and who unselfishly give so much time and effort than anybody will ever know. Their many talents include

1. laughter	9. encouragement	depending on WHO	sleeves and tears in
2. giggles	10. kindness	you talk to)	our eyes when
3. hugs	11. strong	12. and most	dealing with so
4. caring	shoulders to	importantly – prayer	many family and
5. support	support all of us	for many of us who	friends who are
6. patience	who quilt our way to	come through their	survivors, fighters
7. compassion	sanity (or insanity	doors with our	and heroes in their
8. listening ears		hearts on our	battle with cancer

This may not be the most intricately designed quilt, nor is it the fanciest or most difficult pattern. However, it is a quilt created with love and appreciation for those who make this event possible and those who support it; a quilt pieced with hope for all those touched either directly or indirectly by cancer; and a quilt finished with intention of continued support of the valuable resources provided by the Rainbow of Hope Auction. Thank you ladies of Quilted Expressions – thank you for being our BUNDLE OF TWELVE!

55. Machine pieced by Nadine McFarland The "19th hole"

Machine quilted by Carrie White

This quilt is made in memory of John "Jack" Palmer, also known as Grandpa and "Pop-pop". In 1941, at the age of eleven, he became a caddy and spent the rest of his life on the golf course as often as possible. He spent his career as an engineer at General Electric. His second love was cars – a "shade tree" mechanic. People were always bringing their cars for him to analyze the problem. We raised four children and truly enjoyed the grandchildren, all nine of them. Unfortunately he did not live long enough to meet his new grandson, number ten. He'll also be remembered for his sense of humor. He lives on in his children and grandchildren.

56. Machine pieced and quilted by Tamera Ehlinger Find Your Center

65"x78"

60"x80"

A family came to our church several years ago while battling cancer. The wife and mother, Sheryl, had been diagnosed but I felt that the entire family was fighting together. Danny, Daniel and Ryan were clearly in it with her. I don't know the details of their fight, and I don't need to know them. What I saw was a family, fighting together. It appeared that family was Sheryl's center, and it appeared that the family had won. This year, her cancer came back. Knowing the family better – we've taken some bible studies together and Danny is my children's Boy Scout leader - I was struck with the feeling of helplessness, that feeling many of us involved with the Rainbow of Hope know all too well. Do I ask questions? Do I keep my distance to respect privacy? How can I possibly help? So I chose to ask the questions this time - not because I was curious, but I was looking for specifics to share and turn

my feelings of helplessness with Sheryl's battle over to our mighty Prayer Team here at Mountain View. I sent out e-mail requests for prayers before her doctor visits, procedures, consultations and results. This time, it appeared to me that Sheryl's center was her relationship with God. My goodness did that relationship and the power of prayer turn things upside down for the doctors! They thought the cancer was here, it was there, it was everywhere, it was gone! This time, it appeared Sheryl's family had grown to include their Mountain View family and the power of prayer with God as their Center. My quilt is in honor of Sheryl and the Roberts' family. It reflects the fact that your center is not always in the middle, it's not always where you thought it would be, but always comes from above you.

57. Machine pieced by Nicole Plucker Get Busy using gold for children's cancer

Machine quilted by Lucy Fowler

67"x78"

This quilt was made in honor of my (luckily) healthy children Joseph and Elizabeth. When I saw this fabric and pattern, I was excited to make this quilt for the auction because my children have loved looking for Goldbug, solving mysteries with Huckle, Sally and Lowly Worm and reading Busytown books by Richard Scary. Of course, just like the rainbow of Hope Auction, once I decided to make the quilt, it snowballed and I had to make a pillowcase, a throw pillow and buy some books to coordinate with the quilt. Typically, children are as busy and vibrant as this quilt. Unfortunately, not all children are typical. Thankfully, I have never known a child with cancer but I have crossed paths with a few children who had other debilitating disorders. While typical children are busy and on the go, children with health issues are stuck lying around their house or worse, in the hospital. To all the sick children — I pray that you get well and "get busy".

58. Machine pieced by Sheila Stanley Stars of Valor

Machine quilted by Carrie White

67"x76"

Stars of valor

59. Machine pieced by Lois Griffith Valuable Stars Reproduction

Machine guilted by Carrie White

68"x82"

This quilt was not made with a particular cancer in mind. All kinds of cancer have touched my family and friends in the past and in the present but I have not felt compelled to make a quilt for one of those occasions. However, I do feel compelled to donate a quilt to the Rainbow of Hope fundraiser because I think Hospice does an invaluable service to our community and the families who are going through this difficult time. Many years ago I wish there had been Hospice available to me as our family went through a rough time dealing with cancer in a family member.

60. Machine pieced by Nelson Chapter CAQG Machine quilted by Little Piney Quilters 75"x75" The Colors of Butterfly Wings using white

This quilt was made by the Nelson Quilter's to honor Donna Kim Rutherford in her battle with cancer. In early August of 2012 when Donna was diagnosed with lung cancer, it had already spread to her lung area and pancreas. She is now undergoing treatment at Emily Couric Cancer Center in Charlottesville, Virginia. Donna is 56 years old, has been married to Rob for 37 years and lives in Shipman. They have three sons Christopher, Daniel, and Jesse and all of them were home schooled. Chris and Daniel have both graduated from UVA, and Jesse is now attending Lynchburg College. Donna has five grandchildren Michael, Benjamin, Faith, Eli and Lee. Donna has made several hundred baby quilts for the Crisis Pregnancy Center over the last five years. These quilts were distributed to new mothers and their babies. Donna is the church pianist at Calvary Baptist Church in Lovingston, Virginia, a real estate broker, an insurance agent and operates several businesses with

her husband. Please keep Donna in your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless and keep her in His loving care.

61. Machine pieced by Kim Payne Machine quilting donated by Valerie Reynolds 76"x78"

**Judges Choice The Gift of Time using light blue, perwinkle

As I left the Rainbow of Hope event last year and got in my car, I carried in my heart the theme that I wanted to incorporate into my donations for the following year - this year. That theme was TIME. I wasn't sure how I would be able to do that but I felt confident that the answers would come as they always have. Two weeks later at my guilt guild meeting, our president had a challenge. Make a block of your choice to reflect the word that she would give us each month. The word for November was TIME!! As I came up with the idea for that one simple block, I also had the inspiration for the quilt that I would spend the next six months making. At that time I had no way of knowing just how deeply my life would be impacted by TIME in the year that followed. So many people I loved and who were an integral part of my life would soon be gone, their hands of time stopped, leaving me with only memories of times past. Memories that I would call upon often to keep me company in the days. weeks and months ahead. On June 6, 2012, my stepdad, who had been at the Hospice House, died from renal failure with Jane, his hospice nurse by his side. I later learned that Ricky Pritt, the gentleman who epitomized the passion for ROH for the past 6 years died unexpectedly, the same week. Then on August 3, 2012, my husband and I found our Dad who had been brutally murdered in his own home. The following day a special friend lost her husband to the same cancer that took my Mom's life the previous year. As each watch block was pieced, I thought about all of the treasured times that my life has been blessed with. Times shared with parents who loved, encouraged, protected, disciplined and nurtured me. Two sons who talked me into making homemade cookies almost weekly so they could lick the bowl and who have grown into young men who make their momma so proud. A husband who is my best friend, confidant, encourager, and who loves me completely and unconditionally. Friends who divide my sorrows and multiply my joys. Opportunities to share the love and grace of the awesome God who allows me to be part of His creation. Being my Mom's caregiver through her battle with Cancer. Hospice staff who became extended family; each one loving my Mom and stepdad and caring for them when circumstances proved more than I could shoulder alone. Reflecting on these blessings lead me to joy and then to thankfulness and a grateful heart. This guilt represents time, but more than that, it represents a legacy. My gift of time. But also YOUR gift of time. And what a gift that is!! Theophrastus said, "Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend." How true!! Each day we all are given the exact same thing...24 hours...1440 minutes...the gift of time to give, share and use for good. What better legacy to leave to those we love than the gift of self and memories of times shared? I know that all that happens in life has meaning, even when our time with those we love so deeply is cut short, whether through a disease, accident or at the hands of another, but only when placed in the hands of God who created us and loves us far more that we'll ever know this side of heaven.

"And so the hands of time will take/the fragments of our lives and make/out of life's remnants, as they fall/a thing of beauty, after all" Douglass Mallock

This quilt is in honor of Kevin Cracho (prostate cancer) and Gail Langley (esophageal cancer), who have been given the gift of time. Valerie Reynolds of Ashley, Michigan is the mother, daughter and sister to those who lost their battle against breast cancer. She donated the quilting as her gift of self.

**Judges Choice My Stars Above

Every year, since we started the auction, I have made a quilt in memory of my husband, Tom, who died of lung cancer in 1996. Two years ago I made one in memory of Tom, but also my daughter, Karen, my granddaughter, Emily, and my son-in-law Jon, who were killed in the shootings at Appomattox. This year is different, not that I didn't make a quilt, I just didn't make it this year. I had shoulder surgery, and wasn't able to sew. The quilt I did make started as a mystery quilt for the shop. I loved it so much, I wanted it for my bed, but it just didn't fit. So I can't think of a better place for it, than the Rainbow of Hope auction, where someone else will love it as much as I do.

63. Machine pieced by Kim Payne Machine quilting donated by Valerie Reynolds 78"x78"

**1st Place Extra Large Category Time and Time Again using Lime for Lymphoma Nearly 2 years ago, the president of the my quilt guild shared that the husband of a Karen Baker wanted to give her store of quilting fabrics away on the condition that they be used for a charitable contribution. Karen had lost her battle with cancer in 2007 and her husband was trying to do what he felt Karen wanted him to do with her vast stash of fabric. I had not known this fellow quilter, (at least that's what I thought) but applauded her husband's generosity.

I gladly accepted a huge bag of fabrics and planned on using them for a ROH quilt donation later that year. However, that summer proved to be a difficult one as my Mom was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer, and between caring for her and my stepdad, who was also in hospice, my donations for ROH that year were limited to guilts that had been in various stages of completion already. Finally, life seemed to slow down, and I began sorting through the piles of fabric in my quilting area, and came across a bag with "Karen Baker" written on it. I sorted through yard after yard of fabrics of ALL colors and thought immediately of a rainbow!!! Immediately Rainbow of Hope came to mind, and thought that a log cabin variation would be the perfect pattern as it would incorporate all the colors and be faster to make than others. So, for the next 2 months, I used my lunch hour and cut out the blocks, from the fabrics that had belonged to a woman who shared my passion for creating. I already had my theme for this year and it was TIME, so I wasn't sure HOW it would fit in, but knew that somehow it would! In February of this year the top was finished so I took it to guilt guild meeting to show Phylis. who had given the fabric to me, but she wasn't there. I emailed her and asked if she might share a little about Karen with me. When I read Phylis' reply the tears fell, "She was the wife of Dr. Raymond Baker, and Karen was the most gracious and giving person that I knew...." THIS Karen Baker was the same mom who brought her sons to the pediatric office where I had worked for 10 years! I KNEW HER!!!! I REMEMBERED HER! I remembered her son's chart number, her address, and her sons' names. We talked every visit about the joys of being the only female in the house, as I was the mom to all boys as well. Her husband, Dr. Raymond Baker, had been MY oral surgeon...all this came back to me in a flood. What I did not know at that time was that Karen was in the beginning of her fight against lymphoma. Who but God could have orchestrated this chain of events? Our lives had crossed paths and a snapshot had been taken - a picture that would later be a part of not only Karen's life portrait, but mine as well. This quilt has its conception long before the first center piece or strip was ever cut. It began when Karen picked out the fabrics years ago. She had a vision, a dream for each piece of fabric she selected. That's how it is with quilters! Her husband, Dr. Raymond Baker, talked with me at length about Karen, and the amazing woman that God had allowed to be a part of his life for over 40 years! I learned so much about her. And I am convinced that this guilt represents one very special woman.

The many, many different fabrics represent the lives that Karen touched both family and friends. Her optimistic and joy-filled personality is reflected in the colors. The black border is meant to provide contrast, intentional contrast. Stars shine during the day as well as at night.....however you can't see their beauty until darkness surrounds you. Sometimes that's just how life is. Karen exemplified this so well, she did not allow lymphoma to limit her. Darkness may have surrounded her, but it only allowed her to shine more brightly, to fight harder, to make sure that she used every gift and talent that God had given her to make a difference in the lives of others. Karen gave the greatest gift that anyone can give to another. The gift of self. The gift of her **time**. Her husband told me that "**time** and time again Karen was trying to do something of a charitable nature for others." He said that often he would come home to find his home invaded with other women who were busy working on some project that would benefit those less fortunate in the community.

When I shared with Dr. Baker that I felt that God doesn't give us talents or abilities to keep to ourselves but rather to use to honor Him and make a difference in the lives of others, his reply again, was "Karen told me the same thing **TIME AND TIME AGAIN.**" I had called Dr. Baker to see if he would do the honor of naming this quilt but he felt that I could do a good job of that myself. Our conversation continued, and by the time it ended I knew that I had the perfect name. **TIME AND TIME AGAIN.** Karen had battled lymphoma, which is something that I had no knowledge of before talking to Dr. Baker. The center block of the quilt is lime green, which I had thought to be a bit much and maybe out of place for this quilt. However it was just the perfect choice. Lime green is the awareness color for lymphoma. **TIME AND TIME AGAIN** I am reminded of just much our lives are touched and forever changed by those people placed in our path.

I am so thankful that I share Karen's love of quilting and love for others. Wife. Mother. Friend. Giver. Teacher. Artist. Quilter. She wore all those hats well, but perhaps the one role she had that encompasses the essence of Karen Elaine Baker is servant. She had a heart for serving others; serving her family, church, community. May each of us find ourselves wanting to more like the woman who gave of herself, **time and time again**.

64. Machine pieced and quilted by Donna Chism

62"x84"

65. Machine pieced by Lois Griffith Machine quilted by Carrie White Cross Stitch Quilt using blue, pink, yellow and green

74"x83"

This quilt was not made with a particular cancer in mind. All kinds of cancer have touched my family and friends in the past and in the present but I have not felt compelled to make a quilt for one of those occasions. However, I do feel compelled to donate a quilt to the Rainbow of Hope fundraiser because I think Hospice does an invaluable service to our community and the families who are going through this difficult time. Many years ago I wish there had been Hospice available to me as our family went through a rough time dealing with cancer in a family member.

66. Machine pieced by Patches & Pieces Quilt Club Machine quilted by Deborah Droog 70"x88" Tyree's Rose

The Patches and Pieces Quilt Club of Lynchburg felt it was important to support the Rainbow of Hope project as a group even though many of our individual members make quilts for the project. Linda Tyree, a resident of Westminster Canterbury, donated the fabric for this quilt. The quilt was machine quilted by our member Deborah Droog. This quilt was named Tyree's Rose, after Mrs. Tyree and the original rose quilting done by Mrs. Droog. The quilt was made in honor of all our members who have passed away from various cancers. They are sewing in heaven.

67. Machine pieced and quilted, hand quilted and embellished by Celia Richardson Ripples of Hope using pink, purple and white

83"x87"

Pink in this quilt is for my aunt who died of breast cancer and purple is for my mother-in-law who died of pancreatic cancer. There are Ripples of Hope for my friend Jack who has been courageously fighting gall bladder and liver cancer for eleven months. He has been called a "gentle giant" who carries love, hope, and enthusiasm for life in his heart. Jack passed away on Monday, October 15th, 2012 at Hospice House.

68. Hand quilted by Brenda Ayres Tree of Life

87"x95"

Do you remember the story of Dorcas from the Bible? She was a disciple, "who was always doing good and helping the poor" (Acts 9:26), and when she died, the widows cried and showed Peter all of the clothing that she had made. Because she was so beloved and so used by the Lord to serve others, Peter called her back from the grave. I have an Aunt by the same name who likewise is "always doing good and helping the poor". Although Aunt Dorcas is 93 years old, every year she cross-stitches four quilt tops, pays someone else to do the quilting and then donates the finished quilts to her church to raise money for missions. She gave me a quilt top that she cross-stitched from the stamped "Tree of Life" pattern by Tobin and then I guilted it. Her husband, my Uncle Smitty, died of colon cancer four years ago and her son is a cancer survivor. Her own father, one of her sisters and one of her brothers died of lung cancer. Another brother, my Uncle Russ is a survivor of colon cancer but now because of skin cancer, he has to have treatments the rest of his life. This quilt, however, is dedicated to her nephew and my cousin who died of cancer last June. Steve was not only my cousin; he was my first and best friend. We were babies together and lived in houses that were side by side. He struggled valiantly for two years to overcome cancer, even though the doctors told him from day one that there was no hope. Despite taking treatments three times a week and having countless operations, Steve was fighting an insidious cancer that spread throughout his entire body. Yet, every time I visited him, he tried to cheer me up. The last time I saw him, he kissed me and said that he was ready for Jesus to take him. Three days later, Jesus picked him up and took him home where there is no such thing as cancer. The tree of life is a symbol of hope. The tree of life grew in the middle of the Garden of Eden before there was any cancer or death (Gen 2:9). Jesus was nailed to a dead tree, but it became our tree of life that flows from the "throne of God and of the Lamb" (Rev 22:2). It is the emblem and promise of eternal life where there is "no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" (Rev 21:4).

69. Machine pieced, appliquéd and quilted by Karen McCann

84"x99"

On a beautiful Sunday morning, October 12th, 2008, my younger sister Kathy lost her battle with melanoma cancer. She was only 50 years old. She fought a very brave fight and her wonderful sense of humor and her very strong faith in God remained with her until the very end. This quilt was made in her honor and for all of those who have lost their lives to cancer and their caregivers as well.

70. Machine quilted by Karen McCann

78"x107"

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RAINBOW OF HOPE QUILT AUCTION - FIRST SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER

Information must be filled in to secure a sealed bid ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO Return in a sealed envelope to: Quilted Expressions HOSPICE HOUSE. PLEASE MAKE 3622 Old Forest Road CHECKS OUT TO: Lynchburg, VA 24501 **Contact Information:** "CENTRA HOSPICE HOUSE" WHEN NEEDED. Name: _____ Contact Phone #: Address: _____ _____State: _____ Zip: _____ City: Sealed bids are accepted for any item available for live auction. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 pm on the Friday before the auction. Please place the item number, item description and maximum amount you are willing to pay for the item in the table below. All sealed bids will be kept confidential. ITEM NUMBER **DESCRIPTION OF ITEM** ITEM BID We will contact you to verify receipt of your bid request. If you do not hear from us before the Friday before the auction, please contact us. We thank you for bidding with your heart. Further payment is required for shipping and can be arranged at that time. Auction items will not be released without payment. By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and agreed to pay the amount listed if it is the highest bid. I understand that all sales are final and that there are no refunds for any reason. Signed______

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Dear Friend,

Rainbow of Hope is a community effort of local quilters, businesses and civic organizations coming together to honor individuals who have experienced a life limiting illness while supporting our local non-profit Hospice House.

What began in 2006 as a little idea born in a quilt shop, Quilted Expressions, as a way to "do something" using fabrics chosen because of the cancer awareness colors in them has grown into an annual event raising awareness of many life limiting illness while bringing honor and memory to those we love. With the support of Mountain View United Methodist Church, over a few short years Rainbow of Hope has brought a sense of healing into our community while raising money to support the individuals who receive care through Hospice.

Last year, some area businesses found a sense of connection with a particular project and endorsed a project with a higher level of support. We would like to continue this opportunity and hope that you would like to be a part of the fun as well. Donations of \$300 and up, receive the opportunity to have their name or business listed with the quilt of their choice while on display the month of October and listed in the keepsake program. Donations of \$750 and up will receive a logo wall hanging of their own to display. Donations of \$1500 and up will be responsible for ensuring projects will end up where they belong, home.

This year we lost a valuable Rainbow Team member, Ricky Pritt. In honor of his efforts to send projects home, we are beginning a "Ricky's Road Home" program. Each project that raises \$1500 or more will be sent home as requested by the quilt maker.

Thank you for your consideration in being a part of the Rainbow of Hope project, there is no place like home.

Tamera Ehlinger, Quilted Expressions 434 385 6765

I would love to be a Rainbow of Hope 2012 Quilt Supporter!

Organization Name				
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