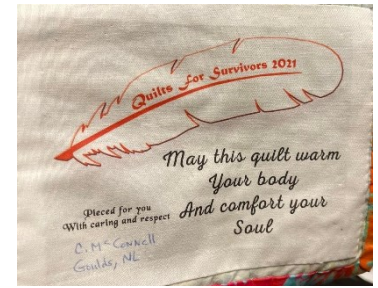


Quilts for Survivors – A Community Quilt 2022 initiative.....

We are inviting our guild members to participate in making several quilts to present to as many of the elders at our Katzie First Nation community.

Where did the idea come from? Over the past year a few of our guild members joined a FB group called Quilts For Survivors, some have made blocks to submit, and once finding out that there may be an opportunity to show our support locally, this led to us connecting with our Katzie First Nation.



Heather Walker from RM Community Services was asked about our Katzie First Nation being supported by our community for the Residential School Reconciliation initiatives. She contacted the Chief and found out there are 47 survivors in their community, and they would be accepting of a gift of support, respect, and love. Tracy H. has reached out to Heather Walker asking to initiate the dialogue with Chief Grace George.

Quilt done by Tara McInerney



What is Quilts for Survivors?

Quilts For Survivors is a registered not-for-profit organization that coordinates a nation-wide effort of volunteer quilters that contribute to gifting full-sized quilts to survivors of the Residential School System. Their efforts are backed by generous donations that support costs of logistics and materials. These quilts are a symbol of support, respect, and love.

Founded by Vanessa Genier, an Indigenous mother from Missianabic First Nation in Ontario, Quilts For Survivors believes that a quilt is love sewn together to bring people together. The organization started with a group on Facebook asking other quilters to join in making quilt blocks to honour residential school survivors. We wish to honour the lives of the children who are just now finding their way home as Turtle Island releases the children back to their Nations across this land.



Quilt done by Sarah Vereault



Quilt done by Alyson Dridger

Who can request a quilt? How do I request a quilt for myself or a loved one?

A Survivor of the Residential School System, a friend or family member of a survivor, or just about anyone can request a quilt for a Survivor. Please see the Request a Quilt tab for more information.

What size of blocks are needed? 16.5 inches square

Are there any restrictions on the blocks? We ask that you avoid any travel related or school related fabric.

Can we donate tops, or completed quilts?

Yes, tops should be 48 inches x 64 inches or lap size. Completed quilts can be any size.

Note: all photos in this article are from the Quilts for Survivors Facebook Page with permission from Vanessa Genier

Where should our donations be sent?

All donations should be sent directly to Quilts for Survivors 130 Tamarack Street, Timmins, ON, P4N 6P8 (Canada). Completed quilts may be sent directly to a survivor (please email vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca)



Quilt done by Debbie Vezina

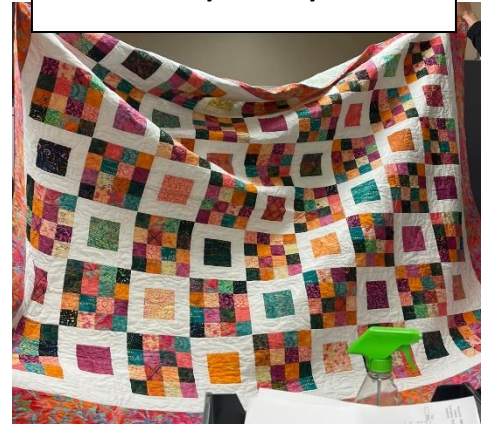
What should I include with a completed quilt?

We have a letter, poem and a label that must be included. These can be found on our Facebook group or please email vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Can I donate something other than a block or quilt?

Yes! We are accepting monetary donations, supplies, and more. Please see the Contributions tab, and connect with us to find out the next steps at vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Quilt done by Smulley Hunter



How can RMQG Members participate in this?

I have shown thru this information page examples from the Quilts for Survivors FB – we can create any kind of quilt – as long as we make it to the minimal size requested and within fabric guidelines. Once Tracy H. has verification of how many survivors want to participate in receiving a quilt, we will commence with the process.

There are several ways to participate:

- Quilt a block or more for a quilt
- Pre-Cut for others to sew the blocks
- Sew your own quilt top
- Help with being a pickup/drop off location
- Sandwich and quilt finished tops
- Sew on binding and finish for distribution

We have a fabric stash to use plus lots of batting to be used towards this initiative.

Please contact Tracy H. (tracy@tracyhill.com or text 6046447134) and let her know you are interested in participating and what you would like to do towards the creating of quilts.

Once she has word back about the quilt numbers, she will update the group. Tracy H. will start an email group to keep everyone abreast of the happenings as we need to meet the goals of getting quilts completed. At this point there is not a deadline. That will be discussed in the future. The Executive is very excited to support this gift giving and thanks everyone who will participate.

