



Testimonial Examples

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These are testimonials from Vision Quilt participants in the past year. Please encourage your participants to write a testimonial and share it with Vision Quilt.

“Participating in the Vision Quilt project was an invaluable experience for Maslow Project’s Youth Advisory Council (YAC). The images on their panels reflect feelings and thoughts about gun violence in their personal lives, community, nation, and world. The Vision Quilt project is a true form of social activism that gives voice to a population of youth experiencing homelessness who are often unseen and unheard.”

Lacey Renae, M.A., Art Therapist & Program Manager for Maslow Project

“I am a retired pediatrician who was in practice for 30 years, and I have become increasingly dismayed at the public health crisis among children, teens, and families that gun violence in our communities has created. At the beginning of 2016, I searched for an active role in decreasing this trauma and destruction. Vision Quilt, conceived of and organized by Cathy DeForest, has allowed me and many others--students, church goers, gun victims and their family members, even gun owners-- the opportunity to express our distress at and opposition to gun violence through creating panels that can be carried in marches and displayed in public places. I have given workshops in neighborhoods and at a juvenile detention center, and I have been amazed and gratified at the eloquence workshop members can muster with simple art supplies on an 18”x 24” surface. This is an effective tool that allows people from all parts of our society to express and act to counter this danger we all face.”

Jane Hunter, MD, Instructor for UCSF Medical School, San Francisco, CA and at Joint Medical Program at UC Berkeley, CA.

“...the Vision Quilt is working. It is engaging all age groups in a conversation about how to keep our loved ones and each other safe. It is offering healing to authors who create a quilt who have unfortunately suffered loss from gun violence. It is creating empathy as we hear of personal stories. I am proud to be a part of the first year of the Vision Quilt. I am excited to see how it is exploding and being used as a tool for social justice and civil engagement across our nation. I hope the Vision Quilt will continue to grow and be a part of human lives all over the world, not just our own nation.”

Jamie Haden, Ashland Middle School, Health and Leadership Teacher