Montgomery Area Community and ASU Students Comes Together to Make Quilt Panels Honoring Black and Brown Lives Lost to HIV/AIDS

Newly-Made Panels will become part of the AIDS Memorial Quilt which will be on display in Montgomery Nov. 30 – Dec. 4 to raise awareness about rising HIV rates within communities of color

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Community members in Montgomery are coming together this week to make new panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt to honor Black and Brown lives from Alabama lost to AIDS and add them to the national treasure when more than 75 sections of the Quilt will be displayed in Montgomery and surrounding communities November 30th – December 4th, coinciding with World AIDS Day on December 1st.

The exhibition – the largest ever in the state – is part of the Change the Pattern, an initiative by the National AIDS Memorial, Southern AIDS Coalition and Gilead Sciences, to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and its continued impact on communities of color and marginalized populations in Alabama and the South.

The public is invited to see the Quilt for free during the Nov. 30 – Dec. 4 exhibition that will share the stories of loved ones whose lives were cut short and join in quilt-making workshops, educational forums, movie screenings and other events that honor Black and Brown lives lost to AIDS from Alabama and the South.

The five-day multi-location displays will take place at Kress on Dexter in downtown Montgomery and other locations in the surrounding community. A full schedule of events will be announced on November 15th.

Accompanying the Quilt displays will be powerful stories that share the love and remembrance sewn into each panel in honor and celebration of lives lost from the Black, Latinx, Indigenous, Transgender, and other marginalized communities. Emmy Award-winning actress Sheryl Lee Ralph is a celebrity ambassador for Change the Pattern and has released a powerful public service announcement about the importance of the program.

Click the slideshow to see photos from the Quilt-making workshop held Friday, November 4, 2022.



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