

# The Donor Family Quilts



Photographed: Connie Ballard, Donor Mom & Master Quilter

Jeff's mom, Connie Ballard, honors her son's selfless act of organ donation and the lives of other donors by lovingly stitching each donor family quilt square together to create beautiful, timeless memorials of those who gave the precious gift of life to others.

A visual testament to the compassionate nature of the human spirit. . .

Completed quilt squares may be submitted via postal service at any time or may be brought to the annual Donor Family Recognition ceremony.

If sending by postal service, please include your completed release form with your loved one's quilt square and place it in a Zip-lock bag for protection.

Send Registered Mail To:

Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates  
Aftercare Coordinator  
10160 Linn Station Road  
Louisville, KY 40223



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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Aftercare Department of the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates at 800-525-3456.

To view all of the Donor Family Quilts, visit [www.kyorgandonor.org](http://www.kyorgandonor.org) and click on the Donor Families tab.

Please Complete and Submit This Release Form With Your Quilt Square.

Donor's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital where donation occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

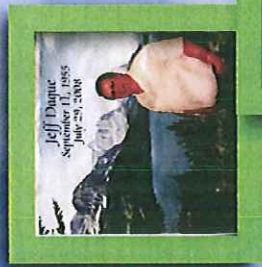
By my signature below, I hereby give the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) permission to use my quilt square and/or my personal story concerning organ and tissue donation in special events, community presentations or other educational efforts to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation. I also authorize KODA to take photographs and/or video of my quilt square for use on KODA's website, publications or any other use authorized by KODA.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

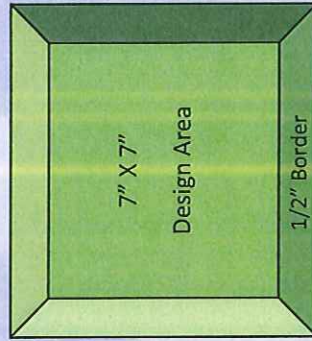




## Quilt Square Guidelines

- Completed quilt squares should be no larger than 8" x 8". Please allow a 1/2" border on all sides to allow for seams.
- **NO OTHER SIZES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- All fabrics are welcome. Some use a favorite shirt or other memorable clothing.
- Please sew all items securely and refrain from using glue.

### 8 Inch Fabric Square



- Please include your loved one's name in the design and consider using birth & death dates.
- Iron-on photos, needlepoint, cross stitch, applique, fabric paint, permanent markers, thread or beads are all acceptable.
- Please leave the back of the quilt square in its unfinished state.
- Although we realize each donor family may have several talented artists, **only one quilt square for each donor will be accepted.** This one time submission allows for all donors to be memorialized.

One of the most inspiring programs offered to our local donor families is the Donor Family Quilt.

They are collections of individual, hand-made quilt squares made in honor and remembrance of an organ, tissue or eye donor who has given the gift of life.

The personalized pieces are lovingly quilted together following the pinning ceremony held annually at the Donor Recognition Ceremony.

Individual squares reflect the unique personality of each life it represents.

Donor families are offered a one time opportunity to create a single tribute quilt square to represent their loved one.

Some ideas include a depiction of a favorite hobby, a religious symbol, a school affiliation or occupation.

## Spreading Awareness Through Remembrance

The Donor Family Quilts are featured at special events throughout the service area, including hospitals, places of worship and other public venues.

Donor families may request a quilt for display during specific family, religious or civic events.

These beautiful, traveling memorials not only honor those who so generously gave, but also raise awareness of the desperate need of organ, tissue and eye donation.

Care and respect for the Donor Family Quilts are a top priority. The quilts are hung from stands which keep them from touching the ground, are never displayed near food or drink and are not allowed to be touched.

Therefore, the quilts are never left unattended.

