



Hawaii Donor Quilt Information Packet

Aloha,

Mahalo for your interest in "growing" our perpetual recognition of organ and tissue donors by adding your loved one's picture and story to this project! In this packet, created in collaboration with the Hawaii Donor Family Council and Legacy of Life Hawai'i, you will find information about the quilt, instructions for creating a quilt square and a form to fill out to provide information about your square.

Included in the packet is a **sample** square of fabric. You do not have to use this as your background. You may use the fabric that is included, or you can choose your own fabric - even a piece of clothing of your loved one, cut to the exact size as the sample square.

Again, what is important is the SIZE! The design area cannot be any bigger than a 7" x 7" square. The sample is sent with a pressed in ½" border, that is used to sew the square to the quilt.

Your square needs this same border if you are not using the sample material.

Anything in this ½ inch border will NOT be seen on the quilt, so please, do not extend your design over this border. (The end result will be a 7" square, ready to be sewn onto the quilt with its ½" border.)

Each square on the Hawaii Donor Quilt has a story next to it. When you provide that unique story, *we will create a separate square with this story on it for you.* We need you to tell us about your special square on the form provided as the last page of this packet. Some people describe the square, tell why they chose the design, or share a poem or a memory of their loved one. It needs to be 175 words or less.

It is our hope that creating a square for the quilt will be a memory-filled activity for you, and all those who might help you. Healing can be found in telling this story as well.

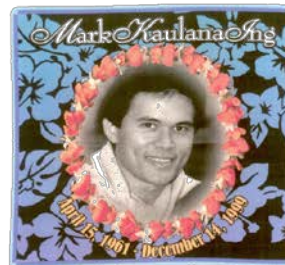
Thank you again, for your interest in the Hawaii Donor Quilt. The Hawaii Donor Family Council is honored to work with donor families to commemorate their loved ones and to encourage donation.

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What is the Hawaii Donor Quilt?

The Quilt is a tribute to those who gave a Gift of Life and whose legacies live on.

The Hawaii Donor Quilt honors:

- * Hawaii's organ and tissue donors;
- * Mainland and international organ and tissue donors whose gifts gave new life;
- * Loved ones who would have liked to have been donors, but could not because of medical or other reasons or because the family was not given the opportunity.

The Hawaii Donor Quilt is perpetual. It will never be completed. It commemorates and encourages organ and tissue donation in Hawaii. There is no deadline for creating a square. This project is ongoing so new families have the opportunity to remember their loved one in this special way.

How do I begin?

Talk to your family and friends. Take your time and think about what you would like to include on the quilt square. What was important to your loved one? What reminds you of him or her?

The size is very important! The design area should be no bigger than a 7 x 7 inch square. Do not extend your design over the ½ inch border.

You may use almost any fabric color or type, including sentimental materials such as a part of your loved one's baby blanket, high school jacket, tie, uniforms, or a favorite shirt. You may use paint, permanent markers or laminated photos to design the square.

Please do not use glitter, stickers, crayons or glue as these items can easily fall off your quilt square.

You may use poems, quotes or symbols of your loved one's life; your loved ones name date of birth and/or date of death. **Please sew everything securely.**

Do not "finish" the square with quilting or backing

If you would like to include a photograph of your loved one, you can have a photo transferred onto fabric at a copy shop. You may also be able to purchase special fabric for your personal printer.

Can I make more than one square?

No. We request that each family honor their loved one with only one square. You may want to ask other family members for their input when designing the square.

There is a *National Donor Family Quilt*: Hawaii's donor families may want to make a second square for the National Donor Family Quilt. The same dimensions and suggestions apply. We can assist you with sending the second square to the National Donor Family Council so that it can be stitched onto the national quilt.

What do I do with the square when it is completed?

Hawaii families will have the opportunity to pin their squares onto the Hawaii Donor Quilt and the National Donor Family Quilt during pinning ceremonies. A pinning ceremony is held every year in April as part of annual Donor Remembrance Ceremony hosted by Legacy of Life Hawai'i. To prepare the square for the pinning: Take a picture of your quilt square so that you will always remember your design, and complete the information sheet on the next page. Follow the instructions below the sample piece and bring it to the next DRC.

Enclose the quilt square and information sheet in a zip-lock bag to keep it clean and safe.



- If you choose to use the ironed down sample quilt piece please keep the quilt design within the 7" square. (Do not include the folded and ironed part as a part of your design.)
- Complete the information sheet, including your name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone numbers, and something about the donor to whom the quilt square is dedicated.
- Please enclose the quilt square along with the information sheet in a zip-lock bag for safekeeping.
- If you would like the latest information on the next Hawai'i Donor Quilt pinning ceremony please contact Family Services at Legacy of Life Hawaii: (808) 599-7630 or toll free (877) 855-0607

The Hawaii Donor Quilt

This quilt square is dedicated to:

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Birth Date (optional): _____ Death Date (optional): _____

Please check one:

- Hawaii organ or tissue donor;
- Mainland or International organ or tissue donor with Hawaii recipient;
- Loved one who would have liked to have been a donor but did not have the chance; . . . or
- Describe: _____

Your Name: _____

Relationship to Donor: _____

Your Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact numbers: _____
Home Work Other (circle) Pager Cell Fax

Email (optional) _____ @ _____

Please tell us something about the quilt square and the person it is dedicated to in 175 words or less.
The story will be included on the quilt. (You may attach an added sheet with this if you desire special spacing, layout).

Please initial these as proper:

- ___ Please send me further information about Hawaii Donor Family Council.
- ___ I agree to have my name and contact number shared with other Donor Family members. Yes / No
- ___ By submitting this quilt panel, I understand my story will be publicly displayed at community and public events.

Signature _____ Date _____

Complete this sheet and enclose with the quilt square in a zip-lock bag for safekeeping.
Thank you for sharing your loved ones story.