



Parkinson's Quilt Fact Sheet

Who

The Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF) in New York City will be taking the lead to create the first ever global quilt for Parkinson's disease.

What

The Quilt will focus the world's attention on Parkinson's disease (PD) and the impact that it has on people living with the disease and their, friends, family, caregivers and many more. It is designed to raise awareness about a disease that affects more than four million people globally.

The Quilt gives people all over the world the chance to express their support of people living with PD and highlight their connection to the disease by adding their own personalized panel. You do not need to be an expert in sewing to create a panel for the quilt. You can use paint, needlework, iron-on transfers, or even spray paint. If you are a poet for example, you could write your poem on the panel or even write it on a piece of firm paper and sew that paper to the piece. You may choose to create a panel personally or include friends, family, and co-workers.

When

The Quilt Project will begin on December 1, 2009 and run until June 1, 2010. The Quilt will be displayed for the first time at the 2nd World Parkinson Congress in Glasgow, Scotland UK from September 28th through October 1st, 2010. After this initial showing, blocks of the Quilt will be available through 2011 for rent to display at PD events. Details of this opportunity will be available in 2010.

Where

To learn how to become involved with this project and to make a panel, please visit <http://support.pdf.org/quilt>.

Why

The quilt will raise awareness nationally and globally about PD, the health consequences of living with PD, creativity and the therapeutic effect of creativity on people living with the disease. In addition to people living with PD, this project will also raise awareness of others who are affected by the diagnosis of PD, such as friends, family, and other caregivers.