



THE ADVOCACY PROJECT COVID QUILTS PROJECT

The Advocacy Project works with marginalized populations of the Global South to bring attention to the issues they face.

One of the most successful of these projects has been Advocacy Quilts. The Project has sent Peace Fellows to many countries around the world to work with survivors of gender-based violence, families of the disappeared, war refugees, people living in poverty, victims of Agent Orange and others. These people have told their stories through embroidered blocks which have then been sewn into quilts which have been displayed around the world. More recently, we have begun to help these groups generate income from the skills they have learned.

During the pandemic, the Advocacy Project supported some of our partners to tell the stories of how COVID has affected their lives. As a result, we are now constructing quilts from Nepal (families of the disappeared) and Zimbabwe (young girls resisting child marriage). Additionally, a group of high school girls from Arlington, Virginia became interested in supporting this work and created COVID blocks of their own which are also being put into a quilt. Women from the slums of Nairobi have also asked to make COVID blocks. The contrast among these works is striking as they offer different perspectives on how the COVID virus affected different populations.

Now Wilmington, NC can offer their own unique perspective on how COVID has affected them this year. People of all ages can create quilt squares of their stories using fabric markers rather than embroidery.

The blocks from Nepal, Zimbabwe, and Arlington can be viewed on the Advocacy Project website:

www.advocacynet.org

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