

Institute of Texan Cultures

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TOUCHING THE LIVES OF TEXANS: *The AIDS Memorial Quilt comes to San Antonio*

WHAT:

The Institute of Texan Cultures will display 12 panels (1,782 square feet) of The AIDS Memorial Quilt. The AIDS Memorial Quilt celebrates the lives of individuals who were affected by AIDS. The quilt blocks in this exhibit honor individuals from San Antonio and Texas.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is the largest piece of ongoing community art in the world. With family photos, love letters and a lifetime of keepsakes, The Quilt transforms statistics and disease into real people who were loved and lost to AIDS.

In a war against a disease that has no cure, The AIDS Memorial Quilt has become a potent tool in the effort to educate against the lethal threat of AIDS. By revealing the humanity behind the statistics, The AIDS Memorial Quilt helps teach compassion, triumphs over taboo, stigma and phobia; and inspires individuals to take direct responsibility for their own well-being and that of their family, friends and community.

WHEN:

Saturday, Aug. 15 – Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009

Regular hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday.

WHERE:

The Institute of Texan Cultures - East Texas Gallery
UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 851 E. Durango Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78205 (physical)

ADMISSION:

Admission to this exhibit is complimentary. Regular admission is \$8 for adults (12-64); \$7 for seniors (65+); \$6 for children (3-11); free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges identification.

CONTACT:

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