

LifeSource is proud to announce an opportunity to honor donor families and their loved ones who gave the Gift of Life through organ and tissue donation. Our hope is that you and your family will want to join us as we invite you to participate in this very special and loving project.

The *LifeSource Regional Donor Family Quilt*, which began in April 2004, memorializes the loved ones of the families who live in the area which LifeSource serves. Although the quilt is an ongoing project and will never be “complete” in that we will continue to add patches as families submit them, LifeSource proudly displays the quilt at all of our regional events and gatherings. When not at an event or gathering, the quilt is on display with honor in our St. Paul office.

Please do not feel that you need to be exceptionally artistic to contribute. The detail of your memory patch can be as simple or complex as you’d like. What will be important is the love and memories that the quilt represents. Quilt squares could be made out of sentimental materials such as a loved one’s baby blanket, favorite flannel shirt, or a gathering of many, different articles of clothing and material. Each memory patch could be adorned with special details such as photographs, poems, quotes, artwork or special memories of the donor’s life. Feel free to use crayons, paint, markers, thread or any other medium to design the square and be sure to include your loved one’s name and dates of birth and death if you wish.

We would also encourage you to share your feelings about making the memory patch and how participating in such a project may have been a benefit to your family. In addition, we would appreciate comments about the quilt square’s design and the person for whom it’s dedicated. In the future, we plan to compile these thoughts and comments into a book about the making of the quilt as well as including them on our website.

Attached is a pattern for you to use as an example. Quilt patches must be 8” square. However, please allow a ½” margin around the entire edge so that your image or design does not exceed 7” square. When your square is complete, please mail it to LifeSource so that we may begin the process of piecing the memory patches together. Please complete the attached information sheet and be sure to include your name, address, phone number, name of your loved one, date of their death and your relationship to them. Also, please take a moment to reflect on the making of your patch for our upcoming book and website.

We realize that recognition of this type is beneficial for some families and difficult for others. Please do what is best for you and your family. We are also asking that each family only submit one patch in memory of their loved one. If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact me at LifeSource at 651-603-7800 or toll-free at 1-888-536-6283. I look forward to working with each of you on this very special and meaningful tribute.

Sincerely,

Jill Halimi
LifeSource Family Services Coordinator

Enclosure

LifeSource Donor Family Quilt

This quilt square is dedicated to: _____

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

Your name: _____

Relationship to donor: _____

Your address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address (optional): _____

Please tell us something about the quilt square and the person for whom it is dedicated:

Feel free to use additional pages if desired.

When complete, please mail this information sheet and your memory patch to:

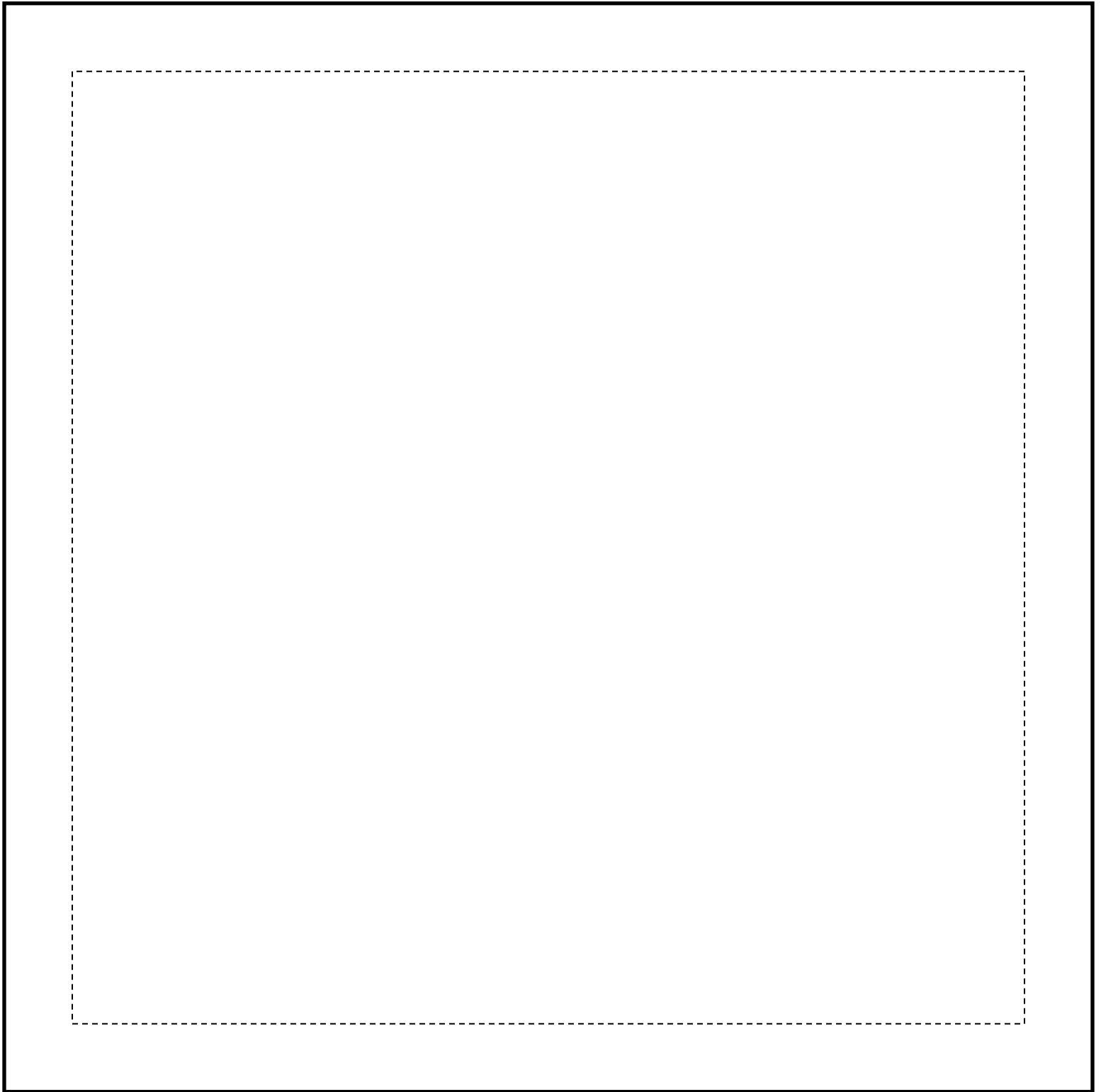
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Be sure to take a photo of your quilt square so that you will always remember it.



Please use this pattern when designing your quilt square. Your quilt square must be the same size as the solid outer line; your design must fit inside the 7" dotted line.

Complete the information sheet, including your name, address, phone number and story about your loved one, the patch design, or what this project means to you.

Enclose the quilt square, along with the information sheet, in a zip-lock baggie for safe-keeping.

Contact Jill Halimi at LifeSource at 651-603-7800 or 1-888-536-6283 with any questions you may have.