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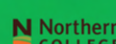


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From the Editor

Announcements:

Tickets for our 3rd Annual Sewing Retreat so on sale on February 1st at midnight on Eventbrite.

We have started shipping out quilts and are currently shipping for November 2023. This has extended the wait time to 13 months instead of the previous 11-12 months.

We are still asking you to **confirm your address** or update it by visiting our website at www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca. Due to the high number of quilts returned, we are no longer sending out quilts if you do not confirm your address before shipping.

If you requested a quilt, please watch your inbox for an email asking you to confirm your address with us. We have also been calling and texting using our studio number: 705-262-1853.

We have extended the due date for the volunteer quilt block due to the Canada Post Strike. More information can be found on our website.

MIIGWECH (Thank you!)



Phyllis Webstad
Orange Shirt Society



Brandy Maslowski *Quilter on Fire*



Suzanne Gauthier

Thanks so much for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter!

Hello everyone!

As we step into 2025, I'm excited to share our latest newsletter with all of you! This edition is packed with updates and valuable information for Quilters, Volunteers, and Survivors.

I'm especially looking forward to a fun-filled year ahead and, on a personal note, hope to finally teach my guy how to sew—it's going to be an adventure!

As always, we love hearing from you, so please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with us. Your feedback shapes future newsletters, and we always appreciate your suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a wonderful 2025 together! Be sure to check out our website for the latest updates.

Katherine Jeremiah
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF





Message From Our CEO & Founder

By Vanessa Genier “Welcoming 2025 with Gratitude and Hope”

Happy New Year from Quilts for Survivors!

As we reflect on 2024, we are overwhelmed with gratitude and pride for the incredible milestones we've reached this year:

🌟 **New Studio:** Our new studio has become a vibrant space for creativity, community, and healing. It's where we've been able to expand our offerings and connect with even more people.

🌸 **More Classes:** This year, we introduced more quilting classes, sharing the art and joy of quilting with new and seasoned quilters alike.

🌀 **Third Annual Retreat:** We are thrilled to announce that we'll be hosting our Third Annual Sewing Retreat in September 2025 in our new space! It promises to be an inspiring and heartwarming event as we come together to celebrate the power of quilting and community.

💛 **Special Guests:** A highlight of this year was welcoming Phyllis Webstad into our studio. Her story of resilience and her dedication to reconciliation moved and inspired all of us.

📦 **Record-Breaking Shipments:** With the unwavering support of our volunteers, donors, sponsors and partners, we shipped over 6,300 quilts this year – a record for us! These quilts brought comfort and healing to Residential School and Day School Survivors, the 60s Scoop survivors, and others.

As we step into 2025, we are filled with excitement for what lies ahead.

Together, we will continue to create, grow and work toward our vision of ensuring that every Survivor receives a quilt.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Your support makes our mission possible.

Here's to a year of healing, reconciliation, and community!

Warm wishes,

Vanessa Genier and the Quilts for Survivors Team



A Year of Coals

Expanding Our Mission in 2025

By Katherine Jeremiah
Photography by Katherine Jeremiah



Expanding Our Mission in 2025

As 2024 has ended and we look forward to 2025, **Quilts for Survivors** reflects on its achievements while setting its sights on an even brighter future. The organization, dedicated to providing comfort and healing through handmade quilts for Survivors of residential schools, day schools, 60's scoop and other traumas, is preparing to make 2025 a year of innovation, expansion and deeper impact.

Focus on Outreach

In 2025, **Quilts for Survivors** aims to expand its outreach by building stronger partnerships with community organizations and exploring new avenues to connect with Survivors. The goal is to ensure that quilts reach even more individuals who need the comfort and hope the quilts provide. The organization is committed to maintaining its personal touch, ensuring every quilt sent out carries a message of support and resilience.

Strengthening Volunteer Engagement

Volunteers remain the backbone of **Quilts for Survivors** and 2025 will bring new opportunities for engagement and growth. Plans include enhanced training programs, more virtual workshops to connect global participants and initiatives to celebrate the contributions of volunteers. The focus will be on fostering a sense of community and collaboration among all who contribute their time and talents.

Youth Engagement

Engaging the next generation remains a key priority. In 2025, the New Youth Quilters Program will grow to include mentorship opportunities and workshops tailored to young participants. The aim for this program is to inspire compassion and creativity while equipping young people with valuable life skills.

Ambitious Goals

Building on the momentum of 2024, **Quilts for Survivors** has set a goal of distributing 3,000 quilts in 2025. This ambitious target reflects the organization's dedication to meeting the increasing demand and extending its impact to even more survivors.

Community Impact

The quilts will continue to serve as symbols of hope and healing. In 2025, the organization plans to collect and share more stories from recipients to highlight the transformative power of its mission. These stories will be used to inspire and motivate volunteers, donors, and supporters.

Gratitude and Growth

As **Quilts for Survivors** moves forward, gratitude remains at the heart of its mission. The organization will focus on deepening relationships with donors, sponsors and partners, recognizing their critical role in its success. Special events and campaigns will celebrate these contributions and reinforce the collective spirit driving this work.

Looking Ahead

Quilts for Survivors is entering 2025 with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. The year promises to be one of growth, innovation and strengthened connections. With the support of its dedicated community, the organization is poised to make an even greater impact, stitching hope and healing into the fabric of countless lives.

QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS STUDIO SCHEDULE JANUARY



2025

Studio Hours

Welcome! Our studio is a safe space for everyone to come in and sew! We offer classes, events, and workshops.

Regular Hours

We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 6 pm.

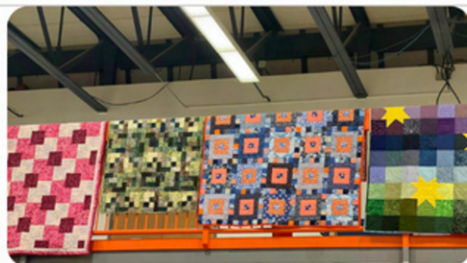
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19 Zoom Class* 2-4pm	20 ADMIN	21 OPEN 10am-6pm Foundation Paper Piecing 1-3pm	22 OPEN 10am-6pm	23 OPEN 10am-6pm	24 CLOSED 	25 Binding marathon 11am-3pm
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Admin- Studio closed for volunteers || *must register || potluck lunch at binding marathon



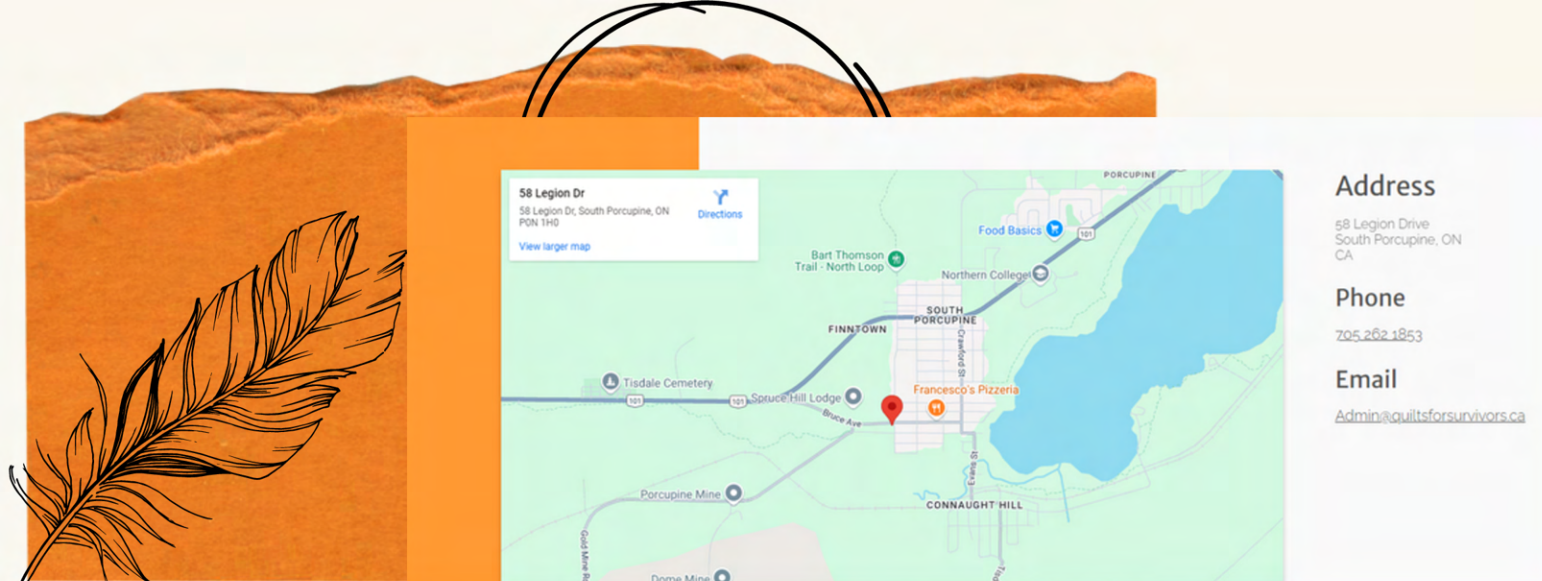
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Studio Updates

By Katherine Jeremiah
Photography by Katherine Jeremiah



Sewing Space

We're thrilled to share some exciting updates from our sewing studio! Over the past few weeks, we've been busy revamping our space to make it more inviting and functional for all our quilters and volunteers.



Workshops

Keep an eye out for upcoming workshops and open sewing days, where you can explore new techniques and connect with fellow creatives. We're excited to see what you'll create in our refreshed studio!

Fabric Room

We've also organized a vibrant fabric library, making it easier for everyone to access the materials they need for their projects.





Stories From Survivors & Volunteers

By Marcy D and Volunteers D, A, J

Volunteering for Quilts for Survivors: I have been a volunteer for about 2 or 3 years (old age you know forgetfulness). I found QFS on Facebook and was intrigued as I had just retired and was looking for something that I loved doing. I have sewed all my life but never volunteered for sewing. I had done a lot of volunteering for knitting. Volunteering at QFS has opened so many opportunities for me i.e. learning new ways to quilt, learning to make different quilt blocks and reading quilt patterns, learning about Residential School Survivors, learning about First Nations Culture and meeting a good bunch of people from around Timmins and far away. It's an awesome volunteering experience that I would recommend to anybody. They even teach you how to sew. Sew come on out and stitch away.

-Marcy D

Volunteering with Quilts for Survivors brings an unparalleled sense of fulfillment. Each quilt represents more than fabric and stitching—it's a symbol of care, hope, and healing. Knowing that your efforts provide comfort to someone on their journey of recovery fills your heart with warmth and purpose, leaving you with a lasting sense of joy.

-D

Being part of Quilts for Survivors creates a unique sense of belonging. You're not just volunteering; you're joining a compassionate community of people who share the same passion for supporting Survivors. The camaraderie, shared experiences, and teamwork foster an environment where you feel valued and connected.

-A

Every quilt completed is a testament to your dedication and care. Volunteering for Quilts for Survivors fills you with pride as you see the tangible results of your work and the positive impact it has on someone's life. Whether it's selecting fabrics, stitching patterns, or delivering the finished quilt, every step feels like a meaningful accomplishment.

-J

To have your story featured here please email:

admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Feel free to include a picture with your story as well.

Upcoming Events

By Katherine Jeremiah
January Events and Workshops

Block Making - Jan. 8

Learn the essentials of quilting in this hands-on class! You will create your first quilt block while mastering cutting, sewing, and seam alignment techniques. Perfect for beginners, this class will boost your confidence and get you started on your quilting journey.



Intro To Sewing - Jan. 15

Join us at our Intro to Sewing Workshop from 11 am - 1 pm at our studio, perfect for beginners or those who need to freshen up their skills. We teach basic stitches, how to use the machine, and make a cool block in the process. To register please email admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Drum Social - Jan. 15

Join us for an evening of connection, culture, and community at our Drum Social & Potluck. Celebrate the rich traditions of drumming and singing, enjoy shared meals, and experience the unity these powerful rhythms inspire. All are welcome—bring a dish to share!





Youth Night - Jan. 16

Calling all youth ages 16-29! Join us for a fun and interactive evening where you will learn sewing skills, create something unique, and gain volunteer hours for school. Enjoy a delicious dinner while connecting with new friends and exploring your creativity. To Register please email admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Binding Marathon - Jan. 25

Join us for a day of fun, food, and teamwork at our Binding Marathon and Potluck! Bring your energy and appetite as we work together to finish binding projects while sharing delicious dishes and great company. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, there's a place for everyone to contribute and connect.



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Any questions? Email admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Updates

by Katherine Jeremiah



Donations



Donations can be made by EMT to:
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or through our Linktree

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Our Survey On Colonization &
Indigenous Land: Effects and
Conservation can be filled out here
<https://forms.office.com/r/QnUan79EBv>

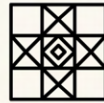
Volunteering

We hope that you will take some time
once a week or even once a month to
come in and work a few hours or spend
the whole day with us at our studio. See
page 9 for full details.

Linktree*

Check out our Linktree!
It has all our links such as our website,
Buy me a coffee, Our Wishlist ETC.
<https://linktr.ee/Quiltsforsurvivors>

Quilt Canada Binding



We are asking for a 2.5-inch binding joined
on the diagonal.

If you cannot attend please email
admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca for the mailing address
Shipping begins in April 2025



Wishlist

Purchasing items off our Wishlist helps
us get things we need for the new
Studio or things that would help make
things easier for us in the Studio.
Thank you!

To purchase something from our Wishlist, please visit:
<https://mywishlist.online/w/5pxebt/quiltss-wishlist>

Quilts Quilts and More Quilts

In case you didn't hear **we have now sent over 6,400 quilts.**
That's amazing! Thank you everyone for your continued support!

General Info & FAQs



Volunteer Quilt Top?

Update: The deadline has been extended to March 1, 2025

You can **find the pattern on our website** www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca

We ask that you only send us **ONE block per volunteer**.

Please include your name, city/town, and how long you have been a volunteer.

Mail to:

Quilts for Survivors 58 Legion Drive, South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0

What kind of fabric is used?

100% cotton quilting fabric

What size of blocks are needed?

16.5 inches square

Are there any restrictions on the blocks?

Our Fabric Restrictions are posted on our website. No Religious fabric, School related fabric, Travel related fabric, Graphic illustrations or images, or Gang related fabrics.

You can always check with us by emailing: admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Can I donate something other than a block or a quilt?

Yes! We are accepting monetary donations, supplies, and more. Please visit our Wishlist, see page 15 for the link and more information.

Can we donate tops or completed quilts?

Yes, tops should be 48" x 64" or lap size.

Completed quilts can be any size.

Please mail to:

Quilts for Survivors

58 Legion Dr., South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0

To ship directly to a Survivor please

email: admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

- Include a picture of the finished quilt & card (if you're sending one)
- Advise if you need a label or digital file from us
- Confirm you can ship within 2-3 business days of receipt of the address we provide

Once all of the requirements are met you will receive an address from us.

For more information please visit www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca



Do you know a survivor?

Please contact us to submit your request for yourself or another Survivor by phone, email or via our website.



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Quilts For Survivors started in 2021 with the vision of seeing all living Survivors with a quilt. Quilts For Survivors honours the journeys of Residential School Survivors, Day School Survivors, 60's Scoop Survivors and anyone who has gone through the foster care system.

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Messages From Our Board

Board Member Clara W

HAPPY New Year !!!

Thank you ALL for the past year and I am so looking forward to what more we can achieve in 2025.
Wishing everyone and your families all the BEST in the coming year.

PEACE LOVE LAUGHTER, Meegwetch

Board Member Cheryl M

Board Member Theresa (Terri) N

Board Member Leslie G

As we look ahead to 2025, the Board is thrilled to continue supporting the mission of creating quilts for Survivors, a cause that is deeply meaningful to our organization. We are excited to assist with the upcoming gala, sewing retreat, and open houses. These events not only celebrate the spirit of community and creativity but also provide wonderful opportunities to welcome more volunteers and supporters into our studio.

We are deeply grateful for the dedication of our current supporters and look forward to expanding our community as we work together to make a difference in the lives of Survivors. Here's to a fulfilling and impactful year ahead!



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