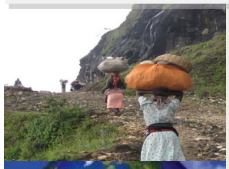

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The American Alabaster

THE 'MAGIC QUILT' IS A FOLK ART 'MASTER PIECE' FROM THE HEART OF AMERICA

International Summit

New York Mayor Dinkins Helps

"Raise Your Hand for Haiti"

The Permanent Mission of Haiti at the United Nations sponsors 2 day Haitian Summit under the direction of Ambassador Leo Mereros. Marie Benadel the Mission's First Secretary helps shepherd project.

May 17 - *WIN Global Youth Summit:* 15 year old Haitian American *Leanna Archer,* Teen Business Leader beauty product entrepreneur (Youngest ever to open NASDAQ) presented WIN "Global Citizen of the World" symposium. Hundreds of New York school children graced the desks of the UN Ambassadors as they learned to be "good global citizens" with support from *UNICEF* teaching tools. Quilt Making, Pen Pal Program and Haitian Art Showcase from *Fairwinds Trading Company* were among the highlights of the day including musical guests *Have a Hug for Haiti choir.*

Haiti Ambassador Leo Mereros

May 18 - Mayor David Dinkins, former Mayor of New York was keynote speaker at the *National Day of Remembrance for Haiti.* The National Quilt Launch featured a Flag Raising and Prayer Breakfast including National representatives from across the country. The future of Haiti is in your hands! The "Folk Art" quilt tribute presented by the Witherspoon Institute (WIN) is at once a memorial to those lost in the Haitian Earthquake on January 12, 2010 and a message of hope for the future! *See page two*

Quilt for Haiti

Willa Shalit, CEO of Fairwinds Trading Company speaks at United Nations Haitian Summit as John Radjewski and Haitian visiting artist Serge Jolimeau looks on.

HAITI WATCH

Alabaster~ In ancient biblical times the Egyptians would keep their finest oils in a an alabaster box. In the bible, it was from this marble-like stone that a women swiftly appeared and washed Jesus' head with this precious oil as he ate during the feast of Passover. Nearing the end of his Earthly journey, this elaborate act showed her deep love and concern as she endeavored to cleanse the Teacher's hurt, soil and pain away. It is from this well that the quilt has been named. Haiti, America gives our best to you!

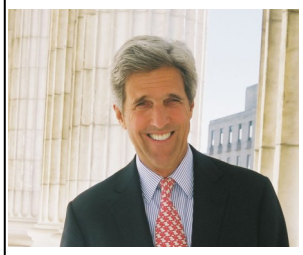
Raise Your Hand for Haiti—A long term engagement

Taking the lead for the 5 year quilt engagement are the top ten states in the U.S. where Haitian Americans reside. WIN10 States: Boston, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Miami, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Washington D.C.

New York Mayor David Dinkins
United Nations Key Note Speaker

"As a long-time supporter of the Haitian community in New York and in the diaspora I am honored to have been chosen as the keynote speaker of the National Day of Remembrance for Haiti," said Mayor David Dinkins, former Mayor of New York. *"This is a pivotal moment in Haitian history as the nation embarks on a new chapter in governance."*

Busloads of citizens came to the two day Summit in New York on May 18, 2011 to raise awareness for Haiti during the Haitian Flag Day. There, several pieces of the puzzle quilt were presented by the 10 tributary states and over the next 5 years a summit will be called until it reaches (100 yards) 1 football field long signifying, "If we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem. It takes us all to solve world goals." With the Boston Hub housing the third largest population of Haitians in the U.S., the Witherspoon Institute (WIN), a Boston Based non-profit teaching BEL (ballroom dance, business and social etiquette and leadership) to children age 7-18) felt the local citizen's natural connection to the on-going needs and suffering of the earthquake torn island of Haiti. The institute launched a year end project with the children of WIN to explain in literal terms how personal and community leadership helps people in need. The leadership course grew out of the classroom into Haitian Heritage Month when Simon Malls agreed to sustain the quilting bee's launch into a public initiative. WIN toured the state courtesy of Simon's Massachusetts malls for several months. With overwhelming response, the project was expanded to a national tour with the support of U.S. Senator John Kerry and Marie St. Fleur, Chief of Inter-Governmental Affairs for the City of Boston, internationally known for her leadership in Haitian affairs.



U.S. Senator John Kerry
Original Quilt Supporter

Boston Chief Marie St. Fleur
Inter-Governmental Affairs
Witherspoon Massachusetts State Chair

The Quilt, traveling on the "Magic Quilt Tour" is a testament of how good communities can work together." says WIN Founder Alda Witherspoon. "We are pleased that Senator Kerry of Massachusetts and Mayor Dinkins of New York are assisting us with the national launch. Their efforts are well known in America and abroad for the advancement of Haitians.

New York City Councilor Jumani Williams presented words of wisdom and historical perspective at the UN Prayer Breakfast . His presentation included a citation denoting the historic launch of the National Quilt for Haiti.

"I'm enormously grateful to the communities of Massachusetts and across this country for their continued outreach and support to the people and the future of Haiti", says Senator John Kerry of the national coalition founded and led by the Witherspoon Institute of Boston.

The quilt is Sponsored by 1199 SEIU Union, the Green Family Foundation, Fair Winds Trading Company, International Communion of the Holy Christian Orthodox Church, Black Ministerial Alliance and Simon Mall

"On May 17 and 18, we, 1199 SEIU UHE, were proud to "Raise our Hand at the UN for the children of Haiti," says John Alexis, coordinator of the Haiti Relief Project. *"We endorse the American Alabaster Quilt's national effort and look forward to working with WIN over the next 5 years."*

John Alexis
SEIU Haitian
Relief Project Manager

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1) Counter Clockwise: Mayor David Dinkins, Alda Witherspoon, Auston Harris, Giovanna Gaskins, LA Mills 2) Lochard and Elizabeth Noel. 3) Leanna Archer. 4) New York Public School Kids at Global Youth Summit.

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5) Yves Abry, Witherspoon, Mayor David Dinkins, Mayor Joseph Champagne, John Alexis, NY Consul General, Rose Magalie, Joeseph 6) N.J. City Councilor Sykes and Williams with Mayor Champagne. 7) Gina Faustin 8) Neslie Meteyer, Natacha Clerger, Rose Magalie, Witherspoon. 9) Alda Witherspoon "Raise Your Hand for Haiti" Launch.

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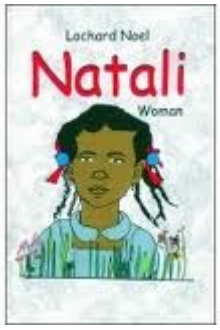

WIN Chairman, Poet, Author and Educator Lochard Noel of Florida presented his children's book about a growing girl during the 2 day summit.

On May 17, hundreds of New York school children joined the Witherspoon United Nations Children's Summit cohosted by the Permanent Mission of Haiti. Children are developing a philosophy of a life-time of giving to their local and global community through the SLIP program—Witherspoon Institute's youth leadership development program called the Strategic Leadership Investment Plan which launched the American Alabaster Quilting Bee for Haiti. From its inception the Children of WIN have been the inspiration and driving force of the quilt project which began in the Witherspoon classroom in January 2010 to commemorate the Earthquake.

15 year old, Leanna Archer WIN Global Youth Summit Keynote Speaker

WIN Global Youth Summit

"WIN is built on people helping people!" Children of WIN learn to give. Charity begins at home!"

Global Youth Summit—New York public school children display cloth messages to Haiti

The UN Children's Summit featured a number of artist from Haitian decent including Leanna Archer, 15 year old hair care entrepreneur whose feature included the Global Citizens of the world segment. A globe of the world was tossed through the air from child to child while Leanna talked about the responsibility of each of us to hold up the world during good times and bad. "We all share responsibility", Archer said to squeals of laughter. "Each of us must learn to hold up the world. The children are learning that it can be fun to help each other as we bear the weight of the world."

Haitian Metal Artist, Serge Jolimeau

Other highlights of the event included a show and tell segment from Haiti metal artist Serge Jolimeau, who was in America for the first time with Fair Winds Trading Company in collaboration with Macy's Department Store. "Promoting the art and culture of Haiti is a cornerstone of Witherspoon's commitment to raise awareness of the island nation's the institute." said Alda Witherspoon, founder of WIN. "We want people to share Haiti's beauty and attractions all over the world."

Serenading the UN Children's Summit with song is the *"Give a Hug for Haiti choir" whose writer* Tavis Hanks wrote the featured the selection by the same name. The children's choir was lead by soloist Tiayna Cedillo and rapper Elijah Hanks.

A National Day of Remembrance for Haiti

The American Alabaster Quilt for Haiti

How the Message of Hope for Haiti Began…

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In the wake of one of the most devastating and catastrophic events in recent human history, America is heeding the call as it waves the latern of urgent response to help our neighbors of Haiti. With the Hub of Massachusetts housing the third largest population of Haitians in the U.S., our citizens are naturally connected to the on going needs and suffering of our extended family on the island nation.

The Witherspoon Institute Raises their Hand for Haiti" Photo Don West

To bring a message of Hope for Haiti, the Witherspoon Institute, a Boston based non-profit teaching academics, leadership, etiquette and ballroom dance to children age 7-18 years old, launched a leadership project to relate community service to the children of WIN. The program grew into Haitian Heritage Month when internationally renown Simon Malls agreed to expand the program into a public initiative throughout Massachusetts.

Because of the overwhelming response the project was expanded to include a national tour with the recognition and support of the Mayor Thomas Menino's

The "Folk Art" quilt tribute is at once a memorial to those lost in the Haitian earthquake on January 12, 2010 and a message of hope for the future! The work in progress is lead by the WIN10 American cities to gather over 6,000

The 33 part puzzle quilt in its entirety will be 100 yards or 1 football field long. The tribute touts, "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. It takes us all to solve world goals."

The American Alabaster Quilt for Haiti

WIN Kids, Giovanna Gaskin and Auston Harris host WIN10 events.

Witherspoon Institute (WIN) kids promote "Raise your hand for Haiti" year-round at events across the country. Host a WIN10 party this summer or fall. Sign up form on page 7.

"WIN is built on people helping people!" Children of WIN learn to give as Charity begins at home!"

The Helping Hands of Haiti

Children Unite at the United Nations!

We invite youth and family organizations around the globe to please join in with the Witherspoon Institute's youth leadership development program SLIP- Strategic Leadership Investment as we foster the American Alabaster Quilting Bee for Haiti over the next 5 years.

On May 17, Children of New York joined WIN at the Witherspoon United Nations Children's Summit cohosted by the Permanent Mission of Haiti. Children are developing a philosophy of a life-time of giving to their local and global community through the SLIP program—From its inception the Children of WIN have been the driving force of the quilt project. The youth are also helping with the strategic plan to implement the "Raise Your Hand for Haiti" event May 18, 2011 in New York .

The "Magic Quilt"

The American Alabaster Quilting Bee for Haiti

The American Alabaster Quilt for Haiti or the "Magic Quilt" as its been dubbed, is a chorus of voices written on cloth notes. Stitched together, America is uniting to send a message of hope to Haiti. Taking the lead is the quilting association, *Sisters in Stitches* who is making the first quilt Sisters Joined by the Cloth celebrates culture, color, design and tradition.

Sisters Joined by the Cloth celebrates culture, color, design and tradition. They are a Greater Boston based group who come together at least once a month to share ideas and techniques joined together by our shared experience in quilting which focuses on the African American women's perspective in the Americas.

"The art of quilting has traveled across oceans, survived 400 years of slavery and has been carried down by generations of our family and friends. Now it's up to us to keep the tradition going and to pass it along," says Sisters in Stitches.

"Over the centuries, they continue, women of African descent have joined together to make quilts as a way of sharing our joys, sorrows, traditions and to celebrate our history. Quilting connects us to our ancestry, preserves our memories and gives us a way to connect with generations to come."

Pictured right, example of quilt designs expected over the next 5 years.

The American Alabaster Quilt for Haiti

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Pro athletes assisting relief work in Haiti

By Howie Evans

Amsterdam News Sports Editor

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Alda Witherspoon
Founder of WIN

In the wake of the devastating earthquake that demolished so much of that beautiful island, helping hands from across the world pitched in to assist including a number of professional sports organizations. The NBA Players Association, NFL Players Association, MLB Players Association and the NHL Players Association all made and continue to make meaningful financial and other contributions in the wake of the devastation to Haiti.

May 18, 2011, The Witherspoon Institute, under the leadership of Alda Witherspoon, will be

in the forefront of a National Day of Remembrance. "Raise Your Hand for Haiti," The event will be held at the United Nations beginning at 10am with a Prayer Breakfast - Flag Raising and National Quilt Launch.

Witherspoon is the Director of Public and Private Partnerships for the Mayor's office of Arts, Tourism and Special Events in the city of Boston. "We started this project when the earthquake hit and wanted to be part of a caring community, in the classrooms with quilt squares that the children would make messages on for the children of Haiti.

Derek Fisher
President of the NBA
Players Association

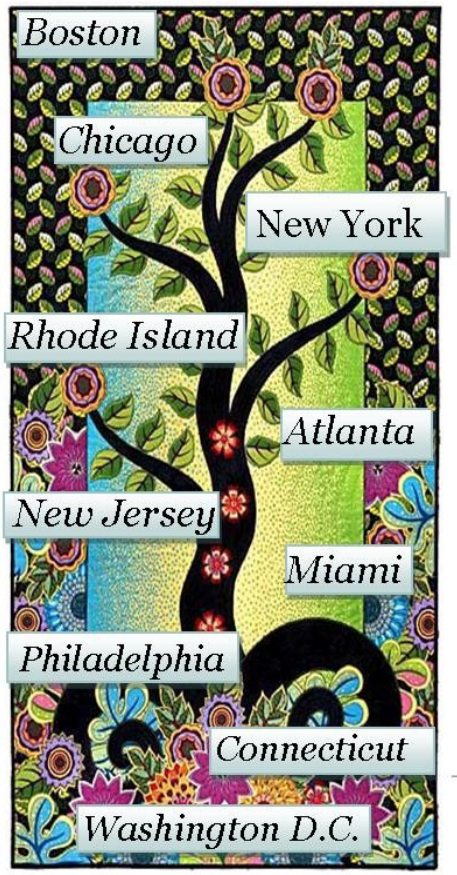
During Haitian Heritage Month Simon Properties allowed the Witherspoon Institute to go into the malls all over the state to ask their patrons to make a message to Haiti. That was successful, which led to Senator John Kerry encouraging us to grow the program," recalled Ms. Witherspoon.

Some of the pro athletes may be involved on May 18 at the United Nations. Many, like Samuel Dalembert, Adonal Foyle, Dwight Howard, Olden Polynice, Mario Elie, William Joseph, David Clowney, Anttione Cromarte James Ihedigo and so many more.

The National Day of Remembrance at the UN is open to all and for information on seating, please note: info@witherspooninstitute.net 617-535-9704

The American Alabaster Quilt

"Raise Your Hand for Haiti."



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A National Day of Remembrance

The American Alabaster Quilt for Haiti

May 18, 2011—United Nations

The Witherspoon Institute's American Alabaster Quilt for Haiti is at once a memorial to those lost in the Haitian Earthquake and a message of hope for the future! The gigantic puzzle quilt (1 football field long) will be created over the next 5 years. As the quilt grows it will be presented at the yearly Haitian American summit. At the launch on May 18, 2011 is a 6am Prayer Breakfast at the United Nations where the first quilt made by Massachusetts' **Sisters in Stitches** will be presented. The middle is left for our work to be done! Breakfast in New York. Dinner in Haiti. A National Day of Remembrance!

Please Join Our Team!

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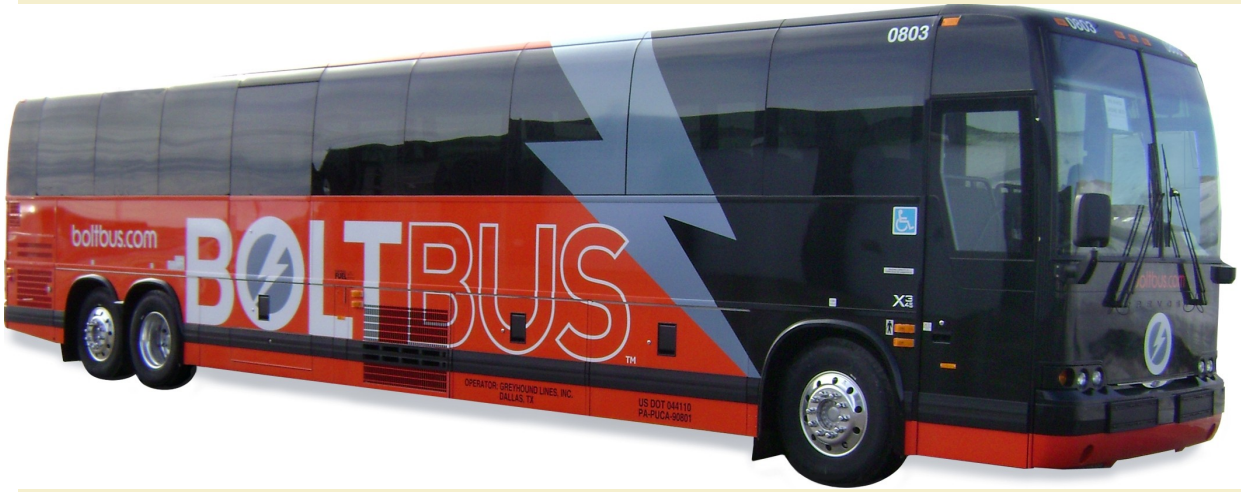

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Above: Promotional post card for the National Day of Remembrance for Haiti.

THE ART OF QUILTING

The art of quilting is not something new to this world, it has been around for centuries, but still there is no confirmation about the exact origin. According to the historians the history of quilting, piecing and applique was widely used for clothing and decorating stuff at home in ancient times. There is a common belief that quilting originated in China and Egypt at the same time. The oldest quilted garment found till now dates back to somewhere around 3400 BC.

Back in the 11th century, the crusaders picked up a type of quilting from the Middle East and brought it back to Europe. During that time, quilted piece of cloth was used by the Knights to give them extra cushion under their armor.

The Romans were the pioneers in introducing quilted bedding, which was used as mattress. Europeans got hold with this idea and they stuffed sack between two-combined mattress. It was in the 15th century when the Europeans found quilting as a necessity when they were troubled by cold winds in the winter season.

The very first quilts were made of few layers of cloth that was attached together with running stitches. Quilt Frames came into existence as it was difficult to stitch many layers of cloth together. Europeans with these useful frames started to create quilts that were more decorative, more finely stitched.

19th century marked a great period of quilting in Europe and America. People in villages would come together and make one or more quilts in an afternoon. Women were very pleased with this as they could come out of the boundaries of their home and could contribute in doing something useful. Historical Summary By Tima Ashar

Northeastern University, Boston: A Laundry line! Universoul Circus sponsors guests to join the Bee. Art hangs dry to include in national quilt.

Bank of America Joins the Bee. Burlington Mall, MA

Above: Quilting Associations across America assist in sewing quilt squares into 5ft x 6ft Quilts to include in the 100 foot presentation 2016 in Haiti during May Haitian Heritage Month. Yearly displays of the quilt happen each year leading up to the final presentation.

The American Alabaster Quilt

"Raise Your Hand for Haiti."

Begun as a small classroom project for children at the Witherspoon Institute in Boston, MA to learn how to be a good neighbor when a crisis hits, it soon grew into a statewide then national program across America. Over the next 5 years the 33 part puzzle quilt will grow square by square to 100 yards or a football field long. The tribute quilt touts, *"If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. It takes a global village to solve world goals."* 10 Major cities across America take the lead to launch the quilt which has a world-wide vision.

The *Magic Quilt* tour began May 17 & 18, 2011 at the United Nations, New York with the 10 largest cities where Haitian Americans reside.

Join the Magic Quilt! Individuals, Families and groups including elderly divisions and churches create squares to add to the quilt that grows and grows until 2016. Make your message to Haiti today!

100 year old Anna Dickerson joins the Quilting Bee for Haiti.

Boston, MA; Queens, New York; Miami, FL; Washington D.C., Chicago, IL; Atlanta, GA; Philadelphia, PA; New Haven, CT; Providence, RI Asbury Park, NJ

A year long formation of "Raise Your Hand for Haiti" Committees began across America in 2010 after the Earthquake. Witherspoon Institute (WIN) marched Haitian Flag Day to celebration the gathering of the states.

Above: Universoul Circus joins the American Alabaster Quilting Bee at Simon Mall, Quincy, MA

Below: 7 year old, Kerin Caldwell of Brockton raises her hand for Haiti, "In God We Trust!"

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Remembering Haiti's children with a magical quilt

This quilt square titled "Satchmo," was designed and donated by Marvin Lightfoot of the Year Up Project in Atlanta. (Photos courtesy of The Witherspoon Institute)

Richard Caesar

How many quilts does it take to cover all the orphans in Haiti? Alda Witherspoon plans to start with one the size of a football field and go from there.

The Witherspoon Institute (WIN), of which Witherspoon is founder and board chair, has started the Magic Quilt Tour project to bring awareness to the plight of Haitian orphans. According to Witherspoon, what started as small leadership project soon gathered enough steam to become a national initiative.

"About a year ago we began a project with our children in our classroom, addressing the children of Haiti and how we

could recognize them, and come up with a project that could speak to our children's leadership skills. So we came up with this quilting project."

The children enrolled in WIN would sew hand-made messages of hope into squares of cloth that would later be sewn into a quilt to be presented to the children of Haiti. Once the project got off the ground, it quickly started to build support.

It was really successful in the malls so I went to talk to [former state Rep.]

Marie St. Fleur and Senator John Kerry's office and they both encouraged

me to sort of 'broaden my horizons.' "

That she did.

Anna Dickerson, 100, raises her hand for Haitian orphans as she creates a square for The Witherspoon Institute's Magic Quilt Tour.

The result was an idea for a national quilt for Haiti with committees heading up the project in the top 10 states in which Haitian Americans reside. Over the next five years the project hopes to continue gathering messages of hope on quilted squares to be added to the state and, eventually, the national quilt.

On May 18, WIN will be hosting a summit at the United Nations building in New York to bring together the players in this national project and other friends of the Haitian American community. The "National Day of Remembrance for Haiti" will feature the presentation of the first two segments of the quilt. One segment will be stitched together and presented by local nonprofit Sisters in Stitches and the second by Howard University and the National Organization of Haitian Americans.

"Each square is donated by people from all across America. People from the neighborhood, people from the churches, even Senator Kerry is doing one," Witherspoon explained. The squares will then be handed over to a quilting organization to be quilted together in six by five feet segments.

"The segments will gather more and more over the next five years until we have a hundred yards in length, the length of a football field," she added.

Witherspoon said the project, so far, has been growing without large scale sponsorship. "An ideal situation would be for a company or a series of companies to sponsor the whole thing," she said. "The Boys and Girls Clubs have given sponsorship to some of their children but there is no national sponsor for the quilt project."

St. Fleur was instrumental in helping Witherspoon make contact with Haitian communities nationwide. She was quick to point out though, "This was all Alda."

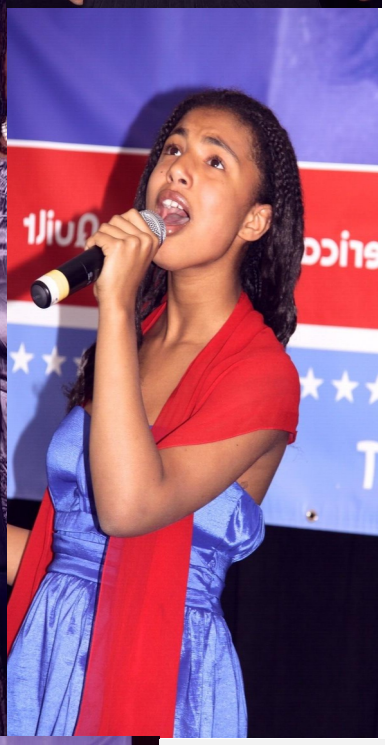
"This was Alda's brainchild," St. Fleur said. "She really wanted to find a way to be helpful to the people of Haiti … and make certain that we keep Haiti on the forefront in a tangible way." The idea of keeping the tragedy in Haiti relevant resonated with St. Fleur: "It's a poor country, it's a country where the U.S. has no oil interests so the chances of it staying at the forefront in peoples minds, when there are other competing interests is tenuous. So we have to maintain it."

Witherspoon said keeping Haiti on peoples' minds is the main goal of the project. "It's not so much been a 'raising money' [project], it's been more about raising awareness," Witherspoon said. "That has really been our focus. Our slogan is 'Raise your hand for Haiti' and our thought initially, and will be throughout this process, was to continue to spotlight what Haiti's plight is. Just because it's not in the news today doesn't mean there aren't many hundreds of thousands of people who need our help. In whatever manner you can, give and continue to give. Don't forget about Haiti."

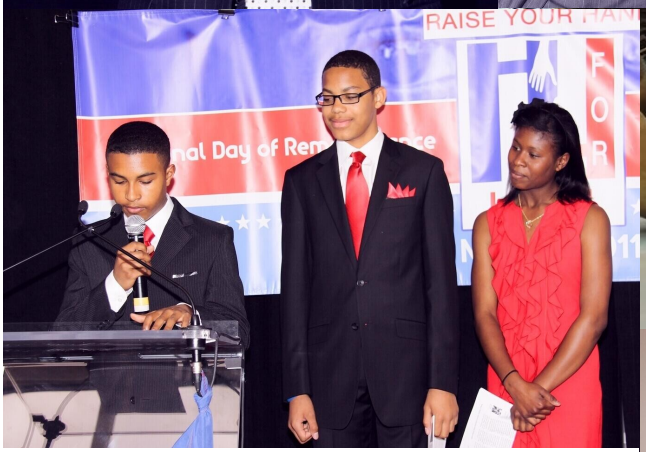
For more information on the Magic Quilt Tour and the National Day of Remembrance for Haiti, visit www.witherspooninstitute.net.

Artist Showcase

Poetry, singing, orators, writers, talk show hosts and young entrepreneurs gave grace to the day



Clockwise: Melange Butler, Natacha Clerger; Rebecca Zama; ; Anointed Biblical Scripture; Lochard Noel featuring book Natali; Rose Magalie; Church Choir; Leanna Archer; above black &b white insert: Rose Magalie; Shirley Caesar; Mayor Joseph Champaign; John Alexis



Clockwise: Samille Jean-Pierre; Round table: Vicky Sylvain with SEIU employees and guests; insert Mayor David Dinkins & Pat Beauvais; Yve-Car Monperousse; Yves Aubrey with guest, Podium: Witherspoon Scholars: L.A. Mills, Auston Harris, Giovanna Gaskins, WIN Silver Card Holder Gift: Nesley Meteyar; Archbishop Timothy Paul; Outside UN: Alda Witherspoon

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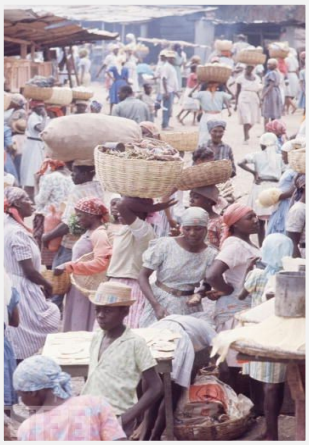

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