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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Bary Porter was the Vice-chair and Panel-making Coordinator of the Kansas City Heartland Chapter of The NAMES Project.

The NAMES Project began in 1987, when families and friends of those lost to HIV/AIDS gathered in a San Francisco storefront, determined to find a way to memorialize the victims in a way that could not be ignored. Their efforts began with a single 3-foot by 6-foot piece of fabric with only one name, and culminated in the 54-ton AIDS Memorial Quilt that exists today. On each panel of The Quilt is a tribute to a loved one who had fallen victim to HIV/AIDS, and the ever-growing project is a monument of remembrance. The NAMES Project Foundation, now headquartered in Atlanta, works tirelessly to create displays from the AIDS Memorial Quilt all around the country, in schools, places of worship, communities, and corporations—over 1,000 each year. In 2005 The Quilt was awarded a “Save America’s Treasures” Federal Grant, solidifying its place as an official National Treasure.

Source:

Derived from the Kansas City Chapter Newsletter, and the History page of The NAMES Project Foundation Website:

<http://www.aidsquilt.org/about/the-names-project-foundation>

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Bary Porter Collection was a gift of Bary Porter on behalf of the Kansas City Heartland Chapter of The NAMES Project Foundation in March, 2012. Contained in the collection are documents, publications, programs and articles pertaining to the business workings and events and displays of the Kansas City Chapter, as well as HIV/AIDS awareness issues. Newsletters of the Kansas City Chapter of The NAMES Project Foundation are present, along with meeting minutes and general Chapter information provide insight into the workings of the short-lived Chapter, and various programs and advertisements for events shed light on the Kansas City Pride scene from the late '90s through the early '00s.

SERIES NOTES

SERIES I: DOCUMENTS

Contained in Box 1, Folders 1-7, and Box 2, Folder 1; includes documentation concerning the organization itself, its genesis and operations, events and Quilt displays in the Kansas City area, flyers and minutes for Board Meetings, and correspondence, mostly e-mail.

SERIES II: PUBLICATIONS

Contained in Box 1, Folders 8-9; includes a set of the Chapter's local newsletter, along with one issue of the St. Louis Chapter, as well as other handbooks and periodicals relating to Pride and HIV/AIDS awareness issues.

SERIES III: PROGRAMS

Contained in Box 2, Folders 2-3; includes programs for AIDS Walk Kansas City, Kansas City Pride Fest, Show Me State Rodeo, and The Black Church Week of Prayer.

SERIES IV: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Contained in Box 2, Folder 4; includes clippings pertaining to displays of The Quilt and organizing events, and well as a large, 3-part Kansas City Star story about AIDS in the Priesthood.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I: DOCUMENTS

Box	Folder	Description
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A: Organization

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| 1 | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cover Letter from Missouri Secretary of State, 1 p.- Certificate of Incorporation, State of Missouri, Declaring Nonprofit Status, May 21, 1999, 1 p.- Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation for The NAMES Project Kansas City, Inc., May 21, 1999, 2 pp.- IRS Document assigning an Employer Identification Number, 1 p.- Application for Status as a new Affiliate Chapter of the NAMES Project Foundation: Cover Letter (1 p.), Signed list of Representatives (1 p.), Chapter History (2 pp.), Chapter Action Plan (5 pp.).- Bylaws (Draft) of The Heartland Working Group, 5 pp.- Bylaws of The NAMES Project, Heartland Chapter, 5 pp.- Policy and Procedures Handbook (Incomplete?), 10 pp.- Flyers, Signs, and Advertisements, 13 pp.- Other Documents: Steering Committee Information (1 p.), Preliminary Report on Community Needs Assessment (1 p.), Vote on Motion to become Missouri Nonprofit (1 p.), Quilt Display Contract (2 pp.), Membership Application (1 p.). |
| [2 | N/A] | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NAMES Project, Heartland Chapter, CD-ROM.- NAMES Project, Kansas City Chapter Button. |

B: Events and Displays

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| 1 | 2 | <p><u>Quilt and Display Documents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction to Organizer Kit, providing information about how to display the Quilt in local state capitals, background on the NAMES Project, 15 pp.- Four Instructional Sheets of how to make quilt panels: "How to Make a Panel", "How to make a Quilt Panel", "Receiving and Shipping the Quilt", "What is a 12' x 12' Section of the Quilt?" (1 p. each).- Two Display Reports: Candlelight Vigil, Gage park Amphitheatre, Topeka, KS; KC Pride Fest 2000 (1 p. each).- Exhibit Application, Trade Show at Barney Allis Plaza and Grand Hall at Bartle Convention Center, June 12, 1999, 1 p. [See also Box 1, Folder 3]- New Panel Information, "Jim Hill", "George", 3 pp.- Receipt of Chapter Quilt Inventory Log, July 21, 1999, 2 pp.- Blank Forms, Inventory Logs, and Letterhead, 7 pp. |
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Box	Folder	Description
1	3	<u>Events (by Date)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A Display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt – An Event in 3 Acts: The National Tour (Act 2), Program and Catalogue, 25 pp.- Spirit of Hope: Announcements, Sunday, March 1, 1998, 2 pp.- Spirit of Hope MCC-KC: Announcements, Sunday, April 5, 1998, 2 pp.- Press Release for NAMES Project Kansas City AIDS Memorial Quilt, April 5, 1998.- Pride Productions: “Together With Pride” – Kansas City’s 1998 Annual Gay Pride Festival, Sponsorship Opportunities and Exhibit Guidelines, 3 pp.- Tentative 1999 Quilt Displays, 1 p.- The Names Project National Conference, San Francisco, CA, February 5-7, 1999: Cover Page (1 p.), List of Attendees (6 pp.), Pamphlet – A Guide for Student Visitors (8 pp.), Pamphlet – Best Western Canterbury Hotel (4 pp.).- The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt: 50 States Capitol Display – Topeka, KS, March 21, 1999: Visitor Sign In Sheets (4 pp.).- AIDS Walk St. Louis, May 1, 1999: Numbers of AIDS Memorial Quilt Panels Displayed (2 pp.).- AIDS Walk St. Louis, May 2, 1999: General Information for Volunteers (4 pp.), Layout for AIDS Memorial Quilt (1 p.).- Press Release for NAMES Project Kansas City AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, June 12, 1999, 2 pp. [See also Box 1, Folder 2]- Small Advertisements for AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, Kansas City, MO, November 12, 1999 (1 p.).- AIDS Memorial Quilt Special Display Guest List, November 12, 1999, 1 p.- World AIDS Day Documents, November-December, 1998-99, 13 pp.- Press Release for NAMES Project Kansas City AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, No Date, 1 p.
	4	<u>National School Quilt Program</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Program Guidelines & Application, 12 pp.- Lessons from the Quilt: A Lesson Guide for Teachers of Grades 9-12, 45 pp.- In Our Own Words: Quotes from Student Letters Requesting Information about the National High School Quilt Program, 6 pp.
	5	<u>Other</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Handwritten Notes, 6 pp.- Signs Prohibiting Eating, Drinking, and Smoking near Quilt, 2 pp.
[2	1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Blue Candle: A Symbol of HOPE for People Living with AIDS (PWA’s), 1 p. in cardboard frame.

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C: Meetings

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| 1 | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- December 18, 1997: Flyer for Organization Meeting to form a local chapter of The NAMES Project (1 p.), Minutes of the meeting (2 pp.).- January 8, 1998: Flyer for Quilt Circle Meeting (1 p.), Minutes of the meeting (2 pp.).- February 5, 1998: Flyer for Quilt Circle Meeting (1 p.), Minutes of the meeting (2 pp.).- March 12, 1998: Flyer for Heartland Chapter Working Group (1 p.), Agenda for the meeting (1 p., 2 copies, one with notes), Minutes of the meeting (2 pp.).- April 9, 1998: Flyer for Heartland Working Group (1 p., 2 copies), Agenda for the meeting (1 p., 2 copies, one with notes), Minutes of the meeting (1 p.).- May 14, 1998: Minutes of Heartland Chapter Working Group Meeting (1 p.).- June 11, 1998: Agenda for Heartland Chapter Working Group Meeting (1 p.), Minutes for the meeting (2 pp.).- June 22, 1998: Minutes for Starstruck III Meeting (1 p.).- August 13, 1998: Minutes for Heartland Chapter Working Group Meeting (2 pp.).- October 8, 1998: Minutes for Heartland Chapter Working Group Meeting (2 pp., 2 copies).- November 12, 1998: Minutes for Heartland Chapter Working Group Meeting (2 pp.).- February 11, 1999: Minutes for Heartland Chapter Working Group Meeting (2 pp.).- May 6, 1999: Minutes for NAMES Project Kansas City Chapter Steering Committee Meeting (2 pp.).- June 10, 1999: Minutes for NAMES Project Kansas City Chapter Steering Committee Meeting (2 pp.). |
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D: Correspondence

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| 1 | 7 | <p><u>1998</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- February 6, 1998, from Tammy Reese (President, Heartland Chapter) to The NAMES Project Foundation.- February 27, 1998, from Tammy Reese (President, Heartland Chapter) to Jerry (Pride Productions).- April 15, 1998, from Betsy Topper to The Board of Directors of The NAMES Project Foundation (on behalf of the AIDS Council of Greater Kansas City, supporting the Heartland Chapter).- September 9, 1998, from Ruth Ellsworth (Metro St. Louis Chapter) to Kathleen Dederian (w/ Business Card for Ellsworth). |
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(1	7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- September 19, 1998, E-mail, from Ruth Ellsworth (Metro St. Louis Chapter) to Barry [sic] Porter.
		<u>1999</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- February 17, 1999, E-mail, from Shawn (NAMES Project KC Secretary) to Bary Porter.- April 5, 1999, E-mail, from Caroline Wagstaff to Bary Porter.- April 6, 1999, E-mail, from Bary Porter to Kenna Bassett, and reply.- April 19, 1999, E-mail, from Virginia Higgins to Bary Porter.- May 12, 1999, E-mail, from Bary Porter to Ruth Ellsworth.- May 12, 1999, E-mail, from Bary Porter to Marissa Winstanley.- May 13, 1999, E-mail, from Ruth Ellsworth to Bary Porter.- May 29, 1999, from Shirley McGowan to Tammy Reese.- June 13, 1999, E-mail, "Celebrating 'Unity and Togetherness'" by Erica Wood.- June 24, 1999, E-mail, from Bary Porter to Marissa Winstanley.- June 30, 1999, Form Letter of Invitation to NAPWA Benefit and Public Forum.- August 28, 1999, from Rosie Lee Diaz to NAMES Project Kansas City.- November 12, 1999, Invitation to AIDS Memorial Quilt Display.
		<u>2000</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- January 12, 2000, from Tammy Reese to Michael.- March 21, 2000, E-mail, from Susan to Barry [sic] Porter.
		<u>No Date</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Blank Card: NAMES Project, Heartland Chapter.- From Bary Porter to Marissa Winstanley.- From Tammy Reese, with Survey.- From Tammy Reese.

SERIES II: PUBLICATIONS

Box	Folder	Description
		A: Newsletter
1	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- NAMES Project: Kansas City Heartland Chapter, Volume 1, Issue 1, 4 pp. (2 copies).- NAMES Project: Kansas City Heartland Chapter, Volume 2, Issue 1, 6 pp. (2 copies).- NAMES Project: Kansas City Heartland Chapter, Volume 2, Issue 2, 4 pp.- NAMES Project: Kansas City Heartland Chapter, Volume 2, Issue 3, 6 pp.- NAMES Project: Kansas City Heartland Chapter, Final Issue, 2 pp.- A Stich N' Time: The NAMES Project Metro St. Louis, Summer/Fall Issue 1999, 4 pp.

Box Folder Description

B: Other

1	9	- AIDS Memorial Quite: The List of Names, published by The NAMES Project Foundation, October 1996, 207 pp. - Catalyst: The AIDS Council of Greater Kansas City, November/December 1997, 8 pp.
	10	- Chapter Quilt Education & Outreach: A Handbook for Names Project Chapters, published by The NAMES Project Foundation, San Francisco, CA, 70 pp.
	11	- Current News: The Voice for the Midwest's Gay and Lesbian Communities, June 9, 1999, 111 pp. - Expressions Magazine: Kansas City, Issue #41, June 18-July 1, 1999, 47 pp. - Kansas City Pride, June 12, 1999, 4 pp. - Project Notes: Good Samaritan Project, First Quarter, 1998, 12 pp.

SERIES III: PROGRAMS

Box Folder Description

2	2	- AIDS Walk Kansas City, PitchWeekly Official Program, Saturday, April 18, 1998, 8 pp. - AIDS Walk Kansas City, PitchWeekly Official Program, Saturday, April 17, 1999, 16 pp. - Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, of Greater Kansas City, "Faith, Education, Unity & Healing," March 3-9, 1996, 20 pp.
	3	- Kansas City Pride Fest: Pride Guide, Saturday, June 12, 1999, 56 pp. (w/ Ticket Stub and Exhibitors Pass). - Show Me State Rodeo, Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6, 1998, 22 pp. - Show Me State Rodeo, Hosted by M.G.R.A., Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6, 1999, 22 pp.

SERIES IV: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Box Folder Description

2	4	- November 14-27, 1997, News-Telegraph, "Quilt Organizing". - November 19, 1997, The Wednesday Magazine, "Names Project for AIDS Quilt Organizing KC Chapter". - March 4, 1998, "Quilting Workshop". - March 13-26, News-Telegraph, "Sewing Sessions". - July 25, 1999, Kansas City Star, "Ninth Annual 'Night of 100 Stars'". - December 1, 1999, Kansas City Star, "AIDS Memorial Quilt Display".
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(2	4)	- December 2, 1999, Kansas City Star, "World AIDS Day: Event Promotes Behavior to Combat Deadly Disease" (2 copies). - January 30, 31, February 1, 2000, Kansas City Star, 3-day report: "AIDS in the Priesthood".