Southern AIDS Living Quilt — join the fight
Snapshot of HIV/AIDS

- The CDC estimates that more than 20 percent of those living with HIV/AIDS in the United States do not know they are infected.
  - Approximately 1.1 million people in the United States were living with HIV/AIDS in 2006 – with an estimated 56,000 new HIV/AIDS infections occurring each year.
  - More than one in five, 232,700, of the 1.1 million people infected with HIV, are unaware of their status.

- African American women and Latinas together represent 80 percent of new HIV and AIDS cases among women, and the majority of women living with the disease.
  - In 1985, women accounted for eight percent of HIV cases in the United States—today, women represent 27 percent of new HIV cases in the United States.
The Fastest Growing Region

• Rising infection rates coupled with inadequate funding and resources have produced a crisis:
  – Nearly four of ten Americans living with AIDS reside in the South.
  – The number of persons living with AIDS has increased from 1993 to 2005 at a greater rate in the South than in any other region of the U.S. The South also has the highest number of people dying from AIDS in the U.S.
What is the Quilt?

- Using video testimonials, the first-of-its kind Living Quilt shares the personal stories of women living with HIV/AIDS.
- The stories underscore the critical importance of making HIV screening a routine part of medical care to ensure earlier diagnosis and prevent the spread of the disease.

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“This site is a great venue to let others know that they are not alone. I truly feel honored to be able to reach out to others and throw out the miles and cultural boundaries.”

- Julia, Quilt Participant

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