



# Gift of Sight Memorial Quilts

CorneaGen's memorial quilt project is an opportunity to honor and remember cornea donors who have made the Gift of Sight possible for those suffering in darkness. Each unique square is created and submitted by donor families to memorialize their loved one and displayed as a visual reminder to those who have selflessly given of themselves so others can see.

## How the Quilt is Used

The quilts are used as educational tools to promote awareness of cornea and eye donation at hospitals, health fairs, and community events. Families are encouraged to request the Gift of Sight quilt for display at their church, civic organizations or anywhere appropriate to spread the message of cornea and eye donation and transplantation.

## Anyone Can Participate

Donor families are invited to contribute a patch to the quilt. Each patch tells a unique story, and they are always accepted.

## What to Include on the Quilt Patch

Your design should be a unique expression of your loved one's life and legacy. We ask, if possible, for donor families to send with their finished patch a photograph of their loved one and a short narrative explaining the meaning of the patch's design.

## How to Get Started

Use the patch instruction to guide you as you create your design. Patches should be an 8" x 8" square. Your design should be centered on the 8" patch with a 1/2 inch margin surrounding it on all four sides. This margin will be used to sew the patches together. to sew onto the quilt (design should be in 7" x 7" space on patch).

## Other Opportunities to Help

Talking about your loved one and your experiences with donation is a powerful way to inspire others and increase public acceptance of donation. We invite donor families to attend community events, religious or spiritual gatherings, service clubs, social groups, schools or workplace events to relay your experiences and help others to understand the power and reach of donation.

## Questions?

Please contact the Family Services Team at 321-445-6764.



## Quilt Dedication & Remembrance Ceremonies

CorneaGen is pleased to host an annual quilt dedication and remembrance ceremony to honor the donors and their families who have made the Gift of Sight possible for others.



Each year, a new quilt is unveiled featuring the hand-made patches provided by family members to remember their loved one's life and their generous Gift of Sight. Each quilt square illustrates a life and a story of someone who selflessly and thoughtfully made life better for someone else, and also represents the thousands of people who enjoy restored sight thanks to these generous donors.

The dedication ceremony is an opportunity for us all to gather together to support each other, share sweet stories of our loved ones and keep their memories alive in our hearts.

*Donor Family Gift of Sight Memorial Quilts are an opportunity to honor and remember donors and a visual display of how lives are touched by donation and transplantation.*

