

# SISTERS OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW

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## **SMALL WONDERS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE**

*Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show announces "Call for Entries" in the second-annual Small Wonders Challenge*

An estimated 12,000 visitors delight in the hundreds of quilts displayed at the annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show each July. These stunning creations hang from banners, on the sides of buildings, and in special exhibits covering the downtown area. Their designs, colors, artistic prowess and diversity amaze the mind and enchant the senses. Some are large enough to be seen a block away.

This year the Show started a new tradition: Small quilts, made with big talent and creativity. The response of entrants and the public was universally positive: Over 80 quilts were entered, enthusiastic visitors flocked to the displays, and proceeds from the sales of these Small Wonders directly benefited the Sisters Community – in keeping with the Show's tradition of "giving back".

Building on the success of 2011, the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show is announcing the "Call for Entries" for the 2012 Small Wonders Challenge. Quilts cannot exceed the limit of 100" in total for all four sides; further rules of entry can be found at [www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org/contests.htm](http://www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org/contests.htm). Judging categories will include Best Use of Color, Best Use of the 2012 Show Theme ("A Patterned Village"), Best Contemporary or Abstract Quilt, Judges' Choice, and Viewers' Choice. Five \$100 prizes will be donated by The Stitchin' Post as major sponsor.

The quilts will be on display during the 2012 Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and sold at that time with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Malone Scholarship, which funds all of the afterschool program scholarships of the Sisters Parks and Recreation Department (SPRD) - which in turn supports the community schools program. The Scholarship also supports SPRD's early childhood preschool program, and the youth enrichment programs, including youth sports for K-6th grade, arts, music, and various other programs.

Anne Heath, SPRD's District Business Manager, provides an inspiring example. "The Malone Scholarship has helped one young man from a single parent household, struggling to get by, who is often on his own while his dad is away working. He was able to take part in every week of summer camp, play soccer and wrestling; he is at the Rec Center every day after school, and on all non-school days. SPRD is doing everything possible to help this young man, and his life is better because of the Malone Fund and the community that is working together on his behalf."

"We call that making a huge difference indeed", says Ann Richardson, Executive Director of the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

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