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1 Section of AIDS Memorial Quilt coming to southern
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6 The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont is honored to host
7 sections of the internationally renowned AIDS Memorial Quilt in
8 recognition of World AIDS Day which is Monday, Dec. 1. A 12'-x
9 foot-by-12-foot panel of the Quilt, including a panel
10 memorializing local Ron Squires, Vermont's first openly gay
11 legislator, will be displayed at three public locations in Windham
County.

12 On Thursday, Dec. 4, the Quilt will be on display from
13 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the third floor of the Rockingham Free
14 Public Library in Bellows Falls, in partnership with Bellows Falls
15 Pride. Free HIV testing will be offered from 3 to 6 p.m. The
16 evening program will also feature singer-songwriter Tarontéé
17 Venable at 6:15 p.m. and a talk by Michael Haley of GLAD Law
18 at 7 p.m.

19 On Friday, Dec. 5, the display will move to Brooks
20 Memorial Library in Brattleboro, where it will be open on view
21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Then, ~~on~~ Saturday, Dec. 6, the quilt will
22 be on display at the Turning Point Center of Bennington County
23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

24 Created in 1985 and first displayed on the National Mall
25 in 1987, the AIDS Memorial Quilt has become “the largest
26 community arts project in history, now composed of nearly
27 50,000 panels honoring more than 110,000 individuals”
28 organizers wrote in a news release. New panels are still being
29 created, “ensuring that stories of loss, resilience, and community
30 activism continue to be preserved.”

31 “We are so excited to bring this piece of history to
32 Southern Vermont,” said Heather Cutler, Case Manager at the
33 AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, ~~said~~ in athe news release. “It’s
34 important to honor this history and celebrate advances in HIV
35 detection and treatment.”

36 This World AIDS Day event is presented in partnership
37 with Bellows Falls Pride, Brooks Memorial Library, Rockingham
38 Free Public library, Turning Point of Bennington County-, and
39 community members whose lives have been impacted by
40 HIV/AIDS. Educational materials on HIV prevention, care, and
41 community support will be available at all three locations.

42 For more information, contact the AIDS Project of
43 Southern Vermont at 802-254-4444.

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