

# Roswell Park Women Journey for a Cure: Patches from the Past and Present quilt, 2004

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**Creator:** Roswell Park Cancer Institute

**Abstract:** A quilt created by nineteen quilters from Roswell Park and documents describing the creation and display of the quilt.

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## Historical Note:

From a March 2, 2004 press release by Deborah Pettibone:

“Buffalo, NY – Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI) will celebrate Women’s History Month by unveiling a quilt honoring the contributions of its female employees, Thursday, March 4, at 11:30am, in the Hospital Atrium.

“The quilt – which will be on display in the Hospital Atrium during March – documents the contributions of female employees to education, prevention, research, and treatment of cancer throughout the Institute’s 106-year history. The names of 251 Roswell Park women, chosen to represent every aspect of the Institute, are delicately embroidered throughout the quilt. The border of friendship star blocks is signed by current members of the faculty and staff.

“‘This quilt is a way to record memories and acknowledge accomplishments of those who have gone before us along with cherished colleagues and close friends,’ said Virginia Opipare, Executive Vice Present, RPCI.

“Nineteen Roswell Park quilters\* have contributed to this effort. The group acknowledges the assistance of Edwin A. Mirand, PhD, DSc, Educational Affairs, for the generous donation of his time and historic documents.

“‘The rich array of color and fabric symbolizes the contributions of the women of Roswell Park and represents the diverse backgrounds and talents of many individuals all working together to tackle the complex questions surrounding cancer,’ noted Carolyn Benton, Department of Human Resources Management, and project co-coordinator. Bernadette Keitz, Department of Surgical Oncology, is also a project coordinator.

“Roswell Park Cancer Institute, founded in 1898, is the nation’s first cancer research, treatment and education center and is the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in Upstate New York. For more information, visit RPCI’s website at [www.roswellpark.org](http://www.roswellpark.org).”

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### **Scope and Content Note:**

Collection consists of the quilt, a paper poster adhered to a foam stand, and a binder of information describing each quilter and quilt piece.

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### **Arrangement:**

Collection is one series and is arranged in two boxes; Box I contains the quilt and paper poster and Box II contains the binder of information.

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### **Container List**

#### **Box I. Quilt and poster, 2004**

*Scope and Content: Quilt is constructed of cotton fabric, quilt batting, and ink signatures by all the quilt contributors. Paper poster measures 11x18 inches and is adhered to a foam board. Poster contains poem: “Stitches in Time Serve Memory and Vision.”*

#### **Box II. Binder, 2004**

*Scope and Content: Binder is constructed of plastic and metal and is covered in cotton fabric and ribbon that was attached with hot glue. Within binder there are 30 sleeves; pages contain*

*information about the quilt and its construction. Images of contributors and their quilt squares are included, as well as a list of all women working at Roswell Park Cancer Institute at the time.*

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## **Search Terms**

### **Contributors:**

Anderson, Barbara  
Benton, Carolyn Coles  
Eddy, Martha  
Fahey, Cathy  
Frentzel, Janis  
Hohman, Colleen  
Holtz, Michele  
Hylander, Bonnie  
Thompson, Diane  
Keesler, Carol  
Keitz, Bernadette  
Macchio, Dorothy  
Masterson, Joanne  
Miner, Loe  
Neilson, Ann  
Paschke, Donna  
Pazik, Joanne  
Romanello, Charlene  
Vujcic, Marija  
Mirand, Edwin A., 1926-  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute

### **Subject terms:**

Quiltmakers  
Quilts in art  
Quilting  
Quilts  
Women's History Month  
Cancer  
Cancer in art

### **Genre terms:** (optional field)

block quilts (quilts)  
commemorative quilts  
friendship quilts