

Marathon will auction quilt made of T-shirts

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A brightly colored, handmade quilt featuring T-shirts from the last 10 years of the South High Marathon Dance will be auctioned off Saturday night.

The quilt is the combined effort of Eileen Minder, Kristina Yelle and Kristina's mother, Karen Sarti, and is being donated by the South Glens Falls Education Foundation, which bought the materials.

"I tied it, Kristina quilted it and we used Karen's 'long-arm' to put it together," said Mrs. Minder. "We wanted it to be a community effort."

"I started collecting the shirts in 2002, when my daughter danced, and then in 2003 we started giving them to recipients," Mrs. Minder said. "It's something I had thought of doing for a while, but this was the right time."

Every year since 2005, former Marathon beneficiary Karen Bailey made a quilt sold during the Dance's live auction. Now that she's moved away, this new quilt is filling the gap. Meanwhile, Karen Bailey will donate a painting.

Mrs. Yelle lives in South Glens Falls and has five nieces and one nephew who have participated in the Marathon Dance.

"I've been supporting the dance for years," she said.



This quilt made from T-shirts from the last 10 years of the South High Marathon Dance will be auctioned off Saturday night. Making it combined the efforts of, from left, Kristina Yelle, Eileen Minder and Karen Sarti. *Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth*



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