



**Peace Certification Journey
Large Community
Ingleside at King Farm
Rockville, Maryland**

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November 2014 Update:

Ingleside at King Farm celebrated the Peace Certification activity on November 24, 2014 with the unveiling of a series of peace quilts. Each square in the quilt was created by one or more residents of the Rockville, Maryland retirement community, and residents of every level of care and living plan were involved or represented in the peace journey activity.

IKF began their peace journey during the summer of 2013 with a presentation by Jeni Stepanek, mother of the late teen poet and peace activist, Mattie. It is Mattie's messages of *Heartsongs* and purpose, and hope and peace, that drive the mission of his namesake non-profit organization. His "*Three Choices for Peace*" became the building blocks for the Foundation's *Peace Certification Program*.

During 2013, IKF community members participated in peace conversations, picnics, walks in Mattie's Park, and other activities and gatherings as they developed their Peace Plan to earn Certification from Mattie's Foundation.

During 2014, residents spent many (many, many) hours creating 117 squares that would be sewn into six peace quilts. The squares bring together diverse languages and cultures, colors and styles, faiths and personal messages of hope and peace.



The six finished quilts were unveiled during the November 24 ceremony, attended by many IKF residents, members of Mattie's Foundation, and representatives from the City of Rockville, including Mayor Bridget Newton.

The peace quilts will be displayed at other Ingleside communities in the DC area, and also made available for display during events hosted by Mattie's Foundation.

IKF also created a 2015 calendar with images of the quilt squares – with the proceeds from the sales benefitting Mattie's Foundation.

(more photos next pages...)



**IKF Peace Certification Ceremony
November 24, 2014
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**IKF Peace Quilt Unveiling
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 **Ingleside at King Farm to Present Peace Quilts to the Stepanek Foundation**
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Peace quilts made by members and staff at Ingleside at King Farm are scheduled to be presented to the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation on Nov. 24 at the continuing care retirement community in Rockville.

Already 120 panels have been made for the quilts.

According to a news release, the idea is Ingleside at King Farm's latest effort to spread the message of peace and

Social Media snapshot of IKF's Peace Journey activity, and the IFK Peace Quilt 2015 Calendar

The Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation congratulates Ingleside at King Farm on their Peace Certification Journey, and we look forward to ongoing Collaborative peace activities With the IKF Community!