



Creating a Better Future for Us All: Doing Our Part

Teachers College, Columbia University
Future Child Advocates of TC (FCA-TC) Conference – April 25, 2014



Adora Svitak: "What Adults Can Learn from Kids" TED2010

http://www.ted.com/talks/adora_svitak?language=en

Listening to the Voices of Children – Quilts

Displayed at Teachers College, Columbia University – Library 2nd Floor April 25- May 23, 2014

April was *Child Abuse Prevention* month and communities throughout the country were working to help create a healthier and happier world for all. In that "spirit" the student club -*Future Child Advocates of TC* - took up the task to see what they could do help create that better future. They decided to ask children themselves – to "Listen to their Voices".

What would make life better for YOU in your future?

The **Quilt Display** represents their hopes and dreams illustrated on their own quilt block – students of various ages, typical and those with disabilities or coming from challenging environments, family situations. Their quilt blocks have been sewn together by incredible community quilters who have shared their skills-art to document for us these "voices". The ideas found on these quilts challenge us to DO SOMETHING-ADVOCATE to help create this Better – Happier world for children of the future.



Cathie Giambalvo, Community Quilter and
Kate Balthazard, School Counselor – Quilt Facilitator
Mt. Pleasant Blythedale Union Free School District
(A second quilter also helped but was unable to attend Conference - Mary Magdalene Price.)



Ana Facenda, Bilingual Spanish Teacher - Quilt Facilitator
PS 87 - William T. Sherman School – Kindergarten

Marlena Schroeder – Community Quilter



Cathie Giambalvo and Mary Magdalene Price,
Community Quilters

Tara Thorne, Teacher and **Emily Smith**, Student Teacher –
Quilt Facilitators
PS 199 - Jessie Isador Strauss Elementary School



Future Child Advocates of Teachers College (FCA-TC)
Club Quilt

Stephanie Khoury – FCA-TC Leadership

Leslie Schmerler – FCA-TC Leadership

Lea Williams – Community Quilter

Jessica Marra – FCA-TC Leadership