

# ***Black Women on the Margins***

## ***Traveling Quilt***



# ***Breaking the Silence***

The Quilt is designed to help create awareness and dialogue about health concerns that emerged in the **On The Margins** research project. It will also serve as a tool to get others talking about health concerns in the areas that it visits, as well as a creative method demonstrating how others can come together to share similar concerns in their own communities.

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It was designed by members of the Weymouth and area Community Development Society , through initial workshops that helped us to design the central image for the quilt. Our goal was to display the artistic symbol of OTM. The members of this group constructed the images of the other blocks to represent the voices of the women who took part in the interviews and focus groups in the OTM research. Phyllis Richards of Southville turned the ideas into quilted blocks, each block has a name of its own, and due to time constraints, the quilt was hand quilted by Phyllis.

After the conference the quilt will travel throughout the southwest region. One of the objectives of this project is to have the Quilt shown in as many communities as possible, so we anticipate the list growing as awareness of the significance of hosting the Quilt increases. From the southwest region the quilt will travel to both rural and urban regions' in Nova Scotia. We welcome invitations to host the Quilt in your community.