



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO

Project Title: Evaluation of the FORCE Monument Quilt Quilting Workshops

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What are some general things you should know about research studies?

You are being asked to take part in a research study. Your participation in the study is voluntary. You may choose not to join, or you may withdraw your consent to be in the study, for any reason, without penalty.

Research studies are designed to obtain new knowledge. This new information may help people in the future. There may not be any direct benefit to you for being in the research study. There also may be risks to being in research studies. If you choose not to be in the study or leave the study before it is done, it will not affect your relationship with the researcher or the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Details about this study are discussed in this consent form. It is important that you understand this information so that you can make an informed choice about being in this research study. You should keep a copy of this consent form. If you have any questions about this study at any time, you should ask the researchers named in this consent form. Their contact information is below.

What is the study about?

This is a research project. Your participation is voluntary. The purpose of this study is to learn about the experiences of participants in the FORCE Monument Quilt Quilting Workshops. FORCE is partnering with Dr. Christine Murray at UNCG and Dr. Allison Crowe at ECU in order to conduct this evaluation.

Why are you asking me?

You have been invited to participate in this study because you have completed a FORCE Monument Quilt Quilting Workshop. Other criteria to be eligible to participate in this study include (a) being at least 18 years old and (b) being able to participate in a survey that is written in the English language.

What will you ask me to do if I agree to be in the study?

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire to provide feedback about your experiences with the Quilting Workshop. We estimate that it will take about 10-15 minutes to complete this questionnaire.

Is there any audio/video recording?

There is no audio/video recording associated with this study.

### What are the risks to me?

The Institutional Review Boards at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and East Carolina University have determined that participation in this study poses minimal risk to participants. There is risk that participants will experience some emotional distress as a result of reporting about past experiences with being abused. Please note that you do not need to answer any questions that you do not feel comfortable answering.

If you have questions, want more information, or have suggestions, please contact Christine Murray, who may be reached at 336-334-3426 or [cemurray@uncg.edu](mailto:cemurray@uncg.edu), or Allison Crowe, who may be reached at [crowea@ecu.edu](mailto:crowea@ecu.edu). If you have any concerns about your rights, how you are being treated, concerns or complaints about this project or benefits or risks associated with being in this study, please contact the UNCG Office of Research Integrity toll-free at (855)-251-2351. Should you need any resources related to past or current experiences of intimate partner violence and/or sexual assault, we refer you to following organizations:

- The Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (<https://rainn.org/get-help>; 1-800-656-HOPE)
- The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (<http://www.ncadv.org/>)
- The National Network to End Domestic Violence (<http://www.nnedv.org/>)
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline (<http://www.thehotline.org/>; 1-800-799-SAFE).

### Are there any benefits to *society* as a result of me taking part in this research?

The FORCE Monument Quilt Quilting Workshops represent an innovative approach to mobilizing survivors of abuse and sexual assault to raise awareness about these issues and create healing spaces for survivors. By learning more about participants' experiences in these workshops, society may benefit from increased knowledge about how to better support survivors, both individually and at the societal level.

### Are there any benefits to *me* for taking part in this research study?

There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this study. You may experience increased positive feelings about yourself as a result of answering the questions in this study related to positive experiences you may have had through the Quilting Workshop. By reflecting on these experiences, you may identify personal strengths and resources that you can continue to draw upon.

### Will I get paid for being in the study? Will it cost me anything?

Participation in this study will not cost you anything financially. You will not be paid for being in this study.

### How will you keep my information confidential?

Study data will be collected confidentially, meaning that the questionnaire will not collect any identifying information about you. All information obtained in this study is strictly confidential unless disclosure is required by law. For the electronic version of the survey, absolute confidentiality of data provided through the Internet cannot be guaranteed due to the limited protections of Internet access. Please be sure to close your browser when finished so no one will be able to see what you have been doing. Electronic survey responses will be submitted automatically to the researchers at UNCG and ECU via the survey web-site. Paper-based versions of the questionnaire will be submitted to the staff at FORCE along with the completed

quilts made during your workshop, and these will then be mailed to Dr. Christine Murray at UNCG, who will store the paper copies in a locked filing cabinet. FORCE will also keep a copy of the completed paper-based evaluation forms. We will store all study-related data securely using password-protected electronic files and locked filing cabinets for storing hard copies of the data.

What if I want to leave the study?

You have the right to refuse to participate or to withdraw at any time, without penalty. If you do withdraw, it will not affect you in any way. If you choose to withdraw, you may request that any of your data which has been collected be destroyed unless it is in a de-identifiable state. You are not required to participate in this evaluation or to complete the evaluation form in order to participate in the Quilting Workshop. Choosing not to participate or withdrawing from the study will not affect your relationship with or the services you receive from FORCE or the Quilting Workshop.

What about new information/changes in the study?

If significant new information relating to the study becomes available which may relate to your willingness to continue to participate, this information will be provided to you.

Voluntary Consent by Participant:

By checking "Yes" below, you are agreeing that you read and you fully understand the contents of this document and are openly willing to consent to take part in this study. All of your questions concerning this study have been answered. By checking "Yes," you are agreeing that you are 21 years of age or older and are agreeing to participate in this study described to you in this document. Please keep a copy of this informed consent document for your records.

**Please check "Yes" if you agree: I have read and agree to the contents of this informed consent document.**

Yes