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Artists & Makers Studios Presents International Exhibit "Quilting for Change"

Groups Using Creativity to Uplift Human Condition of Marginalized People

(**Rockville, MD**) – <u>Artists & Makers Studios</u> in Rockville will present "Quilting for Change," an international quilt exhibit by three collaborating organizations working for social change. The Advocacy Project and Quilt for Change use quilting to support the empowerment of women around the world. Solar Sister, an award-winning U.S. non-profit, combats energy poverty in rural Africa.

With a special two-night opening in three galleries, there will be ample opportunity to view this powerful work. The regular opening reception/open studio event will be held Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. A second catered opening will be held Saturday, September 12, 2015. Representatives from all three organizations will be available to discuss their work and share the stories behind these art quilts made by women from around the world. "Quilting for Change" continues through September 28, 2015. Viewing hours are 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, M-F and weekends by appointment.

"Quilting for Change"

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Friday, September 11, 2015 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Saturday, September 12, 2015 Artists & Makers Studios 11810 Parklawn Dr., Suite 208 Rockville, MD 20852

Quilt for Change raises awareness on global issues that affect women, and empowers quilters to become agents for social change. Solar Sister eradicates energy poverty by empowering women with economic opportunity. The Advocacy Project helps marginalized communities tell their story, claim their rights and produce social change.

The "Quilting for Change" exhibit at Artists & Makers Studios is sponsored by <u>Longman & Van Grack</u>, <u>LLC</u>. Longman & Van Grack, <u>LLC</u> works with artists, art dealers, businesses and individuals, and represent clients regarding business law, litigation, tax and estate planning.

Artists & Makers Studios, established in October 2014 by artist and arts community builder Judith HeartSong, is located at 11810 Parklawn Dr. Rockville, MD 20852. The facility has grown by 40% in its first year of operation and is now home to 54 resident artists. A&M Studios is dedicated to providing a supportive and vibrant environment for artists to realize their creative goals - through studio practice, collaboration, education, opportunities, networking and connecting with the community beyond our doors.