

JJCF Final Update

The Czech Roma Advocacy Quilt has been officially completed with assistance from my mother, Barbara Wofford, an experienced quilter who offered to complete the Czech Roma quilt for free. After the completion of the quilt I delivered it to The Advocacy Project's headquarters in Washington DC, where I have been lucky enough to be interning this semester.



The completed quilt, hanging in my home before delivery to The Advocacy Project.

With assistance from the outreach coordinator here at AP, Erica Burdick, a portion of AP's website has been dedicated to the Czech Roma quilt, in which individual quilters are profiled with their panels and photos, and descriptions accompany each page. I was responsible for creating these profiles, and am currently completing video profiles of each of the women to further enhance the impact of the website and quilt it. Check it out at:

<http://advocacynet.org/page/czechroma>

The quilt premiered at the Council of Europe this past week at the Third International Conference of Roma Women, along with two quilts completed in Kosovo by Peace Fellow Samantha Hammer. The director of AP, Iain Guest, accompanied the three quilts to Spain. He was able to display them during the meetings of the Conference, demonstrating the impact to the many activists present.

I was also able to get into contact with the leader of the project in the Czech Republic, Emilie Horačková, and work with AP to send her to Spain to speak about the experience of working with AP and the possibilities for future projects.

Although funding for such projects is still up in the air, I am extremely pleased with how my Peace Fellowship ended, and am proud to continue to work for The Advocacy Project throughout the remainder of the semester.

Finally, I wanted to thank the Jessica Jennifer Cohen Foundation for making this Fellowship a possibility, and I hope that those reading this have enjoyed the adventure half as much as I have!