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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **HICKOK CENTER FOR BRAIN INJURY PARTICIPANTS GIVE BACK TO RAISE HOPE FOR OTHER BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS**

ROCHESTER, NY, Sept. 27, 2010 – **The Hickok Center for Brain Injury's program participants** are spreading hope about life after a brain injury. On October 6, 2010, the Center participants will be presenting a Mandela Quilt made at the Hickok Center to the patients at the Unity Hospital Brain Injury Unit. Each square of the quilt was produced by a Hickok Center participant and focuses on hope and recovery. Many of the Center's participants were patients at the Unity Brain Injury unit (then St. Mary's) after they received their brain injuries and credit their recovery to the wonderful people at St Mary's Brain Injury Unit. The quilt was produced as part of an art therapy grant from Golisano Foundation with the support of Heather Caton from Wisdom Art.

Brain injury can occur internally anywhere at anytime due to stroke, aneurism, seizure or illness. No one is immune. Additionally, about 5.3 million Americans are living with a disability that resulted from a traumatic brain injury related to impacts from motor vehicle accidents, violence or accidents at work or play. People suffering from brain injuries have to regain lost skills that the rest of us take for granted such as writing or typing, conversing with friends, folding laundry, and shopping for groceries.

The Hickok Center for Brain Injury, with centers in Rochester and Newark, has been serving adult survivors of brain injury for over 20 years. The Center is a place where people with brain injuries can go to redevelop the skills they have lost, within the safety and support of people with similar experiences and professionals who understand their struggle. Members set their own goals, design their own programs and utilize our organization's staff in ways that are consistent with their own priorities toward independence and self-sufficiency. We invite you to visit [www.hickokcenter.org](http://www.hickokcenter.org) for more information about both our locations.

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(From left to right) Persons pictured:

Ken Patterson, Marc Hinds, Bridget Minigan, Matt Twamley, Ernest Beaty, Jermaine Lawhorn, Willie Sutton