



**FROM ABERDEEN TO AUSTRALIA, CLIMATE QUILT CAMPAIGN UNITES STUDENTS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH PLEDGES TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Home Away From Home Academy in Aberdeen, NJ
Joins the Climate Quilt Campaign To Address Climate Change**

OCTOBER 27, 2009 (Aberdeen, NJ) – Home Away From Home Academy is participating in a new project with an international reach- The Climate Quilt Campaign (www.climatequilt.org). This worldwide initiative is intended to inspire children to band together around their pledges to preserve the future of the environment. The climate quilt is a physical symbol of children's desire to protect and care for the Earth. Children in cities as far as Shanghai and Sydney and as close as Los Angeles and New York are uniting together in this global cause. Home Away From Home Academy is the first school in New Jersey to participate in this widespread, powerful children's initiative.

Taking an active role in climate change education, Home Away From Home Academy is teaching their Kindergarten, First and Second grade students about the impact everyday activities have on our environment, locally and globally from inner cities to the Polar Regions. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to participate in the Climate Quilt Campaign. At Home Away From Home Academy our curriculum integrates the arts and academics with real life issues and experiences. We find that this engages our students and extends lessons beyond the classroom," says Carmine Visone, Owner. "Our community places a high degree of interest on the environment and how we affect it, so this project is a perfect fit for us. We're excited to see how our staff and students apply their creativity and thoughtfulness to this challenging issue."

On Tuesday October 27, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00pm, the students at Home Away From Home Academy will do more than just learn about the environment. They will each make a promise to do something that will help protect the Earth that they will one day inherit. From using less water to recycling to pledging to walk rather than have their parents drive them, these students are actively vowing to make a difference.

As part of the Climate Quilt Campaign, each student will create a quilt patch from recycled material which will include their promise and dream for the future of their Earth. While each patch celebrates an individual child's pledge to improve the environment, they will then be sewn together by Ms. Susan, a teacher at Home Away

from Home Academy, into one unified quilt panel illustrating that no matter what your individual strengths and beliefs, when joining together, the impact is significant.

The quilt panel made by Home Away From Home Academy students will be added to the big global "Climate Quilt" with the goal to have the Climate Quilt on display in Copenhagen during the UN Climate Conference in December. Leading up to Copenhagen, the quilt will also be celebrated in countries around the world including the United Kingdom, China and Australia. The finished Climate Quilt will then be on display in the United States to celebrate Earth Day 2010.

For more information please visit www.climatequilt.org.

About Climate Quilt Campaign

Climate Quilt Campaign was created by Habitat Heroes (www.habitatheroes.com) and the Green Schools Alliance (www.greenschoolsalliance.org) and is an effort to tangibly connect children worldwide around the issue of Climate Change. The campaign is designed to empower youth, raise awareness, build global community, and be the voice of children around the world who are pledging to do their part to help protect our shared future. Children are using recycled fabric to create the individual pledge patches that will be incorporated into one big unified quilt. The quilt will ultimately be a representation of children's hopes and dreams for the future of the Earth and their pledge to do their part to protect the environment.

About Home Away From Home Academy

Home Away From Home Academy, located on the border of Holmdel and Aberdeen on Route 34, has been receiving outstanding recognition from its parents and families over the last 15 years. Home Away From Home Academy, leaders in Early Childhood Education, was established to promote the growth of your child during the earliest and most formative years of his/her social, intellectual, and physical development. As a private school in the State of NJ, HAFHA is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. With over twenty years of experience in the management and the field of education, the owners and administrative staff continually aim to maintain and further improve the program quality our students and their families have come to expect. The mission of the school is to create unique educational environments built on sound research, qualified instruction and foster academic excellence. They instill a love of active learning, and provide experiences that enable all students to acquire a strong foundation in early childhood education as well as skills for lifelong achievement.