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## **Ellen DeGeneres and Whoopi Goldberg, Among Others, Lend Their Names for Local Charity**

**SAN DIEGO - - December 21, 2004.** A one-of-a-kind Women of Comedy celebrity quilt was created by local quilter Freya Gordon for the Big Sister League of San Diego. The quilt features signatures from comedians Kathy Najimy, Whoopi Goldberg, Phyllis Diller, Ellen DeGeneres and Paula Poundstone. The 4' x 4' quilt is now on eBay with proceeds going directly to the Big Sister League of San Diego

“We’re very excited about the Women of Comedy quilt,” says Big Sister League’s Executive Director Lydia Lewis. “We were thrilled at the response and some of the celebrities even gave us more than their signature. For instance, Whoopi Goldberg drew a face on her square. This is such a fun, unique way to raise money for our programs.”

The Women of Comedy quilt eBay auction will run through December 28, 2004. To view the quilt on eBay, link to <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=6500671695>.

Future quilts will showcase the signatures of Barbra Streisand, Maya Angelou, Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren and Maria Shriver, to name a few. So far over 31 female celebrities have signed “signature squares” and donated them to the Big Sister League of San Diego.

The Big Sister League is San Diego’s oldest mentoring program assisting women and at-risk girls. The League is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing supervised transitional housing, volunteer mentoring and support services while encouraging confidence, self-esteem and independence. Programs are funded through grants and donations. For more information on the Big Sister League, go to [www.bigsisterleague.org](http://www.bigsisterleague.org).

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