

Stained Glass Window to Benefit Friends For Life

The sale of a stained glass window of former President Bill Clinton crafted by two local artists will be donated to benefit Friends For Life. Artists Keith Rash and Robbie O'Kelly designed and completed the window in 2002 because the project was "personal to us; Bill Clinton was *our* president." Once the project was completed, Ms. O'Kelly contacted the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas who accepted the window and where it remained for six months before being returned to Ms. O'Kelly.



"I want Friends For Life to benefit from the sale of this window because I believe in the great work the agency is doing. I have been personally touched by HIV/AIDS from having many friends pass because of the disease," Ms. O'Kelly remarks. She wanted to create the stained glass window of President Clinton because to her knowledge there had never been a stained glass portrait of a president produced before. The beautifully crafted window is 42" H x 36" W and took three

months from the beginning of the design to finished product.

This project was not a new one for Ms. O'Kelly and Mr. Rash who have been friends for 14 years and who have worked together for almost the entire period. They have produced hundreds of stained glass windows and other art objects which are sold at their business, Evergreen Art Glass, located at 575 N. McLean.

The team is well-known in the Memphis community, having been commissioned to completely restore the stained glass of St. Peter Cathedral. For more information about purchasing the stained glass window of President Clinton, please contact Kim Moss at Friends For Life (272-0855 ext 233 or Kim.Moss@friendsforlifecorp.org). Or you may view the window where it is hanging at Evergreen Art Glass.



Pictured above – top right: Keith Rash and Robbie O'Kelly. Left: Bill Clinton stained glass window. Bottom right: Work being done on stained glass of St. Peter Cathedral.