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Stonewall Community Foundation Announces Grants for 3 New Programs

New York, NY (Tuesday May 3, 2011) Stonewall Community Foundation is pleased to announce its newest grant recipients. Three project-specific grants totaling \$15,000 have been awarded by Stonewall Quarter Share, a program of younger LGBT professionals dedicated to LGBT philanthropy. The grants recipients are:

[Streetwise and Safe \(SAS\)](#), an initiative housed at [Urban Justice](#) to develop leadership and build community among homeless and low-income LGBT individuals of color under 24. In their struggle to simply survive, this population is extremely vulnerable to abusive policing practices and incarceration. In one 15-week training program, SAS teaches these young people about their rights and about what strategies they can employ to remain safe. SAS just recently celebrated its one year anniversary, and with this grant they look forward to celebrating many more to come.

ElderPride, a program of the [Brooklyn Community Pride Center](#). The Stonewall grant will ensure ElderPride, which only launched March 7, is able to address the experiences and needs of the LGBT older adult community through creative and engaging activities. ElderPride will operate outside the Brooklyn Community Pride Center, reaching out to LGBT older adults within mainstream senior centers in the borough of Brooklyn. Throughout Brooklyn, like elsewhere, many LGBT older adults experience severe stigmatization in senior centers which can prevent them from reaching out and obtaining necessary medical, legal and social services. ElderPride will start the work of making sure the needs of LGBT older adults in Brooklyn are met.

The Case Management Clinic, a program of [New Alternatives for LGBT Homeless Youth](#) that provides weekly, high-quality intensive case management services to over 150 homeless LGBT youth in New York City each year. Since 2008, the clinic has helped many young LGBT individuals “go beyond” homelessness to live with dignity. The Stonewall Quarter Share grant will cover the costs related to serving at least 20 youths in 2011. Those who participate in the program receive assistance with issues including: housing; immigration; public and financial assistance; mental health; substance abuse; and physical health including on-site HIV testing. Additionally, the Case Management Clinic provides GED and SAT tutoring; assistance with college applications and financial aid forms; and support when it comes to resume writing and job searches.

Quarter Share Co-President and Grants Committee Chair Kristina Semos noted, “Giving our Quarter Share grant and seeing concrete projects materialize in the LGBT community is one of the highlights of my Stonewall Quarter Share experience.” As a group, Quarter Share members are able to have a much greater impact in supporting the LGBT community.

Quarter Share has embraced Stonewall's strategy of applying resources to underserved and underfunded segments of the LGBT community in New York City. With these grants, Stonewall Quarter Share members hope to improve lives and create a stronger and more vibrant LGBT community in New York City.

If you are under 35 and want to get involved with Quarter Share become member yourself, click [here](#).

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About Stonewall Community Foundation:

Stonewall Community Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization, is the public charity for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) New York. Since its founding in 1990, Stonewall has awarded more than \$15 million in grants to more than 450 LGBT organizations, many of whom are new or emerging groups that do not have the resources to reach potential donors. Our mission is to strengthen the LGBTQ community from within, empower donors, support community leadership and build dynamic organizations. We do this by: inspired and thoughtful giving; leadership and community development; legacy development through endowments, scholarships, trusts and funds.

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