



About the Foundation

Who We Are

Stonewall Community Foundation is the public charity for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) New York. Our mission is to promote the well-being of LGBT individuals and strengthen the LGBT community. We do this by increasing resources; targeting those resources strategically to areas of greatest need; and serving as a catalyst and clearinghouse for ideas and solutions.

Through grantmaking, donor-advised funds, endowment funds and charitable education, Stonewall supports LGBT organizations and helps donors realize their philanthropic goals. Stonewall believes that a vibrant, fully integrated LGBT community will catalyze the creation of an all-inclusive society.

Since inception in 1990, the Foundation has awarded more than \$14 million in grants to more than 400 organizations.

What We Do

Grantmaking. Stonewall's grantmaking focuses on New York City community-based not-for-profit organizations projects and programs whose missions are of benefit to the LGBT community. Our funding priorities include organizations and projects that serve LGBT adolescents and young adults, seniors, people of color, and individuals living in the outer-boroughs. We give preference to organizations responding to unmet needs in the LGBT community with new and innovative approaches. Stonewall also funds organizations with services and programs of proven value to the community. All grant decisions are made by an independent Grant Advisory Committee comprised of community members who are knowledgeable about the issues and concerns of the LGBT community. The committee meets annually to review grant proposals submitted by organizations from NYC's five boroughs.

Stonewall Institute. An outgrowth of the Foundation's commitment to helping organizations succeed, the Stonewall Institute is a training and leadership development program for board, staff, members, and volunteers of LGBT organizations and projects in New York City. The Institute's primary goals are to provide opportunities to build useful relationships, share resources and information, improve skills, and explore the potential to collaborate on critical issues.

Scholarships. Stonewall scholarships are ensuring opportunity for a growing number of LGBT students in our community to pursue their educational goals. Each fund is unique and reflects the values of its donor(s). The *Harry Bartel Memorial Scholarship Fund* supports young gay men by helping to defray the costs of their secondary education. The *Bee Winkler Weinstein Fund* benefits young lesbian, bisexual and transgender women whose families have withdrawn emotional and/or financial support because of their sexual and/or gender identity by providing grants to advance their training, education or employment. The *Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship Fund* provides scholarships to lesbian-identified students attending college or graduate school.

Racial Equity Initiative. Matching a \$150,000 grant from the Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues Racial Equity Initiative, Stonewall will implement a four-year \$300,000 grantmaking and capacity-building program to support autonomous LGBTQ people of color organizations and projects in New York City. The overall intent of this groundbreaking national initiative is to help build the infrastructure and leadership of LGBTQ people of color organizations while strengthening the ability of LGBT public foundations to increase their investment in LGBT people of color communities. Beginning in 2009, Stonewall will provide multi-year grants and capacity-building resources to both grantees and a broader network of LGBTQ people of color groups.



-Continuation-

Philanthropic Services. Stonewall uses its expertise and knowledge of the local LGBT community to provide information and advice to donors who wish to establish either donor-advised or endowment funds. The foundation manages and administers these funds, which can be named to honor a lover, friend or family member, or to provide grassroots and emerging organizations a conduit for its philanthropic programs. Gifts from the funds may be designated to a particular area of granting, or remain unrestricted. Stonewall also offers planned giving opportunities for donors interested in establishing a charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust, and other forms of bequests.

Membership Programs. Stonewall offers a number of membership programs that encourage philanthropy in a range of donors – from young professionals in their 20's to fortune 500 companies looking to unite their LGBT and allied employee groups. These initiatives include Quarter Share, Community Share, and Corporate Share. Members commit to a monthly donation to Stonewall. A percent of the funds raised goes to supporting the Foundation's work, while the remaining is granted to a qualified LGBT not-for-profit organization chosen by the group. All three programs are founded on the principle of strength in numbers – that when donors give together, they multiply the community impact of their giving.

Why We Are Important

LGBT funding represented 0.1 percent of overall U.S. foundation giving in 2005—a percentage that has not changed since the late 1980s (*LGBTQ Grantmaking by U.S. Foundations-2005-Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues*). Stonewall is the largest LGBT public foundation focused on the needs of the New York LGBT community.

Accomplishments in 2009

- Directed **\$1,000,000** in financial support to **114 organizations**
- Trained board members and staff from more than **65 organizations** in management and leadership skills through the **Stonewall Institute**
- Created **networking** opportunities to help community leaders build relationships and share resources;
- Provided **educational scholarships** for LGBT students
- **Stonewall Quarter Share** a giving initiative for younger LGBT donors that inspires philanthropy and nurtures the next generation of LGBT leaders
- Established the Allan Morrow Prize for Excellence in Board Leadership

For more information contact

Bill McDermott, Director of Development
Stonewall Community Foundation
119 West 24th St., New York, NY 10011
bill.mcdermott@stonewallfoundation.org
212/ 367. 1266

www.stonewallfoundation.org

Stonewall Community Foundation is the public charity for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) New York. Our mission is to promote the well-being of LGBT individuals and strengthen the LGBT community. We do this by increasing resources; targeting those resources strategically to areas of greatest need; and by serving as a catalyst and clearinghouse for ideas and solutions. Through grant-making, donor-advised funds, endowment funds and charitable education, Stonewall supports LGBT organizations and helps donors realize their philanthropic goals. Stonewall believes that a vibrant, fully integrated LGBT community will catalyze the creation of an all-inclusive society.



Stonewall Grantees

2009 Racial Equity Initiative Grants

Freedom Train Productions

“Freedom Train Productions is a political theater company that challenges audiences to see human struggle through new perspectives—black, queer protagonists. In this practice of political theater, black queers are the vehicle and social justice is the destination.”

G.A.L.D.E – Gay and Lesbian Dominican Empowerment Organization

“To empower and unite New York City’s LGBT people of Dominican descent with educational support and advocacy services. While their programs are open to all, they primarily serve the Latino and Dominican community in Washington Heights/Inwood and Queens. The average age of participants in their programs is 26 and the majority come from lower income families.

Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men of New York (GAPIMNY)

“Founded in 1990, GAPIMNY is a membership based organization whose goal is to empower Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander’s (API’s) through a range of social, educational, peer-support, cultural and political activities. We work in coalition with other community organizations to help educate the API ethnic and LGBT communities on issues of race, sexuality, gender and health.”

Lavender Light Gospel Choir

“Lavender Light Gospel Choir is dedicated to keeping alive the Black Gospel music tradition in an environment that is supportive to Lesbian and Gay people. Through our performances and recordings we seek to lift-up, entertain and educate. We strive to be a visible force in this world offering strength, peace and hope to both our members and our communities.”

NorthEast Two-Spirit Society

“In 2004, a group of Native American/two-spirit community activists came together to form a two-spirit organization. Our mission is to educate the LGBT and non-LGBT communities regarding indigenous and two-spirit histories and traditions; to ensure community cohesion amongst our people through the promotion of health and spiritual well-being and by sharing our tradition with one another.

Q-Wave (Queer, Women and Trans, Asian, Visible, Empowered)

“Q-Wave is dedicated to strengthening the voices of lesbian, bisexual and questioning women and gender-variant people of Asian/Pacific Islander descent by promoting visibility and empowerment through social, political and educational organizing.”

South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association (SALGA)

“To provide social, cultural and political space to support, empower and build community for the LGBTQ community that traces its origin to the region known as South Asia.”



2008 Grantees

BAAD! The Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance

BAAD! is a South Bronx-based arts organization that carves a niche in the Bronx cultural landscape by creating, producing and presenting the cutting edge work of emerging and established choreographers, dancers, directors, playwrights, poets, musicians and artists who are women, people of color and/or from the lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. BAAD! is home to the Arthur Aviles Typical Theatre, a contemporary dance company that explores life on the margins of the gay and Latino cultures. BAAD! presents year-round arts programming and produces four annual festivals: BAAD! ASS WOMEN, The Boogie Down Dance Series, OUT LIKE THAT!, and the BlakTino Performance Series. BAAD! will use the TA stipend to develop a strategic plan.

FIERCE

Founded in 2000, FIERCE is a community organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth of color in New York City, focusing on homeless and low-income youth aged 13-24. FIERCE grew out of the urgent need to build a member-led organization where LGBT youth could become effective agents of change in their communities and the broader LGBT movement. Key program areas include *Leadership Development* to build the community organizing and leadership skills of LGBT youth of color, *Outreach and Youth Advocacy Campaigns* to create or change policies that adversely impact LGBT youth in New York City, and *Membership Development and Community Building* to help provide FIERCE members with basic resources for survival: housing, jobs, healthcare and education. FIERCE will use the TA stipend to develop a fundraising plan.

Make the Road by Walking

Make the Road by Walking (MRBW) is a member-led organization of 2,000+ primarily low-income Latino immigrants in Bushwick, Brooklyn which fights for economic justice and opportunity through community organizing. A project of MRBW, Gays and Lesbians of Bushwick Empowered (GLOBE), engages LGBT residents in grassroots organizing, dialogue and advocacy to combat homophobia and fight for the rights of LGBT people. In 2002, GLOBE launched the Safe Schools Campaign, an initiative to push the principals of Bushwick's public high schools and the NYC Department of Education to make the schools safer for LGBTQ students. GLOBE members are also active in Make the Road's other issue areas, including environmental, workplace, and housing justice. MRBW's tenant committee is currently leading a community campaign in support of a Bushwick couple who have been subjected to repeated harassment by their landlord because they are lesbians. GLOBE will use the TA stipend to develop a web-related outreach strategy.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

The Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination or violence. SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social and economic justice. Thus, SRLP works to improve access to respectful and affirming social, health, and legal services for primarily low-income people of color who are transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming. Key program approaches include direct services and impact litigation, policy reform, community organizing support, and public education and training. SRLP will use the TA stipend to develop a media strategy.



2007 Grantees

Bronx Lesbian and Gay Health Resource Consortium

Provides critical health and support services to the Bronx LGBT community, leads advocacy efforts to raise public awareness of significant issues and concerns, and empowers LGBT Bronx residents to be visible in their community. Key programs include *Spot Next Door*, the only drop-in center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in the Bronx and *Catcher's Mitt*, a unique training program and media campaign with Bronx merchants that helps runaways and homeless youth access community resources.

Center for Anti-Violence Education

An openly lesbian-led organization that works to end societal and personal violence against children, teens and adults of different sexual orientations and gender identities through anti-violence training, support, referrals and creating a queer positive space. For Pride 2006, CAE is offering a two-week LGBTQ Violence-Prevention Workshop, with free spaces available for survivors of intimate-partner violence and survivors of sexual violence. CAE also operates the only women and transgender martial arts school in New York City.

Peter Cicchino Youth Project of the Urban Justice Center

Addresses the intractable problems of homelessness, poverty, and discrimination against LGBTQ youth by combining direct legal representation to secure immediate tangible benefits with long-term initiatives to improve the foster care, juvenile justice and homeless shelter systems where they struggle to survive. PCYP serves young people between 15 and 24 years of age, most of whom are LGBTQ youth of color who face race, class, and sexual and gender oppression. PCYP also operates legal clinics at Safe Horizon's Streetwork Project and Hetrick Martin Institute.

Queers for Economic Justice

Promotes social and economic equity for LGBT people through grassroots organizing, public education, advocacy and research. QEJ seeks to raise the voices and issues of low-income LGBT New Yorkers in both gay-rights and anti-poverty organizations. Core projects include the Queer Economic Justice Network, a coalition of LGBT and anti-poverty groups that work together to address poverty issues that impact the LGBT community.