



STONEWALL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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 by 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 \$13 million in grants to more than 450 organizations.

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.

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 2008, Stonewall will provide multi-year grants and capacity-building resources to both grantees and a broader network of LGBTQ people of color groups.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2007

What We Have Achieved

- Directed \$1 million in grants to organizations meeting critical needs in the community;
- Trained board members and staff from more than 65 organizations in management and leadership skills through the Stonewall Institute;
- Established the Allan Morrow Prize for Excellence in Board Leadership;
- Created networking opportunities to help community leaders form peer networks and share limited resources;
- Provided educational scholarships for LGBT students to pursue their academic goals; and
- Created Quarter Share, a giving initiative for younger LGBT professionals that inspires philanthropy and nurtures the next generation of LGBT leaders.

Grantees from Stonewall 2007 Grants Cycle

The following organizations are recipients of the 2007 Stonewall Grants Cycle. These grantees reflect Stonewall's funding priorities – youth, people of color, seniors and individuals living in the outer-boroughs – with our commitment to responding to unmet or under-resourced needs in the LGBT community with innovative approaches. Each award is a one-year general support grant, renewable for two additional years, paired with a supplementary technical assistance (organizational capacity-building) stipend. Additionally, grantees participate in Stonewall Institute programs to build skills, relationships and resources.

- **BAAD! The Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance** 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, gay, 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.
- **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** is a 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. During NYC Pride Month, CAE offers 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.

[Continuation of Grantees from Stonewall 2007 Grants Cycle]

- **FIERCE** is a community organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth of color in New York City, focusing on homeless and low-income youth aged 13-24. Founded in 2000, 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- 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. 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.

Recipients of Stonewall 2007 Scholarships

Recipients of the Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship Awards

- **Laurie Thomas** is the first person in her family to graduate from college. While a student at the University of California-Berkeley, she won the prestigious Eisner Prize in Film and Video. Her films, which explore the intersections between race, class and sexuality, have been screened at the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive. Her filmmaking is inspired by the work of Marlon Riggs and Jenny Livingston, and draws from her experiences as a lesbian of color. Laurie is a M.F.A. candidate at the Columbia University School of Arts.

A 2007 graduate of Fenton High School in Michigan, **Sasha Ross** came out as a lesbian in the seventh grade. Undeterred by prejudice, she became president of her school's chapter of the National Honor Society and helped educate other students about discrimination and the importance of tolerance as a member of the Greater Flint Youth Leadership Program. Sasha's goal is to become a civil rights lawyer to fight for LGBT rights. She will be a freshman at Pace University in the fall.

- **Andrea Birdsell** has dedicated herself to helping to ensure equal representation for children, ethnic minorities and LGBT people. She has worked as a behavioral specialist for severely emotionally disturbed children. As an intern at the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center in San Francisco's Castro district, she led weekly rap sessions on topics such as healthcare, hate crimes, bullying, legal rights and coming out. Andrea will concentrate on public interest law at the New England School of Law.
- Not your average ice hockey player, **Heidi Alexander** has been an active volunteer for the Freedom to Marry Coalition of Massachusetts, Human Rights Campaign, and Amherst College Pride Alliance over the past few years. She wrote her honor's thesis on society's perception of gender and the self-concept and contributes articles to a local LGBT newsmagazine. A second-year student at Rutgers University Law School, Heidi is a member of the LGBT Law Caucus.

Recipients of the Harry Bartel Memorial Scholarship Award

- **Hal Halper** is a peer educator for the Youth Enrichment Services (Y.E.S.) program at the New York City LGBT Community Center. As a member of the Y.E.S. Outreach Team, he helps raise awareness of LGBTQ youth issues by participating in community events and organizing activities such as the Summer Youth Pride Chorus. He is a sophomore at Brooklyn College, where he is pursuing a degree in secondary education with a concentration in theater and a minor in psychology and mental health. Hal, who aspires to be a guidance counselor and teacher, is especially interested in helping to create safe learning environments for LGBTQ-identified students.

Recipients of the Kenneth McCarthy Scholarship Award

- **Jonathan Alejandro** has been a member of the Hetrick-Martin Institute for over 6 years. He was one of the original students at the Harvey Milk High School (HMHS) when it opened its doors in 2004 and has persevered throughout many changes and challenges to graduate this year. Jonathan, also known as Jaszi, was a founding member of the HMHS student council, a Theatre Development Fund Scholar for two years and an informal leader in the school community for the four years he attended. He has worked tirelessly for several years as an HIV prevention activist, is active in several of the Peer Education programs at HMI, and participates in the Ballroom community as a member of the House of Khan. Jaszi is a talented poet, performance artist and photographer. He will be attending Borough of Manhattan Community College in the fall.

Recipients of Stonewall General Support Grants in 2006-07 (114 Organizations)

ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project
Action Wisconsin
AIDS Assistance Program
AIDS Walk New York
Alliance for Justice
American Family Voices
American Foundation for AIDS
American Museum of Natural History
American Red Cross
American Red Cross of Greater Miami
AMFAR
Anti-Violence Project
Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice
Audre Lorde Project
Bronx Community Pride Center
Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities
Catholic Hospice of Miami
Center for Anti-Violence Education
Chaos
Christopher Newport Univ.
Citizen Soldier
Citizens for Ethics
Citizenship Education Fund
City Harvest
Classical Action Performing Arts
Coalition for the Homeless
Colorado Alzheimer's Association
Committee for Fair Elections
Congregation Beth Simchat Tora
CSSMM
Dana-Farber Cancer Center
Dancers Responding to AIDS
Doctors Without Borders
Dyke TV
EAPE
Empire State Pride Agenda
Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation
Equality Florida
Fair Wisconsin
Faith America
Fenway Community Health
FIPPOA Foundation
Freedom to Marry Collaborative
Friends of Hudson River Park
Friends of Mothers Programmes
Friends of the Choral Society
Fund In The Sun
Fundors for Lesbian & Gay Issues
G&L Victory Fund
GA Equality
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute
Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network
GMHC
God's Love We Deliver
Green Chimney's Childrens Services
Hartley Film Foundation
Heights Hill Community Advisory Board
Hetrick-Martin Institute
Houses on the Moon
Human Rights Campaign Foundation
Immigration Equality
In the Life
Independent Curators International
International Center for the Disabled
International Gay and Lesbian Human
Rights Commission
International Levymount
Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club
Lambda Legal Defense and Education
Fund
Mass Equality
Medius Institute for Gay Men's Health
Merchants House Museum
Metropolitan Opera
Miami Beach Community Church
Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival
Miracle House
National Black Justice Coalition
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
Foundation
National Heritage Foundation
National Philanthropic Trust
National Stonewall Democrats
New Dem. Network
New York Foundation for the Arts
NLGJA
NY Public Library
Overseas Vote Foundation
Palm Springs International Film Society
Paul Taylor Dance Company
People for the American Way
Foundation
Peter Cicchino Youth Project
PFLAG
Planned Parenthood Federation of
America
Pride Lines Youth Services
PUAA – The Foundation for Cambodia
QEJ
Roundabout Theater Company
S. Carolina Equality Coalition
Safe Horizon Streetwork Project
SAGE
Save Foundation
Savadade
Service Members Legal Defense
Network
Soulforce, Inc.
South Africa Development Fund
South Carolina Equality Coalition
Stop Exploitation Now
The LGBT Community Center
The Open Gate
The Point Foundation
Treatment Action Campaign
United Way of Dade County
VCC
Women Make Movies

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