

## Outside In receives awards

Outside In, Portland's unique social service agency, recently named outstanding urban clinic by the Oregon Primary Care Association, has also received Metropolitan Community Action's Program of the Year Award.

The Outstanding Urban Clinic award recognizes services provided by Outside In's primary care and prenatal care clinics. The clinics provided more than 3,300 free or low-cost patient visits to pregnant teens on the streets, Hispanic migrant families, gays and lesbians, foreign students, prostitutes and drug users in downtown Portland last year. The dedicated staff and volunteers of Outside In's clinics have provided non-judgmental and hassle-free medical services in a powerful effort to change lives, prevent the spread of disease, and end cycles of abuse and addiction for clients unwanted in or unable to pay for traditional care settings.

Outside In's Program of the Year Award is in recognition of the agency's Transitional Housing Program for homeless youth. The innovative program assists homeless youth in making significant changes in their lives by furthering their education, getting jobs and achieving independent living. Last year, of the 56 homeless youth who entered the program, two-thirds did not return to the streets.

Outside In is a United Way agency.

## Soiree to benefit Lesbian and Gay Pride 1990

Pride during the holidays is the theme of an early evening party at the Dakota Café. The After Work Pride During the Holidays Soiree on December 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm is a highlight of the Give a Gift to the Community campaign to benefit Lesbian and Gay Pride, Inc.'s presentation of Lesbian and Gay Pride 1990 and the Gay Hotline.

The Soiree, hosted by Howie Bagdadonutz and featuring guest pianist Joe Anderson and a light buffet, will introduce the Fairy Brigade — teams dressed as fairies who are distributing gift-wrapped collection boxes to locations throughout gay and lesbian Portland. The Fairy Brigade will be soliciting donations for the Give a Gift to the Community campaign later in the evening at local bars and taverns.

Other Give a Gift to the Community campaign fundraisers include a community awards banquet on March 17.

Volunteers are needed on all committees to plan "Look to the Future." The theme of lesbian and gay pride celebrations throughout the world in 1990, "Look to the Future" was chosen by the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators at the association's recent convention in Vancouver, B.C.

Tickets for the After Work Pride During the Holidays Soiree at the Dakota Café are \$10 and are available at A Woman's Place Bookstore and all Ticketmaster locations. To volunteer or for more information, call 232-8233.

## AIDS awareness program targets men of color

A program to raise consciousness about HIV disease in a gay and bisexual people of color context was presented in Portland recently by Phill Wilson of The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. The Task Force is a project of the National Association, Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) and

provides education to its members and other gay and bisexual men of color.

The Task Force's program provides safer sex workshops and AIDS 101 to facilitate risk reduction and is conducting a survey through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control. The Task Force is also helping local organizations create working relationships in the whole community.

Men of color "are less likely to be involved in AIDS organizations" than are white men, Wilson says. "Gay and bisexual black men usually live in their own ethnic environs" but the Task Force provides a safe space.

"There is tremendous denial," Wilson emphasizes. "Men of color are not prepared to add AIDS [oppression] and can't deal with the issues of homosexuality."

Wilson does see changes; he sees men doing things which were thought impossible not very long ago. "That's very positive," he says.

Phill Wilson was recently selected co-chair of the 1990 Board of Directors of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. He will serve as co-chair with Ruth Waters, a former board member of Connexus. The Forum will present the Third Annual National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference in Atlanta, February 16-19. For more information, write The Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, 3924 W. Sunset Blvd., Suite 1, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

## Valentine gala to benefit Phoenix Rising

It's not too early to begin planning for Phoenix Rising's gala St. Valentine's Day party in February. The semi-formal, black tie optional event will benefit Phoenix Rising's counseling services and reaffirm same-sex relationships.

Stephanie Holloway, executive director of Phoenix Rising, is asking for volunteers to plan this major fundraiser. Specific time and place are yet to be confirmed, but the event is being planned for an "extra special and classy facility." The gala will feature food, dancing, fun and a silent auction for weekends at the beach and other romantic getaways.

Volunteers wishing to assist with Phoenix Rising's Valentine's Gala may call 223-8299.

Phoenix Rising is Oregon's only gay and lesbian mental health service center. The agency offers individual and group counseling for lesbians and gays on a wide variety of issues as well as sponsoring workshops, classes and retreats.

Phoenix Rising is a United Way agency.

## 3000 for 10 inching toward goal

In the three months that Just Out has appealed to its readers for contributions to retire back debts, \$3750 has been received from 182 contributors. Contributions have ranged from \$3 to \$200, with an average of just over \$20. This puts us one-eighth of the way toward our goal.

Your response to our appeal has been most encouraging and the comments accompanying your contributions have convinced us that Just Out is definitely appreciated. The staff of Just Out thanks everyone who has helped us continue getting the word out.

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