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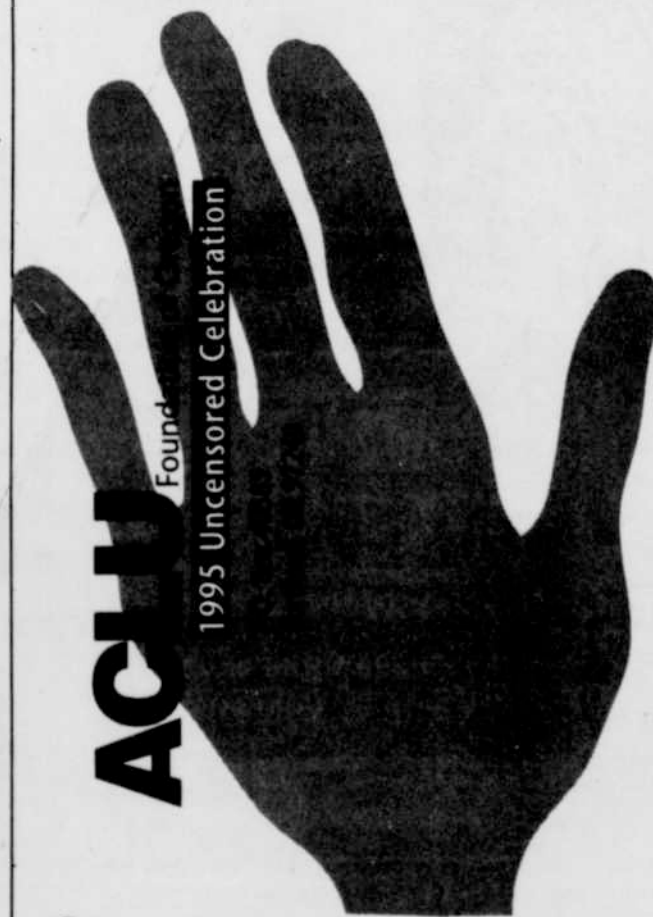
## Foundation issues grants to social justice groups

The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, a progressive community foundation serving Oregon since 1976, announces the disbursement of \$93,500 in spring cycle grants to organizations working to eliminate the root causes of social injustice and environmental destruction.

Grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Awards granted include: Brother to Brother, \$4,000, to support this African American gay and bisexual men's organization that works on HIV/AIDS and discrimination issues; Coos County Coalition for Human Rights, \$3,000, to support this group as it challenges the religious right's attempts to curtail the civil rights of lesbians and gay men; Lesbian Community Project, \$3,500, to assist the promotion of the lesbian community's well-being through a grass-roots multi-issue, multicultural perspective; and, the Oregon Human Rights Coalition, \$5,000, to assist this low-income organizing group to expand into seven counties.

## Uncensored Celebration begins

September marks the annual Uncensored Celebration, a month-long community education project sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Oregon. The event is designed to make "people feel good about the Bill of Rights, especially our First Amendment right to free expression."



The annual event began in 1990, in response to the growing movement to censor artists. Last year more than 200 libraries, bookstores and galleries participated. To receive a listing of events, contact the ACLU at 227-3186.

## Youth conference slated

The Third Regional Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Conference: Improving Services for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth, will be held Oct. 13-14 at the Portland Conference Center, 300 NE Multnomah, in Portland.

Presenters include Joyce Hunter, who is board president of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association, and Kevin Jennings, director of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network and author of *One Teacher in 10: Gay and Lesbian Educators Tell Their Stories*.

Registration is \$100 by Sept. 29; \$125 after that date. For more information or to receive a registration packet, call Phoenix Rising at 223-8299.

## Speaker's sister to visit Portland



Candace Gingrich, the openly lesbian sister of conservative U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, will visit Portland from Sept. 5 to 6. She is a spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund's National Coming Out Day campaign.

The project is an ongoing campaign to encourage and empower gay men and lesbians to come out and educate those around them. National Coming Out Day, observed Oct. 11, commemorates this individual act of courage.

Gingrich will speak at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock St., on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 7 to 8 pm. The event is free and open to the public. A private reception will also be held Sept. 6 from 7 to 9 pm at the Kuchenbach Estate in Portland. For more information, call 223-8838.

## Our House gears up for signature event

Our House of Portland, a residential care program for men and women living their last days with AIDS, is planning the organization's signature event, "Dinner at My House for Our House."

Sponsors of the event provide a themed dinner or brunch in their homes for a minimum of eight guests. Tickets for each event are \$50. "Dinner at My House for Our House" runs from Sept. 15 through Dec. 15. All proceeds go to Our House of Portland. Events will be published in a program book featuring menus and themes. Those who wish to attend a dinner (or dinners) may request a program by calling Kimberly Webster at 261-9488; fax: 261-9491.

## La Femme Magnifique International Pageant set for Sept. 3

Choosing the "most glamorous female impersonator in the world" sounds like a lofty goal, but that's the purpose of the 14th annual La Femme Magnifique International Pageant, slated for Sept. 3 at Montgomery Park in Northwest Portland.

The pageant, which was started in 1982 by the Rose City's very own Darcelle XV, marks the culmination of many regional competitions held throughout the western United States and Canada. On July 9, the Portland Regional La Femme Magnifique competition was held at Darcelle XV; the competition was won by Pebbles, who was crowned 1995-96 Portland La Femme Magnifique.

To catch Pebbles and all the other candidates vying for the impressive international title, call Darcelle XV at 222-5338 for ticket information.

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