

EQUITY FOUNDATION GRANTS TO HELP HOMELESS YOUTH

Equity Foundation is seeking proposals that address issues relevant to homeless youth for its 1998 Community Outreach grant cycle.

The foundation is particularly interested in proposals for programs that help homeless youth, including sexual minority young people, integrate into the community and make the transition to a more secure environment.

In an effort to create partnerships, Equity Foundation is requiring proposals come from "two or more organizations from different sectors in the community that don't traditionally work together." To qualify, at least one group must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or an accredited educational organization.

Proposals are due no later than 1 pm on Friday, May 1. To receive an application, call 220-0628.

Equity Foundation was created in 1989 by a group of gay men and lesbians who wished to make a "positive difference in the world."

WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

More than 1,000 people are expected to participate in Portland Habitat for Humanity's sixth annual Walk for Humanity on Saturday, May 2.

The event bolsters the work of more than a dozen nonprofits (referred to as Community Partners) that are striving to "make Northeast Portland a beautiful place to live, work and play."

Walkers and bicyclists select a Community Partner organization and raise pledges to support that choice.



Portland Habitat for Humanity creates partnerships among low-income families, volunteers and businesses in the community to build affordable homes.

Each May the group organizes the Walk for Humanity, a fund-raiser which features a five-mile pledge walk and 10-mile bicycle tour. The event generates more than \$50,000 in pledges annually.

The Walk for Humanity begins at Irving Park, Northeast Seventh Avenue and Fremont Street in Portland. Registration opens at 9:30 am; the event starts at 10 am. Pledge forms are available at Washington Mutual Bank branches or by calling 287-9529.

GAY AND LESBIAN MORMONS WILL UNITE IN ROSE CITY

Preparations are underway for a conference sponsored by Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons. The 21st annual gathering will be held Sept. 4-7 in Portland.

"Affirmation is dedicated to serving the needs of the church's gay and lesbian members and ex-members," says Scott MacKay, Affirmation's executive director. "The church leadership has formally denied that we even exist, and despite the value the church claims to place on the family, its hostility towards gays actually drives families apart. The conference is a unique opportunity to help heal wounds,

bridge differences and show people the true meaning of family."

Workshops will focus on myriad topics, including same-sex marriage, youth issues, internalized homophobia, surviving excommunication and alternative paths to spirituality.

The conference committee is organizing speakers and activities for the weekend. Those interested in presenting should call Henry Miller at 288-2037 or send an e-mail to rfhm@northwest.com.

UPDATED CIVIL RIGHTS HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries has released an updated version of its *Civil Rights Laws Handbook*.

The 1998 *Civil Rights Laws Handbook* explains Oregon laws which protect employees from discrimination in the workplace. The edition also includes sections on the civil rights complaint resolution process and the new disability statute.

The handbook costs \$15 per copy. To order the publication, send a check or money order to the Technical Assistance for Employers Program, Bureau of Labor and Industries, 800 NE Oregon St., #32, Portland, OR 97232. For more information, call 731-4073.



FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE COMING UP

The 14th annual Oregon Fair Housing Conference is slated for April 27 and 28 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel.

The gathering will offer an array of workshops and presentations designed to educate the public about civil rights laws related to housing.

More than 400 providers, real estate agents, lenders, landlords, tenants and others will have a chance to exchange the latest information about how to comply with the law.

For registration materials or further information, call Michael Anderson at 412-6000.

NEW GROUP TACKLES LIFE AFTER LOSS

Cascade AIDS Project is offering a new support group which will focus on issues related to loss, including grief, anger, guilt, abandonment and isolation.

For further information about the group, which is free, call CAP at 223-5907.

PACIFIC PARTY TO HOLD NOMINATING CONVENTION

On April 4 and 5, Oregon's Pacific Party will hold its nominating convention for the November general election. The meeting site is Shelter A at Washington Park, Southwest Kingston Drive in Portland.

In addition to nominating candidates for public office, the party will consider endorsing initiatives. It has already backed campaign finance reform, the Oregon Cannabis Tax Act and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, as well as the effort to repeal marijuana recriminalization.

It accepts all Oregonians registered to vote Pacific Party as delegates to its convention. For more information or to register, call Courtney Scott at 288-6142.

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