

1998 *Spirit of Pride Awards*

The **Spirit of Pride Awards** are presented by Pride Northwest to those individuals or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to the Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Trans community. Consideration for this award is determined by evaluating the visibility, length of voluntary service and inspirational/leadership qualities of the nominee. It is an honor to recognize the following individuals for their contributions to our community;

Judith Rizzio For nine years Judith Rizzio has worked as a volunteer at Our House of Portland, a facility for people living with advanced stages of AIDS. She is currently the Chair of the Coalition for AIDS Education and has consulted on Speak to Your Brothers and Teen-to-Teen peer-led HIV/AIDS education programs, coordinated by Cascade AIDS Project.

In her other life, Judith recently retired after twenty-one years with The Fallen Angel Choir, but still teaches theatrical comedy and character development to young people. As a happily married bisexual, her real joy is being home with her four teen-aged sons, husband Jim, and pug Marty Feldman.

Paul Miller Paul Miller is a senior at Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis and has been an activist for several years. In February 1998, he was the victim of a homophobic assault. His courageous response to this attack served to sensitize his community to oppression based on sexual orientation and to encourage them to become allies in responding to discrimination.

He founded a gay-straight alliance involving students and faculty at his high school and has organized a state wide e-mail network for queer youth. He is an active member in Out and About Youth, After 8, and the Linn-Benton chapter of PFLAG. He has also been a panelist representing GBLT youth at several conferences, including the first Opening Doors conference.

Bob Jackson Bob's activism began after he was 40 years old. He has been a guiding light in the Metropolitan Community Church since its inception in Portland in 1975, and he continues to serve there as a deacon. He is also a member of the Senior Services Project at Phoenix Rising, which is part of SAGE, a national organization that empowers senior gays and lesbians. For 17 years he worked quietly behind the scenes in television, first at KGW and later at OPB, producing *Eight Lively Arts*, a program showcasing many artists from the our community. He grew up as a hearing child of deaf parents, and is an active member of the Northwest Chapter, Rainbow alliance of the Deaf.

Patricia Cornman Patricia Cornman considers her non-profit volunteer work to be her "free time job". NARAL, Womenspace, the Aurora Women's Chorus, United Way, and Race for the Cure have all benefited from her involvement. In 1988 she first volunteered at a display of The NAMES Project Quilt. Since then she has chaired the Portland Chapter and currently is the N.W. Regional Representative for the NAMES Project, coordinating Quilt displays throughout the region.

Since she moved to Portland and came out, her personal passions have continued to focus on raising her daughter, singing, teaching ballroom dance and clogging, and fund raising for causes important to her life.