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## RED WING TO FLY TO NEW PERCH

Donna Red Wing, a noted activist and former executive director of Portland's Lesbian Community Project, is joining the staff of the Gill Foundation as director of its OutGiving Project.

Red Wing, currently the field director for the Human Rights Campaign, has been active in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans movement for more than 12 years.

"We are extremely excited that Donna will be joining the Gill Foundation. Her vast experience as an organizer and as a national leader will be an invaluable asset," says Katherine Pease, the organization's executive director.

Software entrepreneur Tim Gill established the foundation in 1994 to provide resources for groups in pursuit of justice and equality, and to raise awareness of the contributions gay men and lesbians make to U.S. society. Gill and his foundation have provided nearly \$13 million to hundreds of community organizations.

As OutGiving Project director, Red Wing will be responsible for overseeing all facets of the technical assistance and training program.

The project offers intensive fund-raising and other skills-building seminars in communities throughout the country. In 1998, it trained more than 2,500 people.

Red Wing has served as HRC's field director since 1996 and has overseen three full-time field organizers who coordinate a network of more than 10,000 activists.

Before joining HRC, Red Wing was a senior consultant to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Based in Portland, she created a grass-roots network of GLAAD outlets to monitor and respond to media representations of queer people.

From 1989 to 1993, Red Wing was executive director of LCP. During that time, she helped lead the fight against Measure 9, an anti-gay ballot initiative.

As a result of her efforts, *The Advocate* named Red Wing its 1992 Woman of the Year.

This year, Red Wing became one of the first recipients of the Interfaith Alliances Wal-



Donna Red Wing, circa July 1998

ter Cronkite Faith and Freedom Award for her work in bringing together queer activists and communities of faith.

"I leave HRC to join the Gill Foundation, a dynamic organization that resonates across the country through its vision, its giving, its technical assistance, and its programming," says Red Wing.

Meanwhile HRC is applauding Red Wing's appointment, which takes effect Sept. 21.

HRC, which is based in Washington, D.C., is billed as the largest national lesbian and gay political organization.

"Donna Red Wing is one of our movement's most precious assets," says Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director. "While her dynamic leadership style will be missed at HRC, I know her passion for inspiring others to explore their fullest potential will be of great service to the Gill Foundation and their vitally important work."

Says Red Wing: "HRC will always be close to my heart. I view this move as very positive for both the Gill Foundation and HRC as the organizations continue their strong working relationship."

## just asking The question for this issue: "How do you feel about the word queer?"



TIM BATOG  
Eugene  
Student

"It's a great word, it pretty much describes me."



SARAH KOEHL  
Portland  
Dog lover

"Yeah, it's a good word. We need more language to describe us. Why be 'normal!'"



ED O'BANNON  
Portland  
Dental products

"I grew up in a small town and I heard it often—but used by gays it's not an insult and it doesn't bother me."



DAVID PALONS  
Portland  
Bar wench

"With my generation, coming of age as we did, *queer* has been taken back. It is no longer a taunt but rather a sense of pride."

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