

# NORTHWEST newsbriefs

from Bradley-Angle House, the oldest battered women's shelter on the West Coast.

Named after Sharon Bradley and Pam Angle, lesbians who Aspen explains "died as a direct result of the violence they experienced living and working on the streets in a misogynist, homophobic drug culture of poverty," the nonprofit serves women and children of all sexual and cultural backgrounds. In her new role as development director, Aspen plans to "find ways to finance the critical programs that we know are effective in reducing violence in the lives of women and children" while reconnecting to the "lesbian feminist roots of my 20s."

In 1972 Aspen co-founded Prescott House, located at Northeast Eighth Avenue and Prescott Street, to act as a halfway house for women coming out of prison. For the past three years she has served as program director for LCP, which provides a framework for organizing, reaching out and learning from each other.

Aspen's longtime commitment to women's advocacy has paid off in the maintenance of popular traditions such as the Pacific Northwest's largest women's softball tournament, a New Year's Eve dance and Options for Elders, now Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises. Her legacy includes a first-rate newsletter as well as a new logo and office in Union Station. A campaign to raise \$5,000 by April to qualify for a matching grant is one way she hopes to leave LCP "poised to be self-sufficient through memberships and donations paid annually."

Aspen fondly recounts another LCP highlight: "The Deaf/Hearing Conversations Project is an example of how we can explore the barriers, fears, misconceptions and misunderstandings that keep our community divided. To me this is the most important work in the world."

For more information about Bradley-Angle House call 503-281-2442 or visit [www.bradleyangle.org](http://www.bradleyangle.org). For more information about the Lesbian Community Project call 503-227-0605 or visit [www.xprt.net/~lcp](http://www.xprt.net/~lcp).

## PORTLAND LESBIAN RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Portlander Nerissa Ediza has received a \$2,500 scholarship from An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, officials announced Jan. 6. She is pursuing a master's degree from the Graduate Teacher Education Program at Portland State University and is student-teaching at an

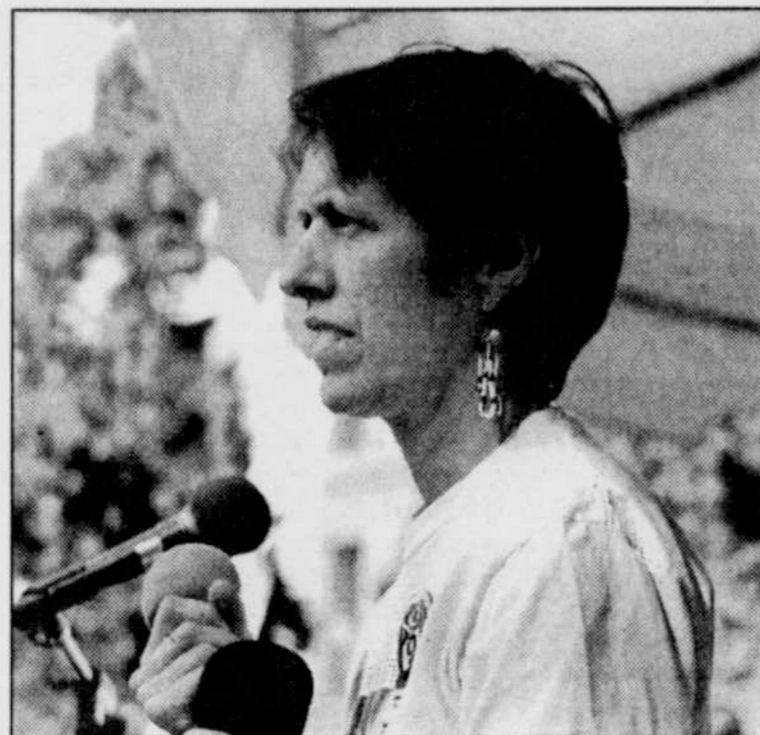


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Kristan Aspen has left the Lesbian Community Project for Bradley-Angle House

alternative high school.

"It's a big honor, and it's great to feel supported by the queer community," Ediza said. "I'm excited to join the ranks of the many 'out' educators!"

Eight grants were presented from a field of 163 applications to both graduate and undergraduate students with leadership potential who are pursuing a variety of educational programs. The application deadline for the 2003 scholarship cycle is July 1.

Foundation executive director Deborah Bon-sack also announced grants to 12 local and national organizations serving lesbians. "We are grateful for the financial support that we receive from the LGBT community and from those individuals, organizations and business leaders who share our vision of a world where the abilities and contributions of lesbians are fully recognized and where lesbian achievements benefit all of society," she said.

The Washington, D.C.-based organization was started when a group of accomplished New Yorkers gathered to celebrate the achievements of "Uncommon Women" and raise money for lesbian projects. The founders had a vision of promoting responsible philanthropy as a means to achieve social transformation.

Scholarship applications are available online at [www.uncommonlegacy.org](http://www.uncommonlegacy.org) or by contacting the foundation directly at 202-265-1926.

## TRAINING PLANNED

The Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition—which seeks to create learning environments where every family can belong,

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