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Seattle-based Pride Foundation during its spring cycle.

"We received 93 grant requests this spring, representing an amazing array of organizations trying to improve the lives of GLBT people," grants manager Jeff Hedgepeth says. "The quality of the projects and the applications made the deliberations of the volunteer committee more difficult than I have witnessed in my tenure at Pride."

The foundation awarded money to six organizations based in Oregon:

- **Kwamba Productions and Portland State University:** \$5,000 for the production of a 50-minute outreach and educational documentary about legendary female impersonator Darcelle.

- **Lesbian Community Project/Community Education Project:** \$1,000 to facilitate the integration of queer/allied deaf and hearing communities.

- **Forest Grove Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays:** \$4,050 to establish an active chapter within the western reaches of the Portland metropolitan area and outlying rural parts of western Washington County and eastern Yamhill County.

- **Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises:** \$5,000 for general operating support and a needs assessment survey project.

- **Planned Parenthood Health Services of Southwestern Oregon:** \$5,000 to tour the Teen Theatre Program throughout southern Oregon, addressing how homophobia hurts everybody, challenging gender stereotypes and depicting the obstacles facing queer youth.

- **HIV/AIDS Awareness Program:** \$5,000 to support education at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem.

**EUGENE BOOKSTORE CONSIDERS INCLUSION**

Mother Kali's Books in Eugene is holding a series of discussions to gain input on removing gender-exclusive language from its bylaws. At issue is the requirement that members of its board of directors "must be female and be strong feminists with a demonstrated history of working towards women's equality, autonomy and self-expression."

The board has unanimously agreed that the current language is not sufficiently inclusive and needs to be changed. Board member Ami Puri recommended March 13 that the language be amended to read: "All directors must have a demonstrated history of working towards women's equality, autonomy and self-expression."

The discussions will be held 2 p.m. May 18, June 8 and July 6 at the bookstore, 720 E. 13th Ave. Written comments also may be dropped into a suggestion box on the front counter.

The board hopes to solicit as much feedback as possible from the community before making a decision at its open meeting July 9.

For more information visit [www.motherkalis.com](http://www.motherkalis.com).

**BUSINESSES TAKE ACTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Portland businesses will donate a percentage of sales on special days this month to programs for women and children escaping domestic violence.

The "Show Her you Care" campaign benefits Bradley-Angle House, the longest-established emergency battered women's shelter

on the West Coast. Supporters can honor the women in their life by shopping May 19 at Nature's Northwest, 3535 N.E. 15th Ave., and May 23 at In Other Words Women's Books and Resources, 3734 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., which will feature special guest Ariel Gore of *Hip Mama* magazine at 7 p.m.

The campaign will culminate with a Mother's Tea and Silent Auction featuring musicians Rebecca Kilgore and Tall Jazz from 3:30 to 5 p.m. May 31 at Mother's Bistro & Bar, 409 S.W. Second Ave. Tickets are \$20 minimum donation in advance and \$25 minimum at the door.

The most frequent call made to 911 is

because of domestic violence. Battering by an intimate partner is the primary reason women go to hospital emergency rooms.

To purchase tickets in advance, send a check to Bradley-Angle House, P.O. Box 14694, Portland, OR 97293. For more information call 503-238-1672 or visit [www.bradleyangle.org](http://www.bradleyangle.org).

**PASTOR PRAYS FOR POLITICIANS**

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland's lesbian pastor delivered the invocation May 2 at the Oregon Legislature in Salem.

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The Rev. Glenna Shepherd (right, with her partner, the Rev. Kermie Wohlenhaus, at last month's Oregonians Against Discrimination Luncheon) led a prayer for peace May 2 at the Oregon State Capitol

"I pray for these who make plans and decisions that contribute to our way of life," the Rev. Glenna Shepherd said. "Grant them listening ears and caring hearts—for those with loud and organized voices and for the voiceless among us.... Make us a people of peace whose compassion surpasses our desires for power or wealth." □

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