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• Medicaid offsets alone reduce gross costs by about 70 percent.

The act would provide Medicaid coverage to low-income, HIV-positive U.S. citizens before they develop AIDS. It also makes more federal money available for states with struggling budgets, like Oregon, that invest in treatments for HIV.

"It's vitally important that we understand the value of this legislation," said Gene Copello, Florida AIDS Action executive director. "As the face of this epidemic continues to change to one of underserved populations, ETHA will enable us to remove barriers to early intervention health care. And we do this at a savings in costs to both our communities and our health care system."

The legislation was introduced in April. It is awaiting action in the Senate Finance Committee, of which Smith is a member.

GARAGE SALE BENEFITS CAMP

The advisory committee for Camp Starlight, a caring and fun experience for children whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS, will hold a two-home garage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19 at 6033 and 6036 N.E. 21st Ave. Organizers promise great items and reasonable prices.

This year's camp will be held from Aug. 24 to 29. Throughout the week, kids between 5 and 17 years old from Oregon and Southwest Washington will participate in dancing, singing, swimming, canoeing, hiking, arts and crafts, games, healthy meals and theatrical performances.

For more information about volunteering, making a donation and upcoming events, contact Women's Intercommunity AIDS Resource at 503-238-4420 or campstarlight@wiar-nw.org.

VANCOUVER FINDS THE 'RAINBOW CONNECTIONS'

Vancouver, Wash., queers had fun in the sun July 12 during Saturday in the Park, the city's ninth annual Pride celebration. This year's theme was "Rainbow Connections."

Revelers at Esther Short Park enjoyed live music and other enter-

tainment, award presentations, commercial and information booths, souvenir T-shirts and a fenced-off beer garden. The nearby Vancouver Farmers Market featured food booths of various kinds.

CHURCH INSTALLS PASTOR

The predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Church of Portland will officially install its new pastor, the Rev. Glenna Shepherd, with a series of events July 18 to 20.

A "Celebration in Music" will start 8 p.m. July 18 at the church, 2400 N.E. Broadway.

A "Celebration Dinner and Dance" will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. July 19 at Peace House, 2116 N.E. 18th Ave. The cost is \$12 a person, and reservations are required.

The weekend's highlight will be the installation worship service 10 a.m. July 20 at the church. Acclaimed lesbian Christian musician Marsha Stevens, who was in Portland for last month's Love Welcomes All conference, will kick things off with a concert at 9:30.

The installation officiant will be the Rev. Elder Debbie Martin. A reception will follow.

For more information call 503-281-8868. Greetings may be sent to Shepherd at revgts@aol.com.

LOVE MAKES A FAMILY RECEIVES \$4,000 GRANT

Love Makes a Family has received a \$4,000 grant from the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation to support its MultiQueer program and Flavors support group.

MultiQueer works to empower queer youth of color at home and school and in the community. It supports gay, lesbian, bi, trans, queer and questioning kids in a safe and culturally competent environment while recognizing the societal oppressions they may face.

Flavors provides a social space for queer youth of color. Participants plan and implement special events and activities.

Love Makes a Family was founded in January 1993 after the first anti-gay Ballot Measure 9. Its purpose is to empower its constituency to create a queer voice for family values that recognizes the interrelationship between homophobia, sexism, racism, classism and other forms of discrimination. It provides family support, school-based organizing and a public voice for peace.

McKenzie River Gathering Foundation's mission is to help build the progressive movement in Oregon by funding grassroots projects addressing the root causes of social, environmental and economic injustice. Since

1976 it has distributed more than \$6 million in grants related to workers rights, poverty, globalization, racism, sexism, homophobia and environmental destruction.

For more information about Love Makes a Family, call 503-228-3892 or e-mail info@lmfamily.org. For more information about the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, call 503-234-2338 or 800-489-6743.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS

Equity Foundation is accepting applications for its 2003 grant cycle through Sept. 12. Last year, it gave 20 Oregon nonprofits between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each.

The statewide community foundation, created by gay and lesbian Oregonians in 1989, promotes philanthropy and the dignity and worth of all people. It has given more than \$1.5 million in grants to fund programs and organizations that support arts and culture, health services, human dignity, youth and families.

Grant applications and guidelines can be downloaded from www.equityfoundation.org. For more information contact resources development coordinator Christa Orth at 503-231-5759 or christa@equityfoundation.org.

EQUITY, BRO FILL VACANCIES

Equity Foundation has named Linda Traeger, Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette program manager, as its new executive director. She replaces Matthew Nelson, who left in February to work for American Express' Philanthropy and Community Relations division in Minneapolis.

Basic Rights Oregon has named Jeff Pellissier, Cascade AIDS Project special events manager, as its new development director. He replaces CM Hall, who stepped down last month to take a position as constituency director with the John Kerry for President campaign. **J**

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Saturday in the Park drew both the gleeful and the hateful to Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Wash.

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