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Cascade AIDS Project's Teen to Teen program received financial support from Equity Foundation during its 2003 general grant cycle

discrimination, particularly against the sexual minorities community. It is named after the couple who in the mid-1970s co-founded what would become the Portland chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The signature fund-raiser for the scholarship is "A Class Act," an annual classical music and decadent dessert revue. Next year's event will feature 5-Tet, an internationally acclaimed woodwind quintet from Portland, April 29 at The Old Church.

The fund also will raise money during the "GAYrage Sale," which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 20 to 22 at the home of Susie Shepherd and Kaite Chase, 6615 N.E. 22nd Ave. between Dekum and Killingsworth streets. Items from the Shepherd estate will be available.

FOUNDATION ACCEPTS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Equity Foundation announced Aug. 13 the 2004 general grant cycle to fund gay, lesbian, bi, trans and other Oregon nonprofits.

Since its inception, Equity has distributed \$1.75 million in grants to programs throughout Oregon that work to build communities that embrace the dignity and worth of all people. During the 2003 general grant cycle, it awarded 32 grants to organizations across Oregon.

A group of committed volunteers reviews the applications and makes recommendations based on the greatest community needs and impact of proposed projects. The deadline is Sept. 10.

For more information call grants coordinator Christa Orth at 503-231-5759. Descriptions of funded projects in 2003 and applications are available at www.equityfoundation.org.

TRAINING BENEFITS NONPROFIT LEADERS

The Gill Foundation—the nation's largest funder focused on queer organizations and issues—will play host to a two-day nonprofit training institute Sept. 10 and 11 at the Governor Hotel, 611 S.W. 10th Ave.

"Nonprofit Navigation: The Essential Training" offers a variety of comprehensive workshops on many important topics—including fund raising, development and capacity building—for organizations of all kinds. It's designed to benefit all board members, staff and volunteers, whether they're new to nonprofit work or seasoned professionals.

The registration fee is \$100 a person, which includes the reception and most meals. Seating is limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Founded by software entrepreneur Tim Gill in 1994, the foundation works to secure equal opportunity for all people by providing grants to organizations, enhancing the managerial skills of nonprofit leaders, strengthening democratic institutions and building awareness of the societal contributions made by people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. To date it has invested \$67 million in nonprofits throughout the country.

To register visit www.gillfoundation.org/portlandtraininginstitute.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DEDICATION PLANNED

The Oregon Holocaust Memorial will be formally dedicated at 2 p.m. Aug. 29 in Washington Park. The ceremony will feature Portland Mayor Vera Katz and other civic and religious leaders as well as music from a large interfaith choir and performer Amy Shapiro.

"The vast majority of victims of the Holocaust were Jews, upon whom the Nazis focused the virtually limitless resources of their totalitarian empire in their effort to eradicate all traces of Jewish life and culture, as well as the Jews themselves," the memorial text reads. "But the murderous attention of the state likewise fell on its other perceived political and religious enemies. Few escaped the lethal grasp of the Nazis' effort to 'cleanse' the nation: artists and musicians, intellectuals and journalists, labor leaders and political activists, homosexuals and the 'asocial.' Even the handicapped: Nazi doctrine held that the purity of

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