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Living and Giving

Portland native Tabor Porter is not just a survivor—he thrives. As a boy named Terry, he spent so much time in the park near his home at Mount Tabor that his parents could only find him when friends, who nicknamed him Tabor, told them he could be found with his dog, making tree houses.

To please his parents, he majored in finance and became a financial analyst. "I didn't believe in the work I did and hated my job. I became an alcoholic and had a tumultuous time for a while," admits Porter. In 1986, nine months after coming to terms with his drinking problem and going through recovery, he learned he had AIDS.

"My doctor told me the health care system would be drained by people like me. This made me angry, and so I got political and found Project Quest," Porter says. Now called Quest Center for Integrative Health, the organization provides services, community and education to people diagnosed with chronic or life-threatening illnesses, including HIV/AIDS and cancer.

"In '86, I had 18 T cells and was told I had a year to live," Porter says. "I went to Project Quest, which offered alternative health care and community."

Porter, who is 53, says he had more than 100 friends at his last birthday party. "Between that



Portland artist Tabor Porter was named for his favorite childhood hangout.

community and the [Alcoholics Anonymous] community, I have so many wonderful friends—I couldn't die!"

Porter spends much of his time creating metal jewelry that he sells and assemblage art pieces that sometimes appear in shows. When he's not fund raising for Quest, he and his partner, Greg Carrigan, and their dog, Buddy, enjoy filling their duplex with collectible junk. "Our house is a strange, funky museum," he says. **jo**

—Malka Geffen

just asking

Just Out attended the Friends of People with AIDS holiday party and asked attendees, "What made 2006 memorable?"



TOM POTTER
Portland Mayor

"There were some pleasant and unpleasant parts. The Derrick Foxworth investigation and James Chase death were difficult. We also passed the Fire & Police Disability & Retirement Fund and initiated a Human Rights Commission and an Immigrant and Refugee Task Force."



JEAN ANN VAN KREVELEN
Cascade AIDS Project Executive Director

"It was such a huge life change to move from Oklahoma to Portland and come to CAP. It was absolutely one of my better years."



DAWN HOLT
Portland Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays President

"I sent my child off to college, which is the reason I'm a part of PFLAG."



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