

ness leaders, lawmakers and community figures join the Basic Rights Education Fund in taking a stand in support of equality in Oregon at the 18th annual luncheon.

Giving back to the community isn't only for business leaders, however, and Cascade AIDS Project is putting that notion in high esteem Thursday, March 10 when it honors its sizable team of volunteers at the annual Pamper the People! event, held at Pivot (209 SW Fourth Ave.).

All volunteers or interns are invited to this special recognition event, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., for food, cupcakes, wine and beer, as well as the event's namesake sentiment in the form of massages, makeovers and tarot card readings. CAP estimates more than 700 volunteers selflessly aid the nonprofit's various programs, which without this help would likely be impossible to achieve. Whether volunteering only once a year at AIDS Walk Portland, or coming in every week to further CAP's mission of preventing HIV infections and to support and empower those affected by HIV/AIDS, this is your day to be thanked.

Nine outstanding volunteers will receive the CAP Action Award for going above and beyond in their service. Recipients are Dr. Rebecca Block, John Conway, Corin Dupree, Angie Giandomenico, Pony, Shari McLaughlin, Wendy Sullivan-Weest, Jonathan Thompson and Christopher Whitfield.

Basic Rights Education Fund Business Leaders Luncheon, Thursday, April 21, noon; Oregon Convention Center's Portland Ballroom; basicrights.org. CAP Pamper the People!, Thursday, March 10, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Pivot, 209 SW Fourth Ave.; cascadeaids.org.

International Women's Day Prompts Local Observances

It's been 100 years since the first International Women's Day event was held in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. March 8 marks this year's observance of the strength and value of women and their contributions to the global community. As such, numerous celebrations are planned for Portland in anticipation of this important milestone.

Q Center hosts speaker Kate Bingham Burt, author of *Obsessive Consumption: What Did You Buy Today?* on Tuesday, March 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Burt—also an assistant professor of graphic design at Portland State University—founded *Obsessive Consumption* in 2002 and makes work about the stories our objects tell. *Obsessive Consumption* was published by Princeton Architectural Press in April 2010, and she also provided all of the illustrations for the Portland-peppered book *Handmade Nation: The Rise of DIY, Art, Craft and Design*, as well as the promotional

materials for the documentary of the same name.

There will be a \$1-\$5 suggested donation at the door, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Sisters of the Road's Women and Female-Identified People's Group is also organizing an International Women's Day event on March 8 at Sisters' Cafe (618 NW Davis) from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event will include an international food buffet, screenings of films created by local women, a discussion on issues that impact the lives of women experiencing homelessness and more.

Women's empowerment isn't reserved only for March 8 at Sisters'; the resource holds a

weekly Women and Female-Identified People's Group from 5 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday.

In Other Words Feminist Community Center transforms into a colorful medium of woman-centered events and activities when it celebrates the 36th Annual Portland International Women's Day observance Wednesday, March 9 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Speakers include Third Wave Foundation founder Amy Richards; trans activist, spoken word performer and author of *Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity* Julia Serano; and *Bitch* co-founder and editorial director Andi Zeisler. The event is a fundraiser to support the feminist activities at In Other Words, and a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 will be accepted at the door. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

"Success for LIFE," a fundraiser for Mercy Corps NW's Lifelong Information for Entrepreneurs (LIFE) program will be held Saturday, March 12 at the Mercy Corps offices (45 SW Ankeny St.). Through LIFE, women prisoners at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, Ore. learn important skills for life, business and prosocial behavior. LIFE aims to successfully reintegrate formerly incarcerated individuals back into the community and help to establish self-sufficiency and economic stability.

The benefit will include dinner, a silent auction and music from lesbian icon and Canadian singer-songwriter Ferron. Tickets are \$100 per guest, and tables can be purchased for \$600.

For more information on Kate Bingham Burt's appearance at Q Center, visit pdxqcenter.org; for information on In Other Words' Int'l Women's Day event, visit inotherwords.org; for ticket information to the "Success for LIFE" fundraiser, contact Rose Gerber at writetorose@hotmail.com or call 617-999-3689. Information on Sisters of the Road events can be found at sistersoftheroad.org.

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