

# COMMUNITY

(DISCRIMINATION)

## TRANS DENIED

VANCOUVER WOMAN NORMA BELLHORN HAS FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AGAINST LEGENDS FOOD AND FUN ALLEGING THE ESTABLISHMENT DENIED HER ACCESS TO THE WOMEN'S RESTROOM. BELLHORN, WHO IS CONSIDERING FILING SIMILAR COMPLAINTS WITH OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, IS A PRE-OPERATIVE TRANSGENDER WOMAN.

BECAUSE THERE IS NOT A SPECIFIC STATE LAW THAT DICTATES PUBLIC RESTROOM USE FOR TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS, THE OUTCOME OF THIS COMPLAINT IS UNCERTAIN. LAURA LINDSTRAND, A COMMISSION POLICY ANALYST, SAID THE COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED THE COMPLAINT AND ASSIGNED AN INVESTIGATOR TO IT. INVESTIGATIONS TYPICALLY TAKE FOUR TO 12 MONTHS, SHE SAID.



Photo by Vincent Aguiar

(HIV/AIDS)

## RECORD WALK

Over 10,000 walkers convened on Pioneer Square for this year's AIDS Walk September 23. More than \$525,000 was raised, \$75,000 more than CAP's stated goal and breaking the important half a million dollar mark, more raised than ever before. CAP will use these funds to support activities like HIV testing, community education and services for families and children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The fundraiser also drew a record number of elected officials participating in the event. Congresswoman Susanne Bonamici addressed a crowd of VIP walkers and sponsors during an exclusive breakfast at Departure atop The Nines Hotel. Mayor Sam Adams and Governor John Kitzhaber addressed the crowd from the main stage and other political participants included Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen; State Senators Ginny Burdick and Jackie Dingfelder; State Representatives Alissa Keny-Guyer and Mary Nolan; Portland City Commissioners Nick Fish and Amanda Fritz; and Multnomah County Commissioners Judy Ship-rack, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel.

(MUSIC)

## BELIEVE IN ME

Project Believe in Me (PBIM) is a youth-led anti-bullying initiative dedicated to ending bully-related suicide. At 16 years old, founder Alex Horsey was recognized in June as the Pride Northwest Youth Awardee, as well as one of Q Center and GLAPN's Queer Heroes NW. Hold On Another Day (HOAD), is a for-profit, one for one company, which works with local artists to create mix CDs for a cause. HOAD has produced a 13-track mix CD with indie artists from cities across the U.S. titled *Songs for Project Believe in Me*. The CDs will be used with teens suffering from issues related to bullying to inspire them to rise above their struggles.

[projectbelieveinme.org](http://projectbelieveinme.org) [holdonanotherday.org](http://holdonanotherday.org)

