

## **LGBT-062 Patricia “Pat” Saunders Collection**

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### **COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: Saunders, Patricia “Pat” **LGBT-062**

Material: Papers/Newspaper Clippings (1991-2001)

Volume: .25 linear feet (1 document box, 9 oversized folders)

Donation: Donated by Pat Saunders, 2017.

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

Processor: Sarah Wakefield, August 2021

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### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Patricia “Pat” Saunders grew up in the suburbs of Boston, where she became a hairdresser. After Saunders married, she and her family moved to Lancaster, PA, but later she moved back to Boston until moving to New York City for her hairdressing firm. She rose in the ranks of the company, eventually taking the lead in marketing and PR for 300 salons. One night at work she slipped on an ice cube and sustained a severe head injury, impacting her mobility and faculties. She then moved from New York City to New Jersey, and then to back to the Central Pennsylvania area.

Saunders had two friends who passed away from AIDS. Seeing the seriousness of the disease in the Central PA area, and her personal connection to it, Saunders began working for various non-profit organizations committed to supporting people with HIV/AIDS and raising awareness for the disease. She worked for the American Red Cross, Art Against AIDS/Lancaster AIDS Project, and The Betty Finney House. Saunders helped these organizations with fundraising, organizing events, and writing any letters to various celebrities to collect items for silent auctions.

Saunders has since left Central PA and now resides in Virginia.

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection is organized into four series: American Red Cross Oscar Party Fundraiser, Art Against AIDS/Lancaster AIDS Project, The Betty Finney House, and Personal Materials.

The bulk of the American Red Cross Oscar Party Fundraiser, Art Against AIDS/Lancaster AIDS Project, and The Betty Finney House series consists of newspaper clippings that highlight events organized by Pat Saunders for these organizations. Announcements and programs for these events are also included.

The Personal Materials series contains some basic biographical information about Saunders' commitment to AIDS organizations and her efforts to collect artifacts from celebrities for various silent auctions.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### Series 1 American Red Cross Oscar Party Fundraiser

#### 1.01 Oscar Party 1996

- 1.01.01 "Red Cross bashing with Oscar," *Sunday News* (Lancaster, PA) – Mar. 17, 1996  
(see oversized OBL)

#### 1.02 Oscar Party 1997

- 1.02.01 Oscar Party Invitation – Mar. 24, 1997  
1.02.02 "Red Cross, Chameleon Club stage gala worthy of an Oscar," *Intelligencer Journal*  
(Lancaster, PA) – Mar. 25, 1997 (see oversized OBL)

#### 1.03 Oscar Party 1998

- 1.03.01 Oscar Party Invitation – Mar. 23, 1998  
Oscar Party Program – Mar. 23, 1998

#### 1.04 Oscar Party 1999

- 1.04.01 Oscar Party Invitation-Mar. 21, 1999  
1.04.02 "Local Oscar party pushes the envelope," *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) –  
Mar. 22, 1999 [second page missing]

#### 1..05 Oscar Party 2000

- 1.05.02 Oscar 2000 Poster Order Form – undated 2000  
Oscar Party Program – Mar. 26, 2000

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1.05 Oscar Party 2000 (cont.)

- 1.05.02 "Waiting for Oscar to work his magic," *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Mar. 24, 2000 (see oversized OBL)  
"And the winner was...charity," *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Mar. 27, 2000 [original & copy] (see oversized OBL)

**Series 2 Art Against AIDS/Lancaster AIDS Project**

2.01 Art Against AIDS 1992

- 2.01.01 Silent Auction Instructions and Program – circa 1991
- 2.01.02 Meeting Notes of Art Against AIDS Committee – Jul. 21, 1992
- 2.01.03 "AIDS crisis touches heart of celebrities" *Lancaster (PA) New Era* – Oct. 11, 1992  
"Art teachers donate works for AIDS benefit" *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Oct. 13, 1992  
"Koop doubts AIDS cure can be found" *Lancaster (PA) New Era* – Oct. 13, 1992  
"Bush Cabinet shuns most AIDS meetings" *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Oct. 13, 1992
- 2.01.04 "Famed ballet star has AIDS, paper reports" *Lancaster (PA) New Era* – Oct. 15, 1992  
"Perkins kept AIDS secret" *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Oct. 20, 1992  
"New items at Art Against AIDS auction" *Lancaster (PA) New Era* – Oct. 25, 1992  
"French leaders spared AIDS trial" *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Oct. 15, 1991  
"Benefit criteria assess effect of HIV infection," *Lancaster (PA) New Era* – Oct. 19, 1992  
"Art Against AIDS auction raises \$35,000" *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Oct. 19, 1992

2.02 Art Against AIDS 1993

- 2.02.01 Art Against AIDS Auction Invitation – Oct. 17, 1993

2.03 Art Against AIDS 1995

- 2.03.01 Auction Invitation/Memo – [Oct.] 1995  
Auction Ticket – Oct. 29, 1995  
Auction Flyer – Oct. 29, 1995  
Auction Program – Oct. 29, 1995

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2.03 Art Against AIDS 1995 (cont.)

- 2.03.02 "Everyday of '95 is Christmas for Pat" *Sunday News* (Lancaster, PA) – Oct. 15, 1995 (see oversized OBL)  
"Stars sign in to fight AIDS" *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Oct. 22, 1995  
"Three local chefs auction their talents to help fight AIDS"/"Goodies from stars help combat AIDS" *Lancaster (PA) New Era* – Oct. 25, 1992 (see oversized OBL)  
"Entertainment collectibles up for bid" *New Era* – Oct. 26, 1995 (see oversized OBL)  
"Art auction aids AIDS Project," *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Oct. 30, 1995 (see oversized OBL)  
"Art auction raises \$47,800 for AIDS" *Lancaster (PA) New Era* – Oct. 30, 1995

**Series 3 Betty Finney House**

3.01 Fundraiser 1996

- 3.01.01 "Miracles Still Happen 'Open the Door to Caring'" Press Release – [Sep.] 1996  
"Open the Door to Caring - Miracles do Happen" Flyer – [Sep.] 1996  
"Open the Door to Caring" Press Release – [Sep.] 1996  
Betty Finney House Fundraiser Raffle Flyer – [Sep.] 1996  
Betty Finney House Benefit Program – Oct. 5, 1996  
Betty Finney House Corporation Financial Account Quick Report – Oct. 6, 1996  
"\$80,000.00 and Still Counting for Betty Finney House Fundraiser" Press Release – Oct. 1996  
Betty Finney House Donation Flyer – undated  
Betty Finney House [Newsletter] – undated
- 3.01.02 "Celebrity memorabilia highlights Betty Finney House fund-raiser" *Lancaster (PA) New Era* – Sep. 25, 1996 [original & copy] (see oversized OBL)  
"Local woman nets collector for treasures" *The Sentinel* (Carlisle, PA) – Sep. 1996

3.02 Fundraiser 1998

- 3.02 .01 "'There's No Place Like Home' Betty Finney House Corp. Fundraising Event" Press Release – Apr. 1998  
"There's No Place Like Home" Flyer – Apr. 1998
- 3.02.02 "Finney House called 'Point of Light for its AIDS programs'" *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Mar. 26, 1998 (see oversized OBL)  
"Finney House benefit auction to include celebrity items, trips, and art" *New Era* – Apr. 17, 1998

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3.03 Fundraiser 1999

3.03.01 Betty Finney/Wellspring Benefit Auction – Apr. 1999

3.04 Fundraiser 2000

3.04.01 "New York, New York" Fundraiser Program – Nov. 11, 2000  
"New York, New York" Invitation and Ticket Order Form Letter – Nov. 2000  
"At the Betty Finney House/Wellspring Corporation: Disabled Doesn't Mean Unable" "New York, New York" Fundraiser Invitation – Nov. 2000  
"Start Spreading the News" "New York, New York" Fundraiser Invitation – Nov. 2000  
"I'm Leaving Today" "New York, New York" Fundraiser Invitation – Nov. 2000

3.04.02 "If you can make it here..." *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Nov. 10, 2000 [original and copy] (see oversized OBL)

3.05 Fundraiser 2001

3.05.01 "Viva Las Vegas" Press Release – Nov. 2001  
"Viva Las Vegas" Betty Finney House Fundraiser Program – Nov. 18, 2001  
"Sept. 11 takes its toll on local fund-raising effort" *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA) – Nov. 17, 2001 (see oversized OBL)

**Series 4 Personal Materials**

4.01 "Funding through fame" *The Sentinel* (Carlisle, PA) – circa Sep. 1996 (see oversized OBL)  
"Funding through fame" *The Sentinel* (Carlisle, PA) – Dec. 1, 1996 [reprint & copy]  
"Boiling Springs Post Office Delivers More Than Just Mail" Press Release – circa Oct. 1996