

LGBT-055-SC Deb Fulham-Winston Collection

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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: Fulham-Winston, Deb **LGBT-055-SC**

Material: Papers and Artifacts (1994, circa 2004)

Volume: 3 document folders, 2 artifacts

Donation: Donated by Deb Fulham-Winston, 2016

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

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Deb Fulham-Winston served as the director of development for South Central AIDS Assistance Network (SCAAN) from January 1992 until June 1995.

In the mid-1980s, concerned members of the Harrisburg LGBTQ+ community began organizing informal meeting. Troubled by the lack of services available for HIV-positive persons in their area, the group first helped meet the needs of their friends with the illness. As the disease entered mainstream consciousness, the group grew rapidly and began serving the larger community as SCAAN. In 1988, SCAAN used grant funding to hire its first three full-time staff members and served 13 clients; by 1995, the group was run by 12 staff members and assisted by 150 volunteers, aiding more than 255 patients.

Client services aimed to support patients through financial assistance with rent, groceries, utility bills, and healthcare premiums. SCAAN provided medical supplies such as bed pads, crutches, and wheelchairs, and organized a buddy system, connecting volunteers with patients. Buddies assisted with a variety of tasks, ranging from light housekeeping to the management of complex treatment regimens.

SCAAN staff served as advocates for their clients, helping them navigate welfare, social security, and other bureaucracies, as well as assisting terminal patients with end-of-life planning. SCAAN provided valuable educational resources, informing clients about their medical options with their annual Bulletin

and organizing trainings at schools and churches to educate the general public. SCAAN later merged with the Lancaster AIDS Project to become the AIDS Community Alliance, and today is known as the Alder Health Group.

For related research materials and information on SCAAN, explore the following collection, also located in the Dickinson College Archives and Special Collections: LGBT-005 Margaret “Peg” Dierkers Collection and LGBT-054 Martha “Marty” Tornblom Collection.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains a magazine article about the HIV/AIDS epidemic published in a local Harrisburg magazine *Apprise*, two brochures for organizations and events that support HIV/AIDS awareness, a Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg business card, and two shirts for HIV/AIDS awareness. Step Up for AIDS was an aerobic event that raised funds for HIV/AIDS and hosted by SCAAN, and AIDS Name Quilt Project was a part of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, a national organization that served as a memorial to celebrate the lives of people who have died of HIV/AIDS.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1 Documents

- Folder 01) “The Politics of AIDS” in *Apprise* magazine – Jan. 1994
- Folder 02) Caring... a la Carte Dinner Flyer – Apr. 20, 1994
- Folder 03) Caring... a la Carte Dinner Poster Board Flyer – Apr. 20, 1994 (see oversized OD)
- Folder 04) SCAAN brochure – circa 1994
- Folder 05) Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg Business Card – circa 2004

Series 2 Artifacts

- LGBT-055-AC01 Step Up for AIDS Tank Top – undated
- LGBT-055-AC02 AIDS Names Quilt Project t-shirt – undated