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CCHD Grant: \$40,000

The Problem:

- Affiliate of the Gamaliel Foundation, which supplied false information to National CCHD about its relationship with the Fair Immigration Reform movement

The Response:

After contacting the local diocese with initial findings in July, American Life League never heard back.

On 8 August 2012, ALL received a letter from the Diocese of Pittsburgh stating that the Gamaliel Foundation claimed to have formally dissolved its membership in the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) in May of 2010 because of FIRM's public call to include LGBT rights in immigration reform. As evidence, Gamaliel provided CCHD with a copy of a letter dated May 2010 addressed to FIRM, announcing its departure from FIRM as a member.

Further evidence discovered by American Life League proved that this claim was untrue. As the following evidence will illustrate, Gamaliel was not only a member of FIRM over a year and a half after the alleged departure letter from FIRM, but also that Gamaliel was nominated to FIRM's steering committee in December 2011.

ALL scheduled a meeting with the Executive Director of National CCHD to discuss the report. The meeting was subsequently cancelled by CCHD with the explanation, "we see no reason to meet at this time."

2011-2012 CCHD GRANTEES

If you have questions or concerns about CCHD, the Review and Renewal or any of these groups or grants, please contact Ralph McCloud, CCHD Director at rmccloud@usccb.org or 202-541-3367.

<u>Arch/diocese</u>	<u>Organization Legal Name</u>	<u>Fund/Primary Focus</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
AREA B\Michigan\Kalamazoo	Joint-religious Organizing Network for Action and Hope	Community Development TRANSPORTATION	\$40,000.00
AREA B\Michigan\Saginaw	The Ezekiel Project of Saginaw	Community Development ECONOMIC JUSTICE	\$40,000.00
AREA B\Missouri\Kansas City and Saint Joseph	Holy Rosary Credit Union	Economic Development Program - Implementation Grant EDP-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$45,000.00



The Review and Renewal of the Campaign for Human Development specifically states that **“CCHD will not fund groups that are members of coalitions which have as their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching.”** The following coalition membership in this report is a clear violation of this guideline.



**The Review and Renewal of
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development
As Accepted and Affirmed by the USCCB Administrative Committee
September 15, 2010**

Other questions address CCHD funding for some groups that abide by CCHD policies, but are also part of coalitions focused on worthy issues (e.g. immigration, health or housing) in cases where those coalitions or other members are accused of taking positions contrary to Catholic teaching. CCHD will not fund groups that are members of coalitions which have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching. CCHD is developing additional structures and guidance to address in greater detail the ethical implications of these relationships and what is morally acceptable and what is not for CCHD funded groups.

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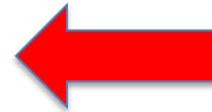
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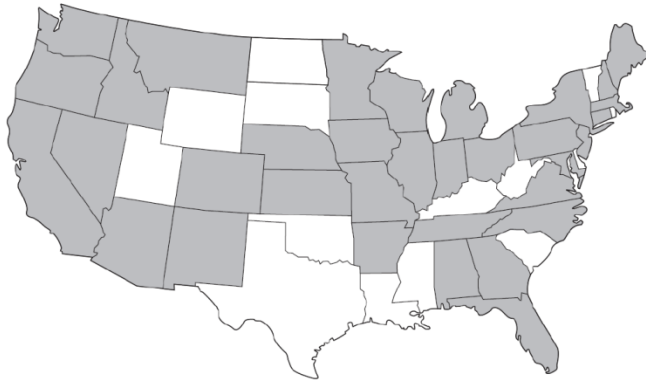
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Fair Immigration Reform Movement-FIRM

Fighting for immigrant rights through a dynamic grassroots movement in 35 states

The Gamaliel Foundation is a member of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM).



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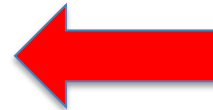
Gamaliel Foundation (multiple states)

Idaho Community Action Network

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

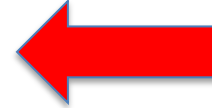
Latin American Coalition (North Carolina)





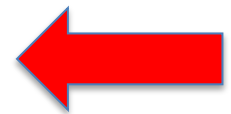
Standing FIRM for All Families: FIRM calls for LGBT inclusion

Posted on [March 2, 2010](#) by [rachelfirm](#) | [2 Comments](#)



In 2010, as a member of FIRM, the Gamaliel Foundation added its voice to FIRM's call for LGBT inclusion in immigration reform.

Today, the [Fair Immigration Reform Movement](#), a coalition of grassroots organizations, released the following statement calling for LGBT inclusion in comprehensive immigration reform:





This statement from FIRM makes abundantly clear the intention of the entire organization, and its members, to include homosexual activism in immigration reform.

FIRM Statement on Uniting American Families Act (UAFa)

We are moved by stories of bi-national couples who are fighting to keep their families together amidst a broken immigration system. Thousands of bi-national couples who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) are at risk of separation. With no clear pathway towards legalization nor federal recognition of same-sex couples, these couples live constantly in a state of fear or exile.

We believe that keeping families together should be an integral part of comprehensive immigration reform. We believe that we strengthen our communities and our nation when we support the right of all families to stay together, including LGBT families.

This is why we support the Uniting American Families Act (UAFa). UAFa would add the term “permanent partner” to those sections of the Immigration and Naturalization Act that apply to legally married couples. Under UAFa, a “permanent partner” is an adult who is in a committed, intimate relationship with another adult in “which both parties intend a lifelong commitment.” This legislation would afford equal immigration benefits to permanent partnerships as exist for married heterosexuals.

While we believe that comprehensive immigration reform will benefit lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) immigrants, we recognize that the intersection of migration, sexuality and gender expression impact LGBT immigrants in disparate ways. Issues of detention, deportation and asylum are not only issues of dignity for LGBT immigrants, but often also issues of safety. We must remember these experiences in the struggle for immigration reform.

We need solidarity across movements in order to build the power necessary to achieve justice for all our communities. Such solidarity means that we recognize the multiple ways that people across lines of race, class, gender, sexuality, and ability experience immigration. We must work to build strategic relationships that lift up the most vulnerable among us in the struggle for just and humane immigration reform. This includes the lives and experiences of LGBT immigrants.

Marissa Graciosa, director of FIRM, says:

“There is power in our diversity, but we must honor that diversity. And it starts with keeping all families from all backgrounds together. This is why we support the Uniting American Families Act.”



GAMALIEL

In a letter dated 8 August 2012, the director of the CCHD for the Diocese of Pittsburgh reported that the Gamaliel Foundation claimed that it severed ties with the pro-homosexual Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) in May of 2010, BEFORE Gamaliel affiliate Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) received its 2011-2012 grant from the CCHD.

Further evidence illustrates that not only was the Gamaliel Foundation still a member of FIRM as recently as 9 December 2011, but the Gamaliel Foundation and FIRM both took measures to hide this relationship AFTER the CCHD asked the Gamaliel Foundation about its relationship with FIRM.

According to the letter from 8 August 2012:

“The Gamaliel Foundation, in compliance with Catholic teaching reflected in CCHD guidelines, severed relations with the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) in May 2010.

...

According to Gamaliel, soon after they became aware of FIRM’s statement, the Foundation cut all ties to FIRM.”

What follows is solid evidence that illustrates the false nature of Gamaliel’s claim. In summary:

- The Gamaliel Foundation participated in a monthly FIRM membership conference call on 9 December 2011, one year and seven months AFTER it’s claim to have severed ties with FIRM.
- Gamaliel is listed on several FIRM documents as organizational members as well as members of the Executive Committee of FIRM in 2011, and these documents were hosted on **Gamaliel’s** website. These documents were uploaded under the heading “FIRM Strategy Session,” and were all dated 2011.
- Gamaliel is listed among members of FIRM in a March 2012 article on the Selma-to-Montgomery march.
- Both Gamaliel and FIRM deleted all the evidence we provided in our report from their websites AFTER the Diocese of Pittsburgh questioned the Gamaliel Foundation about its relationship with FIRM.

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Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Latin American Coalition (North Carolina)

In our initial report, ALL pointed out that the Gamaliel Foundation was listed as a member of FIRM, as was discovered on Gamaliel's own website. Also note that this membership map is for the year 2011.

<http://news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/firm-strategy-session/FIRM%20Membersip%20Map%202011.pdf>

Immediately following the letter we received, this error message now appears where the 2011 membership map for FIRM appeared on Gamaliel's website on April 26, 2012, when American Life League captured the webpage.

Ever feel like you're in the wrong place?



404 (Page Not Found) Error

If you're the **site owner**, one of two things happened:

- 1) You entered an incorrect URL into your browser's address bar, or
- 2) You haven't uploaded content.

If you're a **visitor** and not sure what happened:

- 1) You entered or copied the URL incorrectly or
- 2) The link you used to get here is faulty.
(It's an excellent idea to let the link owner know.)

<http://news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/firm-strategy-session/FIRM%20Membersip%20Map%202011.pdf>

Furthermore, FIRM's membership list, which included Gamaliel, also existed on FIRM's website on 26 April 2012, when American Life League researchers downloaded it into their database.

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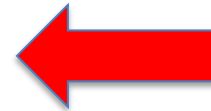
Who We Are

The Fair Immigration Reform Movement is a national coalition of grassroots organizations fighting for immigrant rights at the local, state and federal level.

We are led by the Immigrant Organizing Committee, a group of 30 organizations committed to immigrant rights from across the country. Learn about these groups here:

National – [Center for Community Change](#), [GAMALIEL Foundation](#), [National Capital Immigration Coalition](#), [National Training and Information Center](#), [National Korean American Service and Education Consortium \(NAKASEC\)](#), [National People's Action \(NPA\)](#), [Mexican American Coalition](#)

WE ARE AMERICA



After the letter of 8 August 2012, this website ALSO yields an error message.

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Media Contact



<http://www.fairimmigration.org/who-we-are/>

The Gamaliel Foundation, however, failed to completely scrub its website of all references to FIRM for the year 2011. A search of the Gamaliel website produced this root menu listing documents from a FIRM strategy session for the year 2011.

FIRM Strategy Session

- [FIRM Contact list -Membership 2011](#)
- [FIRM Memberhsip Map 2011](#)
- [FIRM-Structure 2011](#)
- [List of current FIRM member organizations plus brief descriptions 2011](#)

Human Rights Watch Report

- [HRW No Way to Live](#)
- [HRW Vivir sin dignidad resumyrecom](#)

DOWNLOAD ALL (ZIP FILE)

Even though the individual files are no longer on the website, Gamaliel failed to remove the zip file, which contains ALL of the above files.

<http://news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/cri.html>

Shortly after American Life League provided this information to local and national CCHD staff, news.gamaliel.org/documents became password protected so that ALL no longer had access to these documents online. These documents and screen captures are all saved to a hard drive, however, and may be provided upon request.



<http://news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/cri.html>

This FIRM membership list which states that it is “Effective Dec, 2011”, was hosted on Gamaliel’s website and lists both Ana Garcia Ashley (Gamaliel’s executive director) and Juan Soto (Gamaliel’s Civil Rights of Immigrants Director).

FIRM Contact list -Membership 2011 - Microsoft Excel

	A	B	C	D	E
1	FIRM Membership List - Effective Dec, 2011				
2	FIRM Member	Organization	Email Address	Phone	Cell phone
32	<u>Ana Garcia Ashley **</u>	<u>Gamaliel</u>	<u>anagarciaashley@gamaliel.org</u>		414.708-3777
33	<u>Juan Soto *</u>	<u>Gamaliel</u>	<u>jfsoto@gamaliel.org</u>		773.972-7119

<http://news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/firm-strategy-session/FIRM%20Contact%20list%20-Membership%202011.xlsx>

The FIRM document titled, “List of current FIRM member organizations plus brief descriptions 2011,” indicates that not only is the Gamaliel Foundation a “founding member” of FIRM, but is currently sitting on the Executive Committee (EC).

List of current FIRM member organizations plus brief descriptions (2011)




Gamaliel Foundation:

Under the leadership of Ana Garcia-Ashley, the Gamaliel Foundation seeks to assist local community leaders to create, maintain and expand independent, grassroots, and powerful faith-based community organizations. Gamaliel Foundation is a founding member of FIRM and currently sits in EC.

<http://news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/firm-strategy-session/List%20of%20current%20FIRM%20member%20organizations%20plus%20brief%20descriptions%202011.pdf>

This spreadsheet, found on Gamaliel's website, is for a FIRM-related "planning grid" showing an intention to meet specific goals for the year 2012.

Sheet1

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<u>DRAFT 2012</u> <u>Planning Grid -</u> <u>CCC FIRM</u>				
2		Overall		2011	2012
3		Goal	Infrastructure Needed	December	January
4					
5	Power Bldg Metric Criteria				

<http://news.gamaliel.org/documents/CRI/electoral-track/Wellstone%20Action%20Materials/C3%20Electoral%20Planning%20Grid.xlsx>

According to this memo, also on the Gamaliel website, FIRM members are required to participate in monthly conference calls and meet in person at the annual FIRM summit.

MEMORANDUM

TO: FIRM Member Organizations
FROM: FIRM / CCC Staff
RE: FIRM Structure Proposal
DATE: July 13-14, 2011 – FIRM Member Meeting

Responsibilities of Member Organizations:



- ✓ Discuss, review and adopt strategy recommendations made by the Executive Committee.
Note: a consensus model of decision-making is presumed; however very difficult / contentious decisions may call for a majority vote (50 + 1) in order to move forward.
- ✓ Align organizational plans and campaigns with FIRM activities and messaging, whenever appropriate and possible.
- ✓ Participate fully in monthly conference calls and meet in person at the annual FIRM Summit.



This message, found on FIRM's membership google group, shows that the executive director for Gamaliel participated in the 9 December 2011 Monthly FIRM Summit Call.

Fwd: [FIRM Membership] December monthly call notes and FIRM Summit docs.

1 post by 1 author in [MXAC](#)



Lorena Colin

Lorena Colin
Sent from my iPhone
941-539-1209

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mayron Payes <mpa...@communitychange.org>
Date: December 11, 2011 11:18:39 PM EST
To: Firm List <IOC...@communitychange.org>, IOC Executive Committee <IOCExecuti...@commu>
Subject: **[FIRM Membership] December monthly call notes and FIRM Summit docs.**

Monthly FIRM Summit Call

December 9, 2011

Participants on Call: Ana Garcia Ashley-Gamaliel Foundation, Darcy Tromanhauser -Nebraska App Levy -WCAN, Jonathan Contreras -AIR Michigan, Petra Falcon -PAZ, Antonio Bernabe -CHIRLA, , Susan Kim -PICC, Kendra Anderson -One America, Gustavo Andrade -CASA de Maryland, Lorena Marissa, Donna and Kate Van Winkle from CCC.

<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!msg/c-mx/TSLaU96NwV4/wSu4quJjBasJ%5B1-25%5D>

At the end of the notes from the conference call is a statement that Gamaliel was nominated for Executive Committee membership.

From: Mayron Payes <mpa...@communitychange.org>
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December 9, 2011

Executive Committee Nominations

The nomination period has closed; 18 organizations that were nominated are below. The confirmation vote for the committee will take place during the Summit.

NYIC, CIRC, TIRRC, ICIRR, NAKASEC, CCC, AIR Michigan, Casa de Maryland, FLIC, PAZ, MIRA, Gamaliel, AJS, VOCES, CHIRLA, Make the Road, One Arr

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

1000 Marchers reenact Selma-to-Montgomery march today, Protest AL anti-immigrant law

A contingent of 1,000 marchers today called on lawmakers to repeal Alabama's vehemently anti-immigrant law during the reenactment of the Selma-to-Montgomery march.

Latinos, Blacks, civil rights, labor and immigrant rights groups all came together in a show of solidarity that racially discriminatory laws will not be tolerated in Alabama or any other state.



Participants marching for civil rights
from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965

Source: Wikimedia Commons

This article from March 2012 shows that Gamaliel is still a member of FIRM, despite its support for homosexuality.

The other FIRM members participating are: Alliance for a Just Society; Alliance for Immigrant Rights (Michigan); CASA of Maryland; Change Nation North Carolina; Churches United to Save and Heal (New York); Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (California); Colorado Progressive Coalition; Florida Immigrant Coalition; Gamaliel Foundation; Idaho Community Action Network; Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights; Make the Road New York; Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition; National Korean American Service and Education Consortium; Nebraska Appleseed; New York Immigrant Coalition; One America (Washington); Pineros y Campesinos Unidos de Noroeste (Oregon); Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada; Sunflower Action (Kansas); Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, and; Washington Community Action Network.

<http://www.borderexplorer.org/2012/03/1000-marchers-reenact-selma-to.html>

The slides pertaining to the Gamaliel Foundation's participation in FIRM shows that Gamaliel was aware of FIRM's pro-homosexual position, and Gamaliel continued to maintain a relationship with FIRM anyway. But more to the point, Gamaliel falsely stated its relationship with FIRM after discovering this position in May of 2010.

What follows is the rest of the information ALL staff gathered on Gamaliel, which was submitted to local CCHD directors.

2010 Georgia UU Social Justice Conference at High Street Church

Saturday, September 11, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(9:30 check-in and refreshments)

The Associate Director of the Gamaliel Foundation gave the keynote address to the 2010 Georgia Universal Unitarian Social Justice Conference, which provided workshops on homosexual activism.

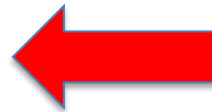
The keynote speaker will be:



Ana Garcia Ashley, Associate Director of Gamaliel Foundation.

Workshops include:

- Immigration reform
- Congregation based community organizing
- Racial and economic justice
- The environment
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues

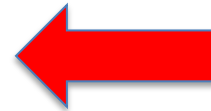




The Associate Director of the Gamaliel Foundation is a member of the board of directors for National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), which helps promote abortion and homosexuality.

Directors

ANA GARCIA-ASHLEY *Gamaliel Foundation*



Ana Garcia-Ashley is the associate director of the Gamaliel Foundation, one of the nation's largest community organizing networks. She previously served as the lead organizer at the Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope where her leadership led to a \$500 million dollar reinvestment victory and the development of the regional organization of WISDOM in Wisconsin. Ms. Garcia-Ashley also is a co-director of the Civil Rights for Immigrant Department and the director of the Southern Territory at Gamaliel Foundation.

<http://www.ncrp.org/partners-members>



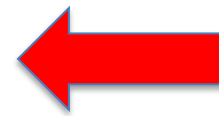
NCRP's project, Philanthropy's Promise, officially lists the homosexual community as a priority for funding.

Bold, innovative and effective strategies ... maximum impact

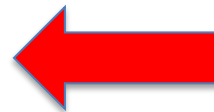
Philanthropy's Promise is a project of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) that celebrates funders that apply two high impact strategies in their grantmaking: targeting grant dollars to address the needs of underserved communities, and empowering them by funding advocacy, organizing and civic engagement.

Strategy 1: Targeted Universalism

Applying the concept of targeted universalism, many grantmakers that have signed on to Philanthropy's Promise believe that in prioritizing the needs of underserved populations such as economically disadvantaged people, racial or ethnic minorities, women and girls, people with AIDS, people with disabilities, the elderly, immigrants and refugees, victims of crime or abuse, offenders and ex-offenders, single parents and lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals, we all benefit.




<http://www.ncrp.org/philanthropys-promise/about>



keeping a close eye... NCRP's blog

Policy Impacts Directory: A New Online Tool for Funders and Nonprofits

posted on: Thursday, February 16, 2012



This has been an exciting month so far for LGBTQ rights. First, on February 7, a federal appeals court panel of three judges ruled that California's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, overturning Proposition 8, a ballot initiative launched in response to a state court's legalization of gay marriage. This is a great step toward restoring marriage equality in our most populous state. (Note: No new marriages can occur until the deadline passes for Prop 8 defenders to appeal to the full nine-member circuit court. Observers predict that the ruling will be appealed and the case will ultimately come before the Supreme Court.) Then, six days later, Governor Christine Gregoire signed into law a bill legalizing same sex marriage in Washington State.

<http://blog.ncrp.org/2012/02/policy-impacts-directory-new-online.html>

CHALLENGING GRANTMAKERS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES



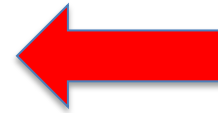
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IMPACTS OF ADVOCACY, ORGANIZING, AND
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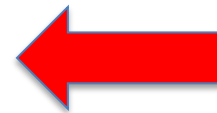
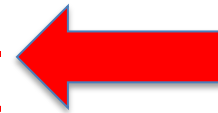
by Gita Gulati-Parlee
and Lisa Ronghelli

NCRP's September 2010 document, "Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities," cheers for advancements among pro-abortion organizations and strongly supports same-sex marriage.

Reproductive Health – Thanks to the hard work of pro-choice organizations in the state, no anti-choice legislation has passed during the last ten years in the Montana legislature, despite the introduction of dozens of anti-choice bills every biennial session. MWV added to the effort by helping present reproductive choice within a broader framework of issues affecting the health and well-being of women and families. The MWV Coalition also provides a vehicle for other women's organizations (such as economic justice and domestic violence organizations) to support pro-choice legislation, which helps prevent alienation of pro-choice issues. In 2005, Montana passed the state's first pro-choice bill, protecting patient access to clinics with a "buffer zone" from protestors. MWV also worked with member organizations NARAL and Planned Parenthood on a successful "decline to sign" campaign against a "life begins at conception" ballot initiative that failed to qualify for the ballot in 2008 and 2010. MWV and its member organizations have also worked hard to promote a proactive reproductive healthcare agenda which includes increasing access to comprehensive sex education and affordable birth control.



Page 40 of the document
cheers for abortion and
birth control.





Casper College students protest legislation calling for a constitutional amendment prohibiting Wyoming from recognizing same-sex marriages and same-gender civil unions legally made in other states. The amendment was defeated on the House floor. Photo courtesy of ESPC.

Peppered throughout the document are statements of support for same-sex marriage.

Basic Rights Oregon successfully defended the nondiscrimination and domestic partnership laws from going to the ballot for repeal, reducing the likelihood of a national wave of similar ballot measures over the next decade. These victories resulted from a compre-

The Oregon Family Fairness Act created domestic partnerships that grant to same-sex couples many of the rights, benefits and responsibilities that are granted to opposite sex couples who marry under state law. By passing this law, Oregon became the first state in the nation to grant comprehensive state-based relationship recognition to same-sex couples under the confines of a constitutional amendment banning marriage equality. In the past, same-sex couples had to prepare legal

The Equality State Policy Center and its member organization Wyoming Equality have fended off Wyoming efforts to prohibit recognition of same-sex marriages from other states. According to ESPC Director

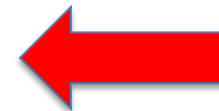
In 2004, Basic Rights Oregon worked hard to defeat a ballot measure excluding LGBTQ residents from marriage rights. While the exclusionary measure did pass, and the loss was very difficult, the organization built a significant infrastructure in the process that enabled major victories in the next several years.

NCRP's newsletter for the Summer of 2010 promoted the Global Fund for Women's work in legalizing abortion and same-sex marriage.

Responsive Philanthropy

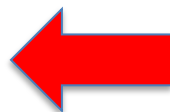
NCRP'S QUARTERLY JOURNAL

SUMMER 2010

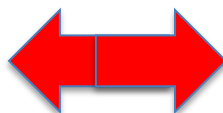


Funding Controversial and Cutting-edge Work

The Global Fund has been willing to fund groups working in remote and politically unstable parts of the world — tiny island nations in Oceania, in Gaza and the West Bank, in Afghanistan under the Taliban, and equally willing to extend its support for groups working on controversial issues — legalizing abortion, standing up for the rights of lesbians and transgender people, or defending the rights of sex workers to be treated with dignity and




respect. Because of our deep ties to the women's movements, we often are able to infuse critical support to groups that are most invisible and marginalized, such as a group of small lesbian organizations in Mexico City. These groups organized lesbian marches for several consecutive years, and they grew in numbers each year and developed a solidarity network of indigenous people, youth and women with disabilities. Their persistent work has shifted cultural awareness and understanding so significantly that last year, Mexico City became one of the first cities in the world to legalize gay marriage.




NCRP recently celebrated the LGBTQ Funders' "40 years of LGBTQ Grantmaking."

keeping a close eye... NCRP's blog



[Celebrating Our History: 40 Years of LGBTQ Grantmaking](#)

posted on: Thursday, February 23, 2012



Editor's note: This is a guest posting by Tony Bowen, author of "[Forty Years of LGBTQ Philanthropy: 1970-2010](#)" and Karen Zelermyer, president and CEO of [Funders for LGBTQ Issues](#).

by Tony Bowen and Karen Zelermyer

Across the globe, communities are evaluating how to best support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) seniors, legislatures are discussing gender identity non-discrimination, and schools are adopting policies to prevent bullying and harassment. The LGBTQ movement continues to make progress almost 43 years after the Stonewall Inn Riots of 1969, and foundations have played a vital role every step of the way.

<http://blog.ncrp.org/2012/02/celebrating-our-history-40-years-of.html>



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NCRP's Fall/Winter 2006 newsletter was all about the need to expand funding for "reproductive rights," which includes abortion.

A New Agenda for the Progressive Women's Movement

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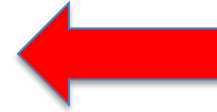
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As a young leader and a woman of color in the women's and reproductive rights movement, I was asked by the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy to comment on the state of the progressive women's movement.



regions of the country.⁵ Because the March for Women's Lives proved that broadening the language around reproductive choice/rights can engage hundreds of thousands of young people and people of color, the Young Women's Collaborative promotes a vision of reproductive justice (a broad, comprehensive framework) with a commitment to leadership development and movement-building strategies.

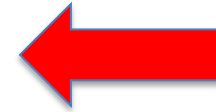
The Center's *Progress and Perils* served as the impetus: It reported that women are less engaged in women's issues and that reproductive health/abortion is not a top priority issue for women. The report led us to ask the following questions: What is the state of the progressive women's movement? Why are women not engaged in the issues we as leaders care about?



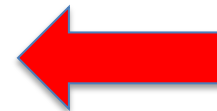
Our Challenge

We face challenging times, but it is an opportune moment in history to reevaluate our work, our movement, our values, and how we choose to work with one another. The NWM meetings forced us to look not only at the state of the movement but to look inward to the kinds of values and principles that developed within our organizations, and whether those values build or burden the movement.

Similar to our work with funders within the NWM Initiative, I ask foundations that fund women's and reproductive rights organizations to seriously consider whether their support truly sustains organizations for the long haul and whether their support reaches new voices and communities. As important as it may be to



Having published this article for its own newsletter, NCRP is using its organizational position to support and spread abortion as a "right." As a paying member, the Gamaliel Foundation is directly funding this effort.



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NCRP's Spring 2003 newsletter was a screed against Dr. Dobson's Focus on the Family because the organization stood against birth control, homosexuality and abortion.

ues, Dobson and other leaders of the well-funded political right for the past 20 years have advanced public policies that threaten freedom and tear at the fabric of our democracy. In opposing stem cell research, they block promising medical advances that could spare millions of American families from the tragedies of Alzheimer's disease, diabetes and heart disease. In rejecting effective family planning and HIV-prevention efforts, they put countless vulnerable Americans and their families at risk. Leaders of the political right promote discrimination based on religion, sexual orientation and gender identity. At issue is not their intentions but the

Reasonable moderate, progressive and conservative people of faith are slowly advancing a healthy vision of family values that encompasses true compassion, civility, mutual respect for human dignity and support for equal rights. Sister Maureen Fiedler's "Interfaith Voices," a public radio show carried on a handful of stations across the country, promotes religious tolerance and interfaith understanding. The Rev. Carlton Veazey of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice is mobilizing people of faith to defend a woman's right to choose. Arun Gandhi,

Organizations concerned with equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans, including the Human Rights Campaign and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, have built cooperative partnerships with religious leaders, even as their denominations still struggle internally over full inclusion of gay and lesbian congregants and clergy. Funders, in particular the Gill Foundation, have provided indispensable support to these partnerships, significantly strengthening them organizationally and increasing their effectiveness.