

Memorandum



From the Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians
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Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Volunteers to fill the following positions.

Treasurer – The Treasurer has signatory power, and has ultimate financial control. He or she would sign checks, financial deposit slips, letters, forms, IRS filings. Files taxes for PLAGAL using 990 EZ for nonprofits, and presents the annual budget to the board for approval.

Bookkeeper-The Bookkeeper keeps the information about the daily accounting of PLAGAL, records entries, keeps receipts, generates financial reports and provides all necessary information to the treasurer on the accounts of the group. Has knowledge of quicken.

Both the Treasurer and the Bookkeeper should also

- Attend all board meetings
- Maintain knowledge of the organization and personal commitment to its goals and objectives
- Understand financial accounting for nonprofit organizations
- Work with the president to ensure that appropriate financial reports are made available to the board on a timely manner

Both of these positions require approximately 2 hours per week to complete the required duties. Obviously there are weeks with more to do and other weeks with nothing to do, depending on the time of year and activity level of PLAGAL.

If you have questions or are interested in either of these volunteer positions please contact Cecilia Brown at president@plagal.org or 352-680-1153

Change of Mailing Address

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE!

PLAGAL
PO Box 3005
York PA 17402

Phone number and website remain the same

PLAGAL HAS GONE DIGITAL

From time to time I will receive a phone call asking if we are still around and active because we have not sent out snail mail for quite a while. The answer is a resounding YES! We are just as active as ever. We are still participating in Pride events, sending out speakers to colleges and other interested groups, and we are still taking part in interviews. We are still making news and creating controversy just as we have done in the past. PLAGAL now has pages on My Space and Facebook which will reach more individuals to our cause. We also have a blog which can be accessed from our website to keep everyone informed. The only difference is that now we have not been doing printed newsletters.

At our annual meeting it was decided that the printed newsletter just had to go and we needed to catch up with the times. The amount of time and resources it takes to put together a snail mail newsletter is unbelievable. Our mailing list is over 800 individuals and when you factor postage, envelopes, and making copies it was not a good use of our financial resources not to mention the environmental costs involved. This does not even factor the volunteer hours that is needed to do the printing, stuffing and labeling of the newsletter. It was decided that the cost to put out the snail mail newsletter would be better spent getting our message out to people that we don't know we exist by participating in more pride events. So this will be the last newsletter that will go out by snail mail.

So now what? How do you stay informed?

First update your information- In this newsletter you will have the opportunity to update all your info including your email address. Of the 800+ individuals we have on our mailing list we only have emails for about 350. We still need your snail mail info so that we can contact individuals on upcoming events in specific areas. You will then receive updates on all things concerning PLAGAL including action alerts, articles and events. (PLAGAL does not give out or sell any information on individuals on our data base) The average number of emails that come from PLAGAL is two per month.

Have FACEBOOK or MY SPACE? Check us out on

My space

<http://www.myspace.com/prolifegaysandlesbians>

Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/York-PA/PLAGAL-The-ProLife-Alliance-of-Gays-andLesbians/99136188374?ref=ts>

PLAGAL Blog

<http://prolifegays.blogspot.com>

This is what you missed!

If we don't have your email address then this is some of the highlights of things that PLAGAL has been doing that you missed. This is just what we have been up to since September 2008.

[Cecilia Brown on Prolife Unity Radio](#)

[PLAGAL now on myspace and facebook!](#)

[Capital Pride June 14 Volunteers needed](#)

[Cecilia Brown to represent PLAGAL at Wellesley](#)

[PLAGAL Sightings on the web](#) (we're all over the place)

[Highlights of University Miami Engagement](#)

[Cecilia To Speak at University of Miami](#)

[Crisis pregnancy manual for LGBT community-Survey Included](#)

[Media Release: Catholic University Denies Event Sponsorship](#)

[Help needed to produce manual addressing issues of crisis pregnancy and abortion among the LGBTQ youth](#)

[Catholic University denies PLAGAL sponsorship of Students for Life conference](#)

[Cecilia Brown to give workshop at Pride Coordinators March meeting](#)

[More PLAGAL INK](#) (love those sightings on the web)

[Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Vote](#)

[January 2009 Activities for PLAGAL](#)

["Respect the Woman in Every Woman": Maria Elzbieta Zakrzewska, Prolife Lesbian and Pioneering Feminist Physician](#)

[Action Alert: Share your vision with the Obama Administration](#)

[Action Alert: Contact Merck about the production and sale of its monovalent vaccines](#)

[Did PLAGAL Get Ink?](#) (PLAGAL is all over the place)

[Study: Lesbian teens at higher pregnancy risk](#)

[Pro-Life speaker differentiates gay rights and abortion rights](#)

[Free Ways to Help PLAGAL](#)

[Action Alert: Help Abused Women who are Pregnant & Help Prevent Unintended Pregnancies](#)

[New Study Documents Sharp Rise in Pregnancy Discrimination Complaints](#)

[PLAGAL at Drew University](#)

[OCALA PRIDE A SUCCESS!](#)

[PLAGAL to participate in Ocala Pride](#)

[Facts on Induced Abortion](#)

[The Prolife & Pro LGBT Group PLAGAL Joins the Blogosphere](#)

[Welcome to the PLAGAL Blog](#)

Don't forget to send us your email address so that you will receive the most up-to-date happenings of PLAGAL.



March for Life 2009

Crisis Pregnancy Manual for LGBT Community – Survey Included

Dear PLAGALites,

We need your help to develop a much-needed manual on crisis pregnancy in the LGBTQ community. To gather up your wisdom, we are offering this survey.

However, of course, it is entirely up to you whether or not you choose to answer any particular question, or to take this survey at all. Your individual answers will be kept confidential unless you give permission for them to be reprinted in the manual. And if you wish for your individual answers to be printed in the manual, you have the choice to do this under your real name or anonymously.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact us. We truly appreciate what only you can contribute to this unique and much needed service to the LGBTQ community.

Thank you very much!

Cecilia Brown, President, Pro Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians, president@plagal.org

Mary Krane Derr, Editor, Nonviolent Choice Directory, editor@nonviolentchoice.info

Draft Outline of Manual

Crisis Pregnancy in the Queer Community: A Helpful Guide for LGBTQ People & Allies A joint project of PLAGAL and the Nonviolent Choice Directory

Introduction (Why this manual. Its intended audiences: LGBTQ persons at risk for or currently experiencing crisis pregnancies; their families and friends; helping professionals & volunteers such as pregnancy counselors, LGBTQ health center workers, or youth caseworkers; LGBTQ people & allies who wish to make a difference on this matter).

The Lifesaving, Life-Affirming Power of Acceptance (Acceptance by others and one's self as a preventive for suicide, substance abuse, sexual abuse, unprotected and risky sex, & other problems with a bearing on the incidence of crisis pregnancy & abortion. Some "how to's" for achieving acceptance.)

Crisis Pregnancy: A neglected Problem Among LGBTQ Persons (Research & personal stories establishing crisis pregnancy risk among LGBTQ people. Those at risk include, but are not limited to, youth conflicted over their sexual identities; street youth involved in sex work for purposes of survival; and bisexual people who do not get encouragement and support in their sexual and reproductive needs from

either the straight or gay communities.)

Prevention (LGBTQ-friendly and unborn child- & mother -friendly sex education. LGBTQ-friendly education on preventive methods & safer sex—here can make room for different perspectives such as pro contraception & pro natural methods. But the subject cannot be ignored, especially since education on prevention is so overwhelmingly geared to heterosexuals.)

When Crisis Pregnancy Happens: Abortion Alternatives (Emotional reactions to crisis pregnancy; awareness of one's own strengths; existence of options other than abortion, such as help to get through the pregnancy, then making decisions about adoption, foster care, guardianship, or other care arrangements.)

Making a Difference (Ways to help relieve the problem of crisis pregnancy & abortion in the LGBTQ community. Will cover, among other things, crisis pregnancy aid, adoption, foster care, and guardianship, advocacy for maternal/child assistance after birth.)

Survey on Next Page

THE SURVEY ITSELF

Audience & Content of Manual

1. What organizations and kinds of organizations would you like to have and use this manual? (Please give contact information if you have it.)
2. What do you feel is most important to include in the manual?

Acceptance

What are some practical ideas and resources (such as websites, organizations, publications, etc.) for promoting:

3. Self-acceptance among LGBTQ people?
4. Acceptance of LGBTQ people in their/our own families?
5. Acceptance of LGBTQ people among straights/heterosexuals?
6. Acceptance of LGBTQ people in the prolife community, especially crisis pregnancy workers?
7. Acceptance of LGBTQ proliferers in the wider LGBTQ community?
8. Acceptance among more prochoicers that there could be better answers than abortion to crisis pregnancy among LGBTQ people?

Crisis Pregnancy Among LGBTQ Persons

9. We would like to include in the manual as complete as possible a bibliography of materials on the subject of LGBTQ crisis pregnancy (from any vantage point on abortion, whether, for example, prolife, prochoice, or neutral). Please tell us about any materials that should go on this list—for example, research studies, articles, websites, films, or books.
10. Do you have a story you would like to share as an LGBTQ person who has personally experienced crisis pregnancy, whether as a pregnant woman or her male partner? (If you so choose, please tell us as much or as little as you would like.)
11. If you do have such a story and want to share it, what would you like other people most to learn from your story?
12. What are some friendly places, if you know of any, where LGBTQ people dealing with crisis pregnancies can turn?
13. If you can think of any such places, what precisely makes them friendly?

Prevention

How do you feel that sex education can be made more friendly:

14. For LGBTQ people?
15. For unborn babies and pregnant women?

16. How do you feel that prevention services can be made more friendly for LGBTQ people?
 17. Please recommend some practical ideas or resources for sex education and prevention in these areas.

Making a Difference

18. Do you have a personal story you would like to share of making a difference for LGBTQ people who are facing (or might otherwise face) the dilemma of crisis pregnancy? (Examples might include, but are not limited to: being a sexuality educator; adopting, fostering, or guardianship; directly helping pregnant individuals; working, volunteering, or advocating for maternal/child health and welfare services and programs.)

19. Please recommend some practical ideas or resources for anyone who wants to help alleviate the issues of crisis pregnancy among LGBTQ people.

About You

20. Do you give permission for quotations from any of your survey answers to be used in the manual?

a. Yes b. No

21. If you do give permission, which of the following would you prefer?

a. Identify me only as “Anonymous.”

b. Just use details that do not include my name.

(Example: “Bisexual African American, age 32.”)

Include the following details:

c. Only mention my first name. My first name is:

d. Use my whole name. My whole name is:

e. I have different preferences for different answers.

These are: _____

22. What is your gender?

23. Sexual orientation?

24. Age?

25. Nationality?

26. Race/ethnicity?

27. Religion? (If none, you can identify yourself as, for example, “Freethinker,” “Atheist,” or whatever else may apply.)

28. Political Affiliation?

29. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Thank you very much for helping to make the best manual we can!

Please email your responses to president@plagal.org or snail mail them to

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UPDATE MY INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Phone _____

- Here is my email address so I can receive the most up to date PLAGAL information

Email _____

- I would like to help bring PLAGAL’s message to my area by helping to organize a pride booth next year.
- I’m unable to organize a booth but could volunteer if PLAGAL came to pride in my area.
- I really like the work that PLAGAL is doing and want to help support PLAGAL in its efforts to bring the pro-life message to the LGBT community, here is my donation of _____.

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