

OUTREACH

THE EXTENDED FAMILY

THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

is a professional and paraprofessional social service agency established within and operated under the laws and regulations of the State of California governing all non-profit corporations. The Center, which is in its second year of operation, was founded by local gay men and women to meet the needs of their own community. Virtually all the services of the Center are provided free to the gay community.

THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

is managed by a nine member Board of Directors who, together with the assistance of its Community and Professional Advisory Boards, are responsible for determining Center policy, establishing priorities, and assuring fiscal and program accountability.

THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

is administered through an Executive Director who is directly accountable to the Board of Directors. The Center is staffed largely on a voluntary basis, although principal agency professional staff receive a subsistence stipend to assist in meeting expenses for food, shelter, and transportation. Every effort is made to assure that each dollar expended within the Center yields the highest possible value in terms of direct services to the gay community. Thus far, less than five percent of the Center's total income has been expended for purely administrative and/or facilitative activity.

THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

is totally dependent upon the financial donations of friends who have the vision to recognize the great advance in human services made available to gay people through this critically needed agency. Please assist us in keeping the opportunity for self-development alive in our gay community by sending a generous contribution today. Make all checks or money orders payable to "The Wilshire Volunteer Services Fund". You may also wish to make note of the fact that all contributions made to that fund are deductible on your Federal Income Tax.

THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

and it projects discussed in this issue of OUTREACH present an overview of those programs which have thus far been activated. Should you desire further information, or should you wish to involve yourself in these projects, or perhaps assist us in adding to available Center programs, please call us, or better yet, visit us.

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OUTREACH

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OUTREACH is the official publication offered to the Gay Community as a service of the Gay Community Services Center. This first issue is an informational one to spread the word of the many services and needs of the Center to the Community at large. **OUTREACH** is envisioned as a quality publication to periodically share the growth and needs of the Center with all people and to develop a source of communications that we all share in common as we raise the consciousness of our NEW GAY COMMUNITY.

There is growth everywhere within our community and in order to share this growth with you; **OUTREACH** must also be allowed to grow. "What is there," you may ask, "that I can do to make this happen." As a beginning how about reading on and seeing if you can fill any of our needs:

- (1) **OUTREACH** needs quality, consciousness raising articles.
- (2) **OUTREACH** needs creative art work to be used as fillers or works within itself.
- (3) **OUTREACH** needs lots of people for typing, layout work, proof reading, distribution, addressing envelopes, filing, answering correspondance etc.
- (4) **OUTREACH** needs lots of material strength:
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 - b. Electric Addressograph.
 - c. Electric Folding Machine.
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 - i. Folding tables.
- (5) **OUTREACH** needs lots and lots of money to fill those needs which are not filled through material or labor needs, e.g. POSTAGE.

As we strive to create our second issue, everyone is reminded that you may volunteer your services, submit your articles and art work and express ideas on enlarging **OUTREACH** in three ways:

- (1) Come to the Tuesday evening work sessions for **OUTREACH** at 7:30 p.m. in the Center.
- (2) Send your works or ideas to the Center--ATTENTION: **OUTREACH**.
- (3) Personally drop the material or notes off in the Center and ask that they be placed in the newsletter box.

Share with us and with all the Gay Community, that which you are best able to share. Give generously of what you are best able to give so that the lack of communications between our gay brothers and gay sisters and the community at large may be decreased to offer a positive force enhancing the growth of our NEW GAY COMMUNITY.

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SELF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The function of the Self Development Program within the Center is to offer opportunities for people to develop their full potential as gay persons and as human beings, thus providing alternatives to the meager and often disappointing opportunities otherwise available. The program offers both individual and group services.

Our counsellors work with gay people who want to deal with any personal problem on an individual basis. Dick Nash, Mina Robinson, Newt Deiter, Sheila Bob and Sam Dubreville, as well as members in other departments, bring different kinds of training and experience to the counselling situation. In addition, these people are comfortable with and proud of being gay. That perspective makes it possible for them to see the person who comes in as a peer, someone who to a greater or lesser degree shares the same background, the same experiences, the same struggle for freedom and dignity. This is of no little importance in understanding and working together on problems that trouble us all. Whether professional or paraprofessional, the counsellors work on this peer level. Occasionally they refer people to other professionals when they wish that kind of help.

Our group activities are of three kinds: rap groups, growth groups and consciousness raising groups. Rap groups are relatively informal discussion groups where anything relating to being gay can be opened up for exploration. These groups offer a much needed chance for gay people to meet and share with each other the excitements and the difficulties of being gay. Sometimes the verbal interchange is augmented with exercises, poetry, guerrilla theater, etc. The popularity of the rap groups is evidenced by the large turnouts for the men's rap on Monday night, the mixed rap on Wednesday night and the women's rap on Thursday and now also on Tuesday night. The people who attend break into small groups led by Chris Brownlie, Dick Busby, Jesse Crawford, Ed Culp, Court Ebling, Carl Hudgens, Paul Mathison, Jack Young, Glad McLeod, Mike Raybould, Betty Taylor, Roz Allen, Dalene Bivolcic, Anne Boehm, Lil Fifield, Susan Greenspan, Sharon Raphael, Mina Robinson, Jeanne Scott and Savina Teubal. We try to make it easy for each interested person to participate actively, but the desire of some just to listen is also respected. Over a period of several weeks a gay person has the chance to meet and rap with as many as 100 other gay people, who probably, like him/herself, are looking for alternatives to the usual uncreative circumstances we have had to do this.

The growth groups are more disciplined attempts to encounter each other at the level of feelings. They are composed of about 10 people and, once constituted, are closed so that the same people have the opportunity to work together, one night a week over an 8 week period. The facilitators for these groups are trained by the Center and include: Delene Bivolcic, Mary Chambers, Fritz Gloss, Susan Greenspan, Alan Howard, Luke Johnson, Dick Nash, Bill Schoenbeck, Phil Saperia, Rand Schrader, Jordan Schwartz, Stu Szidak, Betty Taylor and Ben Teller. The objective of these groups is to help people get in touch with feelings--their own and those of others with whom they interact. Experimenting with new ways to express feelings to others and eliciting feedback from them is encouraged. An atmosphere of trust is created so each person feels free to be open and honest. A combination of structured exercises and free periods facilitate group interaction. From that immediate interaction comes a wealth of material which individuals can use as they choose to move in directions they wish. Groups for all men, all women, and mixed men and women are available. After the first group, people can repeat the experience with another group or they can choose an advanced group where different exercises are designed to get into deeper levels of feeling. In addition to gaining new insight into themselves, participants in these groups develop close ties and ongoing friendships. Applications for the growth groups are available at the reception desk of the Center.

The newest of our groups are consciousness raising (CR) groups. Groups for women have been offered for a few months on Sunday afternoon led by Mina Robinson and Sharon Raphael, and groups for men are starting in February on Saturday afternoon, to be led by Don Kilhefner, Morris Kight and Dick Nash. CR is the process of defining ourselves, instead of accepting the inherited definition of the dominant culture. By sharing our experiences and feelings, past as well as present, we develop new and constructive attitudes toward ourselves and construct a positive identity which grows out of our gayness. A developing notion in the community defines us in terms of who we are (people in touch with an ever fuller range of their sexuality) instead of the traditional focus on what it is we do (people who have sex with others of the same sex). The methods used to keep us oppressed and our plans

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YOUTH PROGRAM

Gay Youth of Los Angeles is the "youth group" of the Gay Community Services Center. Our aim is to help gay youth with the problems which specifically face gay youth. Helping youth deal with a culture which stifles self-exploration and self-awareness, and which forces on youth every socializing institution including family, church, school and government.

Gay Youth of L.A. includes both students and non-students of the under-21 age bracket. We run under the committee system of group co-ordination, under which anyone willing to assume responsibilities is expected to put in work. In order to publicize our existence we utilize all types of mass media as well as mailings and speaking engagements.

To meet the needs of gay youth confronted with societal oppression, help us discover the beauty of our sexuality and provide a source of understanding, knowledge and discovery for each other, Gay Youth provides programs where in young people can examine themselves and their relation to a repressive culture and a gay subculture. These programs include:

RAP SESSION: A weekly consciousness-raising rap session in which lifestyles, social alternatives and views on gay life are discussed.

GAY YOUTH TELEPHONE HOTLINE AND ONE-TO-ONE PEER COUNSELING: The staff consists of sisters and brothers who have gone through special training. All counseling is handled on a one-to-one, warm, friendly and informal basis. The hotline runs directly off of the centers hotline.

GAY YOUTH AWARENESS GROWTH GROUP: The growth group is a closed group of ten to twelve people. We meet once a week from eight to ten weeks, the length being determined by those involved. The setting is one that will allow an individual to get in touch with his or her feelings and receive feedback from others to explore and grow in a positive direction. It particularly deals with human sexuality with openness and mutual trust and deals with feelings associated with being gay in an oppressive school, family and peer setting.

FAMILY AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING: Resource persons make their time available for self-development particularly in relation to family, friends and personal problems.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Gay Youth, in order to educate the general community to the needs of

Gay Youth, speaks to high schools and colleges, Juvenile Hall authorities, youth groups and any other interested groups.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Gay Youth social events take place regularly. They include parties, picnics and dances.

GAY STUDENTS PROGRAM: Gay Students Unions are to be formed with an emphasis on having a gay group on campus and on opening opportunities for gay people to speak to health, sociology, sex education classes.

JUVENILE HALL PROGRAM: Gaining the release of juveniles from incarceration and offering food, shelter and clothing as well as employment, paraprofessional and professional counseling services and individual attention by Gay Youth to help them achieve their own goals for themselves.

YOUTH HOUSE: Gay Youth would like, in the future, to start a youth collective to hold 10-15 gay youth. It will be housing on a semi-permanent basis providing food and clothing. Funding will come from individuals living in the collective as well as donations and foundation grants.

We, as gay youth cannot totally liberate ourselves from our oppression, both as gays and youth, without changing the views of society. Realizing this we have embarked on programs to change society's attitudes and bring our sisters and brothers out of their closets. These include:

HIGH SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS: In high schools and "religious institutions" we are trying to establish speakers programs, gay groups, have written space devoted to us in newspapers, media, etc., and revise curriculums of and materials for teaching programs (such as psychology, sex education...). We already have an ongoing speakers program in which speakers go to schools, religious groups..., but at their invitation, not our instigation.

LEGAL DEFENSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING HOME BEFORE "LEGAL AGE" AND ABILITY OF GAY PEOPLE TO ADOPT AND PROVIDE FOSTER PLACEMENTS FOR YOUTH: Working

with a committee for gay family protection Gay Youth will take a part in the legal defense for young people leaving home before the "legal age" and help gay people adopt and provide foster placements for young gays.

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PRISONER, PROBATION & PAROLE PROGRAM

THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER is a state certificated social welfare agency currently providing a developing range of counseling, housing, medical, crisis intervention, social and other human services which are ideally suited to assist Gay people who have found themselves in trouble with the law. Specialized programs directed toward both juvenile and adult probationers are also underway with a focus on preventing repeated or more serious offenses. Our agency is active in providing housing, jobs, and supportive services to newly released prisoners. Through our Prisoner Program, a direct outreach is underway to inform prisoners and prison officials of the professional and paraprofessional resources and services of our agency which can be effectively utilized in securing the earliest possible release of Gay prisoners.

PREPARING FOR RELEASE: Every effort is made throughout the project to involve the prisoner at the earliest possible time in both the planning and evaluation of his/her program. Contact is established between the prisoner, the prison staff, the parole board, and the local parole office by the professional worker assigned to each individual case through our agency. Long before the projected date of release, the prisoner is encouraged to prepare a resume of past vocational and educational experience; to begin thinking through his/her housing needs; and, when desired, to make use of our agency in re-establishing ties with positive family and community influences.

PROVIDING A POSITIVE HOME ENVIRONMENT: Our agency has gained an in-depth experience in this critical area of concern through its highly successful Liberation House program. In our first year of operation, these supportive environments have provided food and shelter for over 1400 men and women. Each Liberation House is staffed by trained personnel who work under the supervision of the agency. Each individual resident contributes \$2.25 per day toward financing the house and is responsible for assisting in both meal preparation and the collective maintenance of the house.

SECURING GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT: A full-time employment placement person is working to secure suitable jobs for parolees and probationers; as well, the agency offers a complete Job Recruitment and Placement Program. We have established a substantial listing of employers who are and have been particularly sensitive to the needs and unique resources of the Gay employee who may also have had a record of criminal offense.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING: Where warranted, the newly released parolee or probationer is encouraged to participate in those educational assistance and vocational training programs which are locally available through cooperating public agencies and educational institutions.

PROVIDING A UNIQUE SELF-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Central to all agency programs is the process of individual growth through self-actualization. A full-time staff of trained and experienced professionals and paraprofessionals is available to the parolee or probationer before release as a member of his/her planning team and upon release to assist the individual in re-establishing a more positive affirmation of self. A wide variety of individual counseling and growth group programs are currently in operation. All these counseling programs are specifically directed toward meeting the needs of Gay individuals living in, or returning to, a heterosexually oriented society.

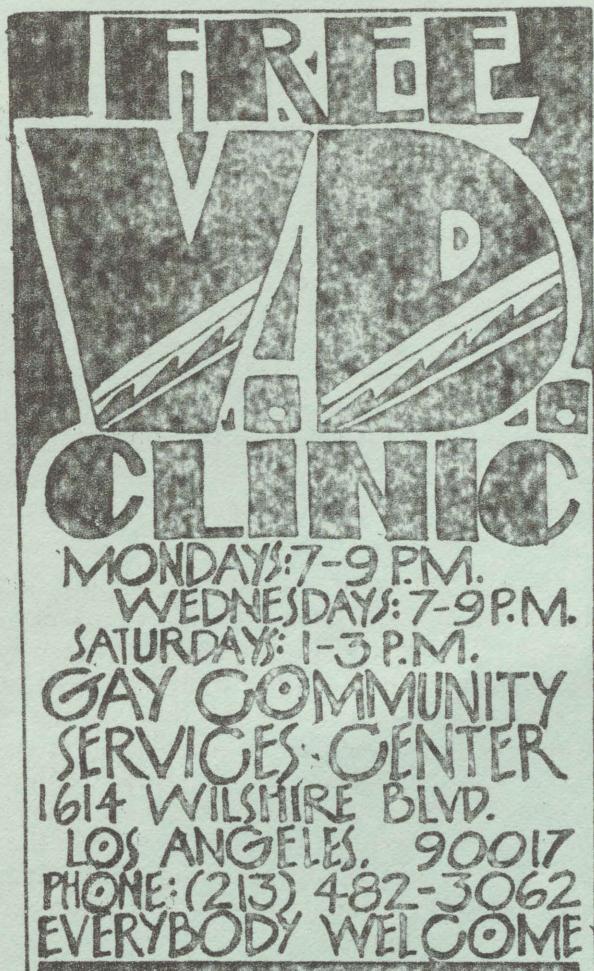
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The agency staff working within the Prisoner and Parole Program are encouraged to provide the maximum opportunity for the parolee or probationer to become involved with his/her community. Those programs operated directly by the agency or through other Gay community resources, such as the Metropolitan Community Church, go a long way toward providing the Gay individual with the opportunity to establish a meaningful and productive life among real and enduring lovers, friends, and associates.

PROFESSIONAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Since its inception, this agency has been extensively involved in a wide spectrum of professional staff development projects. Through its innovative Gay Awareness Workshops, the staff of the agency have shared their unique experience of working with Gay sisters and brothers in an accepting and non-judgmental atmosphere. Our Prisoner, Parole and Probation Program extends the availability of our expertise in this vital area of human interaction to the professional and paraprofessional working in the fields of law enforcement and crime prevention. The staff of our Self-Development Program is prepared to assist you in developing a Gay Awareness program tailored to meet the special needs of your agency.

A SHORT WORD ON PROBATION; THE ARRAIGNMENT INTERVENTION PROGRAM: With

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CLINICS



Since mid-October 1972 the first free V.D. Clinic for gay people run by gay people in the United States has been operating at the Gay Community Services Center. We deal with all medical problems that are connected with gay people's sexual activities. This means primarily V.D.-syphilis and gonorrhea. However, we also treat hemorrhoids, crabs, anal irritations or any other problems that a gay person would feel uncomfortable discussing in a non-gay setting.

THE CLINIC IS OPEN THREE TIMES WEEKLY: Mondays 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays 7-9 p.m., and Saturdays 1-3 p.m.

ANOTHER FIRST: A Gynecology Clinic offering complete gynecological services for gay women staffed by women--including physicians, is open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

The G.C.S.C. Clinics are run on a completely volunteer basis. That means administrators, nurses, doctors and technologists all donate their time. We NEED more volunteers: Doctors, nurses

and laboratory technologists--both men and women. Anyone interested in working in either the V.D. or Women's Clinic is urged to call Dr. Benjamin Teller at G.C.S.C. (213)482-3062.

The Clinic also needs antibiotics, a typewriter and stand, am-fm radio for waiting room, an oil immersion lens microscope, Darkfield condenser for a Leitz microscope, office size (half size) refrigerator, covered waste disposals and gynecology equipment. In order to get our clinic license we need some linoleum and a person skilled in laying it, as well as a drinking fountain. As all services are free we constantly need money to replenish lab and medical supplies that are used daily.



EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Through the Employment Counseling and Placement Service three basic categories of employment are made available:

- (1) Survival employment--directed toward the immediate need for a minimum subsistence income.
- (2) Part-time and temporary employment--available as supplemental income.
- (3) Permanent placement--with career opportunity. Services are also available to employers expressing an interest in developing an affirmative action program for gay and low-income people.

Special efforts are made when needed to deal with special problems indirectly involved with employment such as: the rehabilitation of people with drug problems, the chronically unemployed and prisoners; housing aids through live-in jobs; relocation when desirable, part-time and student jobs and panic survival needs.

An extensive effort is continuously undertaken to seek out employers, and contacts for jobs. At the Center there is an under supply of jobs and everyone's effort is solicited to help in alleviating this problem. There is an immediate need for listings in the following areas:

- (1) for the young, inexperienced or untrained
- (2) part-time
- (3) evening work
- (4) where dress and sex are not important

The center is capable of providing workers for temporary work almost immediately upon request for such jobs as clean-up after a party, gardening under direction, filing, house cleaning, etc. These jobs should be easily accessible by major bus routes. If you know of anyone who needs full or part-time employees, please call the Job Counselor at the Center.

There is, and for the immediate future will be a need for jobs for our brothers and sisters seeking employment. Please do your share and use the Center's Employment and Placement Service for your labor needs.

Those wishing to see an employment counselor may do so on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 12 noon to 4 p.m.



DRUG PROGRAM

The National Free Clinic Council announced in Washington, D.C., on December 22, 1972 that our pioneering Gay Community Services Center has been awarded a \$15,000 grant through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to establish a Drug Abuse Counseling Program. The grant represents the largest amount ever awarded to a gay organization by a public or private agency. The grant is a part of a \$1 million Drug Education Project being administered by the National Free Clinic Council with funds allocated by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The funding period for the Gay Community Services Center grant runs from December 1, 1972 until May 31, 1973

On announcing the grant, Bob Heard, the Director of NFCC's Drug Education Project, commented: "When I visited the Center recently, I was very impressed with the comprehensive services being provided there and the way the gay community in Los Angeles is responding to its own needs. The Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles represents one of the most innovative community centers operating anywhere in the nation. The Center's proposed Drug Abuse Counseling Program is an excellent one and addresses a real and immediate need."

The Gay Community Services Center's Drug Abuse Counseling Program will be composed of three major components:

- (1) Direct Drug Abuse Counseling: Two full-time Drug Abuse Counselors will provide direct counseling services to men and women with drug related problems. Both individual and group counseling will be provided.
- (2) Staff Training in Drug Abuse and Drug Related Problems: The Center is operated with a professional/paraprofessional staff of 115 volunteers. A 2 1/2 hour training session on drug abuse problems will be conducted every two weeks as a major component of the Center's on-going staff training program.

- (3) A Low Cost Residential Program for Drug Abusers: Based on the Center's highly successful Liberation Houses, a Liberation House will be established for persons with drug abuse or drug related problems. The Liberation House will provide a warm, positive, supportive living environment where persons with drug related problems can begin to stabilize his/her life.

FUNKY SHOP

After a long interlude of being opened and closed, the Gay Community Services Center's Funky Shoppe will shortly be operating on a full time basis.

What is the Funky Shoppe, and what purposed do we hope it will serve? The Funky Shoppe is a place where one can find clothers, books, furniture, kitchen wares, household furnishings, paintings, and a cornucopia of other interesting and useful goods at prices that even poor people can afford; a place where our sisters and brothers can come for information about happenings and occurrences in the gay community, and about other matters of social and community import; a place where gay people can shop and browse in an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness, and attuned to their needs.

The intended purpose of the Funky Shoppe is three-fold: firstly, to provide a friendly store for us as gay people and for members of the larger community which furnishes quality goods and services at really reasonable prices. Secondly, the Shoppe is intended to keep gay people informed of matters of interest and importance to them, and to refer them to the proper facilities which may be of service to them. Thirdly, the shoppe is intended to be a visible symbol to the "mother country" that the gay "body politic and social" is alive, well, and flourishing in her midst, and to all gay people as well that they have a right to live, and carry on their business as gay people in the light of day, without hinderance or interference, and with the active cooperation and mutual assistance of society at large.

For the Funky Shoppe to succeed it will require the active participation of all of us. Some of the Shoppe's specific needs are:

(1) A core of interested brothers and sisters who could, on an ongoing basis, volunteer a specific time each week to tend the store, make deliveries and pick-ups, and generally share the responsibility of the Shoppe's operation.

(2) Donations of a variety of articles which can be resold "as is", articles that have become useless due to deteriorated physical condition and that are no longer useful to anyone are obviously of no use to us. But, if it has further use and you don't want it, we do.

(3) The Shoppe intends to provide the gay community with information concerning what's happening and where and when it's happening. The Shoppe will also provide social service information concerning the needs of gay people.

Please add the Funky Shoppe to your mailing list, even if the Gay Community Services Center is already on it.

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FUNKY SHOPPE
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The Shoppe is located north of the 3600 block of Sunset Boulevard in the Silverlake District.



24-HOUR INTAKE PROGRAM

Either by phone or in person, the first image of the Gay Community Services Center is formed by the person at the Intake/Referral Desk. Composed entirely of volunteer workers, the Intake/Referral Desk is manned on a 24 hour basis, with the time period from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. being referred to as the "Hotline".

The Desk itself is the first area of the Center seen by a visitor and consists of the Switchboard and Resource materials and the persons operating at the Desk. Resource materials include various aspects of the Center's many programs and on-going services. Also, the Resource File includes materials from the programs of many other Gay organizations across the nation, giving the widest possible range of information which can be a great help towards solving any particular problem or situation.

As mentioned earlier, the Intake/Referral Personnel are all volunteers who have offered their time and efforts to the Center. The volunteers are given a basic training session which gives them mechanical knowledge of the Switchboard and the basic resources available. Then follow-up sessions continue to give them necessary information until they are almost literally "walking encyclopedias" with reference to the Center's many programs and resources.

There is always a need for phone volunteers at the Center as well as volunteers for any other of the Center's many programs. If anyone is interested in devoting several hours (or longer) per week in help to their Gay brothers and sisters, call the Center at 482-3062. Paul Stuck is working with the volunteer program and can be found at the Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Call for information on the needs of the Center for volunteer help.

DRAFT & MILITARY

Two people are presently engaged in the role of understudy with the existing draft counseling department. One of these, David Jackson, is a new G.C.S.C. staff member. Both trainees, "...are looking forward with great anticipation to this opportunity to serve both G.C.S.C.'s ongoing organizational structure and the clients of this particular office." According to Walt Blumoff, currently in charge of the program, "the case volume of the draft counseling office is slowly diminishing, each case is becoming more and more complex." It is expected that the draft counseling office will continue to provide the excellent military counseling for gay individuals facing induction into the army and military counseling for those sisters and brothers already in the military but wanting out.

In 1972 accomplishments included:

- (1) 280 individuals given gay draft counseling by phone, mail, or visit.
- (2) 24 cases won; NO cases lost in draft physicals and inductions.
- (3) Two cases are in court for refusing induction during 1971.
- (4) Twelve people who were already in the service won HONORABLE discharges as gays at their request.
- (5) Two people in the service won general discharges under honorable conditions.
- (6) No person counseled by G.C.S.C. received less than honorable discharge.
- (7) 4 military discharge cases are still in progress.
- (8) Techniques for draft and military counseling have been developed and refined to 100% success.
- (9) Working relationships have been established with local selective service and military organizations.

The G.C.S.C. has become a nationally recognized leader in gay draft and military counseling and regularly receives requests from all over the country for assistance from gay individuals, organizations, and even attorneys with gay clients.

Plans for the future include:

- (1) Starting a program to assist gay brothers and sisters in upgrading undesirable discharges they have received in the past in order to enable them to receive full VA benefits.
- (2) Establishing a system for collection and distribution of information pertaining to gay draft and military counseling on a wide scale.

LATE FLASH!!! In one of the two court cases mentioned above for refusing induction, ALL charges were dismissed at the request of the U.S. Attorney as a result of efforts by G.C.S.C. and attorney Alan Saltzman.

HOUSING PROGRAM

The concept of a Liberation House predates even the physical existence of the Gay Community Services Center building. Early in 1971, the need for housing on an immediate need basis, for gay brothers and sisters, became very apparent. For this reason, the founding of the First Liberation House was done as a growth process of the concept of a self-service center for Gays in the greater L.A. area.

The first house was on Edgemont, followed by housing innovations on Van Ness. Both of these houses were generally all male organizations supported by the Center and administered jointly by the Center and the in-house managers. After the first two experiments in Center-sponsored Liberation Housing, a similar house was opened on Oxford. This was a sisters housing experiment which was supported by the Center as an additional means of providing housing for gays who could not afford the typically higher rents of the L.A. area. A center sponsored crash pad was started then, this one on Central Avenue. Following that, another Liberation House, on Las Palmas, was opened. All of these housing innovations, sponsored by the Center, opened and were in existence within the period of six months. The latest house to be opened by the Center, is the Union House. Union House, which is the newest move in Liberation Housing, supports the lifestyles of brothers and sisters together. Future houses contemplated by the Center include an Alcoholics Together Halfway House Program and possibly housing for gay youth in the L.A. area. Both of these program expansions are tentative but will hopefully come to pass.

An additional off-shoot of the Liberation Housing program, collective living, is now making its own inroads into the Gay Lifestyle. The Hoover Collective, currently existing, with the Center's blessing, but without the Center's money or administrative activities. Collectives will all be operating independently from the Center but with any advice and assistance that the Center will provide.

Liberation Housing...a new concept for Gay Lifestyles with the Center in the front of the pack...Liberation Housing...a continuing program of the Gay Community Services Center.

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OUR NEEDS ARE MANY!

PLEASE HELP US

... SO WE MAY HELP YOU

Material needs:

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Virtually everything in the Gay Community Services Center, the Liberation Houses and the Gaywill Funky Shoppe has been donated to the Center by our gay sisters and brothers. Below is a list of material needs which the Center has now. Do you have or do you know where and how we can get any of the things listed below? **HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!** It's most convenient to have the things delivered to the Center. If there are any questions, contact Ken Bartley or Don Kilhefner at the Center

THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER NEEDS:

1. Van or pick-up truck. (This is very important because it is needed to make pick-ups for the Gaywill Funky Shoppe and for Center hauling needs.)
2. File cabinets. (Preferably lockable.)
3. All kinds of office supplies. (File folders, pens, paper, telephone message pads, paper clips, file cards, etc.)
4. Paint and brushes and rollers.
5. Cleaning supplies. (Brooms, mops, soap, etc)
6. Light bulbs. (All sizes, standard base.)
7. Paper towels and toilet paper.
8. File card holders/cabinets.
9. Secretarial chair.
10. Typewriters that work and typewriter tables.
11. Gestetner supplies. (The Center has a Gestetner 360 machine; we need paper--sub 20, ink, stencils, etc.)
12. Folding chairs.
13. Folding tables/card tables.
14. Heavy duty vacuum cleaner.
15. Supplies for a printing press.

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People needs:

WE NEED YOU: All your gay sisters and brothers who work at the Gay Community Services Center are unpaid volunteers. Depending on their circumstances, some work full-time, some work part-time, and some a few hours each week. It is very easy to get involved and to become a part of our growing community here at the Center. Degrees and past experience are not necessary. However, a willingness to learn, to grow and to share with your sisters and brothers is important. Listed below are a few of the volunteer needs of the Center. Interested? If so, the next step is to talk to one of the following people at the Center: Ken Bartley or Don Kilhefner. It is easy to become involved in one of the most exciting projects happening in this country today.

1. Reception desk/telephone volunteers. (Urgently needed; hours and day to suit your convenience. The Center will train you in agency procedure and how to handle a wide range of calls from general information to crisis intervention. An excellent "Start here" point for further involvement.)
2. Job developers. (Helping to find and to develop all types of employment opportunities for sisters and brothers.)
3. Public relations officer. (Will take at least 3-4 hours a day at the Center).
4. Gardner. (The grounds around the Center are just waiting for a "green thumb".)
5. Volunteer with secretarial skills (Typing, filing, bookkeeping, etc.)
6. Volunteer workers for the Funky Shoppe. (Helping to arrange and price merchandise; to wait on and rap with customers.)
7. Carpenters. (The Center is in urgent need of a carpenter or someone with carpentry skills. There isn't that much work but we need someone who knows what he/she is doing.)

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CALENDAR



MONDAY

1:00 p.m. THE BLIND AND SEXUALITY

A weekly discussion group by and for sightless men and women dealing with all aspects of human emotionality and sexuality.

5:30-7 p.m. LEGAL ALTERNATIVES

Gay law students and a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union are available at the Center every Monday to discuss any type of legal problem you may be having.

8:00 p.m. DRAFT COUNSELING

Expert draft counseling provided for any brother wishing to use gayness as grounds for staying out of the Armed Forces. Counseling begins promptly at 8 p.m.

7:30 p.m. GAY AWARENESS RAP FOR MEN

An informal, wide-ranging discussion on gay self-identity and the new gay consciousness emerging in the gay community. A good "start here" point for brothers who are ready to explore what it means to be gay. This Gay Awareness Rap Group meets every Monday evening.

7-9 p.m. V.D. CLINIC

Complete V.D. treatment clinic. You are also urged to have a V.D. blood test at least every six months. All services are free but donations will be accepted.

TUESDAY

8:00 p.m. GAY AWARENESS RAP FOR WOMEN

An open, informal discussion group by gay women for gay women. A good "start here" point for sisters who are ready to begin exploring what it means to be gay today. Focuses on gay self-identity and the concerns that you bring to the group.

7-9 p.m. FREE WOMEN'S CLINIC

Complete gynecological services provided by a professional staff as well as Self-Help information by trained paraprofessionals. All services are free but donations will be accepted. Operated with the cooperation of the Feminist Women's Health Center.

7:30 p.m. WELFARE RIGHTS COUNSELING

Information provided on different categories of welfare benefits and how to secure those welfare rights. Counseling includes Food Stamps, General Relief (GR), Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC), Aid to the Totally Disabled (ATD) and Medi-Cal.

7:30 p.m. GAY PARENTS

An open group for gay men and women who are parents. An opportunity for gay parents to talk about some of those things on your mind; to share common concerns and needs; and to provide solutions to those needs.

7:30 p.m. "OUTREACH" MEETING

The Center is producing a newsletter called "OUTREACH." There is a need for writers, graphic artists, layout workers, typists, etc. An open staff meeting is held every Tuesday evening for any sister or brother wanting to get involved with "OUTREACH".

7:30 p.m. GUITAR LESSONS

Free guitar lessons with a very experienced instructor. Folk and classical. Bring your own guitar.

8:00 p.m. ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER

Alcoholics Together, patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous but designed for gay men and women, holds an open meeting every Tuesday evening at the Center for sisters and brothers who are ready to deal with alcohol/drug related problems.

WEDNESDAY

7-9 p.m. V.D. CLINIC

Complete V.D. treatment clinic. You are also urged to have a routine V.D. blood test at least every six months. All services are free but donations will be accepted.

7:30 p.m. GAY AWARENESS RAP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

An informal evening of dialogue and sharing of the gay experience between men and women. A good "start here" point for sisters and brothers to begin sharing common needs and concerns and to explore the uniqueness of the male and female realities.

8:00 p.m. RESEARCH AND THE GAY COMMUNITY

A professional staff member is available every Wednesday evening to facilitate non-exploitive students and professional research through the Center. This is a mandatory "first step" for anyone wanting to utilize the Center for research purposes.

THURSDAY

7-9 p.m. FREE WOMEN'S CLINIC

Complete gynecological services provided by a professional staff as well as Self-Help information by trained paraprofessionals. All services are free but donations will be accepted. Operated with the cooperation of the Feminist Women's Health Center.

7:30 p.m. TRANSEXUAL COUNSELING GROUP

A peer counseling group aimed at providing basic information and referral services for pre-operative transsexuals.

8:00 p.m. COMMUNITY NIGHT FOR GAY WOMEN

A potpourri of activities for and by gay women.

The evening provides an opportunity for sisters to participate in a wide range of activities including a gentle encounter, music and poetry, improvisational theater, body awareness, rapping and socializing. Meets every Thursday evening.

9:30 p.m. GAY LAW STUDENTS

Gay Law Students Association open to any sister or brother in a Los Angeles area law school. A chance to rap about those things on your mind. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

FRIDAY

8:30-1 p.m. GAY FUNKY DANCE

Come on down to Hollywood and boogie with hundreds of your beautiful gay sisters and brothers. A great place to relax and be yourself. Every Friday. Under 21 O.K. Dances held at H.E.L.P. Center, 7221 Santa Monica Blvd. (two blocks west of La Brea; upstairs). \$1 donation to benefit the Gay Community Services Center.

7:30 p.m. GAY YOUTH

Every Friday evening the Center is made available to gay men and women under 21 in order that younger sisters and brothers can discuss their own needs and concerns and provide their own alternatives. Meets every Friday evening.

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. TAI CHI CHAUN CLASS

Free Tai Chi Chaun classes taught at the Center every Saturday morning. Tai Chi Chaun is an ancient Chinese system of ritualistic exercise. Beginners welcomed every week.

11:00 a.m. YOGA CLASS

Instruction in Hatha Yoga exercises and breathing (asanas and pranayamas). Beginners welcomed every week.

1-3 p.m. V.D. CLINIC

Complete V.D. treatment clinic. You are also urged to have a routine V.D. blood test at least every six months. All services are free but donations will be accepted.

2:00 p.m. MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS

Open group discussion concerning the common
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CONTINUATIONS

CALENDAR

oppression of men in this society and ways of unbecoming a man. The groups will initially be open but after several weeks closed nurture groups should emerge. Meets every Saturday afternoon.

SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. WOMEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS

An open group of gay women meeting to discuss a variety of topics relating to being a woman and to being gay. Each week a different subject is chosen.

5-10 p.m. HANDCRAFT WORKSHOP

Provides instruction, assistance, companionship in sewing, knitting, macrame, mosaic, crochet, leatherwork, tatting, feather flowers, etc. Buy and bring your own supplies.

PEOPLE NEEDS

8. Painters. (You don't have to be a professional...just neat. The Center has gotten much use during the past year and the rooms need repainting.)
9. Information retrieval. (To help set up our filing system and information services on the gay community locally, nationally and internationally.)
10. Notary public.
11. C.P.A.
12. Administrative assistants. (Urgently needed: persons who could volunteer at least 4 hours a day on some type of on-going basis. Retired person, senior citizen on a fixed income, or someone on unemployment would be ideal. No experience necessary; the center will train you.)
13. Job contacts. (Do you know anyone who needs full-time or part-time employees? Have them contact our Job Counselor at the Center. There is a steady flow of sisters and brothers coming into the Center wanting to find employment. We specially need short duration type jobs, house cleaning, yard work, etc.)

14. Volunteer to make a literature rack and bulletin boards for the Community room at the Center.
15. Greeter. (We don't know what to call this person, but he/she would act as a greeter for people who come to the Center for the first time; would explain what it's all about and show them around. Would be good role for someone who likes to talk with people, to make them a part of our growing community and to get them involved.)
16. Whatever else you see as a need of the Center or that you would like to help to develop here.

GAY YOUTH

JUVENILE SISTERS AND BROTHERS INCARCERATED IN MENTAL INSTITUTIONS AND IMPRISONED FOR THEIR SEXUALITY: There are untold numbers of gay youth in mental institutions and juvenile hall because of their sexual preferences. Gay Youth is already gaining the release of sisters and brothers from, and doing consciousness raising raps at, the California Youth Authority and Juvenile Hall. But young gays in mental institutions have never even been investigated and our programs with the youth authorities are now minimal. So far we have only taken part in the projects which the youth authority has invited us to become part of. We are now trying to initiate programs in other facets of those institutions which continue to oppress young gay people.

AGE OF CONSENT LAWS: Gay Youth, independent of Gay Youth of Los Angeles (because of the center's responsibility to be non-political) are organizing to defeat any sexual freedoms bill that includes "consenting adults", "age of consent"

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING: Gay Youth plans to start contacting professional counselors, psychiatrists and psychologists in the Los Angeles area who come into contact with young, including those of the public school system, and whenever possible give them consciousness raising and/or referrals for their gay patients (who legitimately need help) to gay psychiatrists/psychologists/counselors.

Gay Youth provides a whole gamut of "social welfare" services. We are now getting into community consciousness raising. But most important, we bring greater purpose, fulfillment and joy into the lives of gay youth.

MATERIAL NEEDS

16. Fire extinguishers

THE CENTER'S LIBERATION HOUSES NEEDS:

1. Any kind of household supplies.
2. Any kind of food stuffs.
3. Television sets (2).
4. Clothes dryers, washers (2 ea.).
5. Small chests of drawers.
6. Linoleum.
7. Single mattresses
8. Kitchen utensils (large).
9. Carpeting
10. Household furniture. (Couches, chairs, lamps tables, etc.)
11. Sheets, pillow cases and blankets single size. (These items are urgently needed.)
12. Garden and Lawn tools. (Lawn mower, rakes shovels, etc.)

SELF-DEVELOPMENT

for liberation are explored. Attention is focused on altering the relationships between the gay person and society, developing a political style appropriate to the sexual revolution, developing experiences of freedom and dignity consistent with our changing identities. CR groups spur the consolidation and development of gay community resources by activating the mutual support so necessary for that process.

The Self Development Program emphasizes group activities because group life has been so rare for gay people. We have seldom had the places for coming together as total human beings, where the reason for being there was not simply sexual. Relating with and feeling close to other gays across the whole range of our experience is our goal. Underlying all we do is the desire to create a sense of community among people using the Center. We have no illusion that we can create a larger unity in the whole gay community, but we are in fact developing a new closeness among the hundreds of people who are regularly attending functions at the Center.



PRISONER, PROBATION AND PAROLE

the combined efforts of the Gay Community Services Center and the Gay Law Students Association, an arraignment intervention program is currently underway in the Municipal Court of Los Angeles and nearest suburbs. There, special attention is given to the Gay person who may have a record of repeated offenses. Recommendations are made to the presiding Judge that the offender be granted the opportunity to become involved in the above-mentioned programs, in order to remove him/her from the streets and to develop a more positive and law-abiding lifestyle.

COUNSELING

Dr. Deiter will be available for counseling sessions on Friday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until there is no one else to see him. If you are in need of this valuable service, PLEASE feel welcome to drop by the Center.



Newton E. Deiter Ph.D, Center Board member and Staff Psychologist will answer questions of GENERAL INTEREST in OUTREACH. If there is a topic you would like to see discussed, write to Newt c/o the Center.



GRAND OPENING

OF THE NEW AND CUTER

FUNKY SHOPPE

Will be spent in an afternoon of fun, frolic, refreshments, and for you my dear, a real bargain, on Sunday afternoon, FEBRUARY 18 between the hours of 1-5 p.m.

BRING ALONG SOME OF YOUR FUNKY JUNK;
AND TAKE HOME SOME OF OURS!

Financial Statement Summary

January 1 through December 31, 1972

INCOME:

Donations through the Center's Offices	\$13,966.53
Liberation Houses	10,847.58
Dance donations	11,615.28
Funky Shoppe Sales	3,627.97
Misc. income and loans	<u>2,925.89</u>
	\$42,983.25

EXPENSES:

Center's Offices	\$14,915.94
Liberation Houses	13,390.30
Dances	6,163.81
Funky Shoppe	<u>3,182.81</u>
	\$37,652.86

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Center's Offices	\$ 1,161.03
Liberation Houses	181.72
Funky Shoppe	<u>30.24</u>
	\$ 1,372.99

LOANS PAYABLE: \$ 530.00

DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE COULD DO WITH

TWICE AS MANY DONATIONS?

PLEASE

GIVE THE GAY WAY AND GIVE GENEROUSLY TO
THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Preliminary legal counseling and referral services are made available through the center. A particular emphasis is placed upon those aspects of violation and law enforcement directly affecting members of the gay community (i.e., police entrapment, perjury, and harrassment; employment and housing discrimination; draft and military counseling, etc.) Other civil and criminal matters are handled largely on a referral basis.

You may come to the Center at 5:30 p.m. on Monday evenings where gay law students and a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union are available to discuss any type of legal problem you may be having.

GAY PRISONERS NEED YOU

You probably take your relative freedom for granted. At the Gay Community Services Center, 1614 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles (in the office of the Prisoners, Parole and Probation Programs) there are dozens of files about dozens of Gay prisoners who don't take their freedom for granted...they don't have any.

Put yourself in their place--locked in a cage, subjected to regimentation (misnamed "rehabilitation"), harassed for being Gay and proud of it (or not so proud, if (s)he believes non-Gay people's myths and prejudices), day in and day out, year after year, perhaps never hearing from old friends, family, lovers.

So what can you do? You can volunteer some time to the programs, if you can spare it. But if you're like most of us, you work 8 hours a day, and can't get in between 9 and 5 o'clock. What you can do is to write--as a friend to a friend, on a regular basis, to one, two, perhaps three Gay prisoners. Your letters represent your friendship to somebody "inside" there, so don't plan on taking the commitment lightly. Don't plan on being a 30-day friend, either, and don't make promises you can't keep. Your letters can help a brother or sister keep up spirits.

If you're interested, contact someone in the Prisoners office during business hours: (213) 482-3062. Share your love and pride.

LATE FLASH:

A photography club is being formed at the Center. If you have any interest in the program or wish further information, please call Walt or Paul.

PLEASE Return this FORM

____ PLEASE INCLUDE ME ON YOUR REGULAR MAILING LIST.

____ PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____.

____ PLEASE ACCEPT MY MONTHLY PLEDGE OF \$ _____.

____ I AM INTERESTED IN DONATING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CENTER'S USE.

____ I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER WORK WITH THE CENTER IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE MAIL OR BRING THIS FORM TO: THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER:
1614 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90017. Phone: (213) 482-3062

REMEMBER: All checks should be made out to our State and Federal tax deductible "WILSHIRE VOLUNTEER SERVICES FUND".

HUMAN SERVICE



During the month of December 1972 the Gay Community services Center provided a wide range of free human services directly to nearly 6,000 men and women and dealt with approximately 7,000 individuals through the Center's 24-hour telephone service. The following numerical breakdown of service provides an over-view of how the Gay Community Services Center is serving the Los Angeles gay community.

Self Development Program:	"Rap" Groups.....	800
	Growth Groups.....	280
	Individual Counseling.....	160
Liberation Houses (Food & Shelter Program).....	200	
Employment Counseling and Placement.....	300	
Legal Services: Counseling at Center.....	80	
	Counseling in Arraignment Court.....	300
Youth Program.....	160	
Gay Community Dance:.....	1,000	
Prisoner, Probation and Parole Program.....	130	
Transsexual Peer Counseling:.....	12	
Gay Law Students:	20	
Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counseling:.....	120	
Gay Parents Program:.....	20	
Draft and Military Counseling:.....	30	
Medical Clinic:.....	400	
Gay Awareness Workshops w/ public & private agencies	1,800	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>5,812</u>
Incoming telephone calls:.....	6,620	
Gay Hotline/Crisis Intervention Calls:.....	429	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>7,049</u>

GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

1614 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

DATE: _____

PHONE #: _____