



LIKEME LIGHTHOUSE BEACON

Kansas City's LGBT Community Center
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Volunteers Needed

We are building a list of volunteers who would be interested in manning our LIKEME® Lighthouse exhibit table at the different summer LGBT events during the summer. Duties might include handing out brochures, answering questions about our community center, or selling merchandise.

Please email Felicia@likemelighthouse.org, if you would be interested in signing on with this fun group.



Ally Spotlight

Rep. Jason Holsman (D) - MO 45
As a member of the minority party, Holsman has been instrumental in the environmental movement serving as Chairman for both the Committee on Renewable Energy and the Joint Committee on Urban

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Dear Reader,

Thank you for subscribing to the *LIKEME® Lighthouse Beacon*, our monthly newsletter. Tune in each month to read about the exciting things happening at the community center, what's going on locally and nationally in LGBTQIA news, and how you can get involved. Please feel free to contact the Lighthouse with a any questions at 816.753.7770 or info@likemelighthouse.org.

President Barack Obama comes out in Support of Gay Marriage

President Barack Obama made an historic announcement that he is in support of gay marriage during his interview with ABC News anchor Robin Roberts last week, Obama proclaimed that "I think same-sex couples should be able to get married."

The LIKEME® Lighthouse founder and country music star, Chely Wright sat down with MSNBC's Thomas Roberts to discuss what this means for the LGBT community. See the interview here:



Chely Wright on MSNBC's Thomas Roberts

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Needs of the Lighthouse

The Lighthouse could use your help. We are in need of HP Office Jet Ink Cartridges 950 XX Black and 951 for Yellow, Magenta and Cyan. There is also a need for 8.5X11 copy paper and a First Aid Kit. General office supplies would be welcomed as well.

Agriculture. He has co-sponsored many pieces of legislation that affect the LGBT Community such as HB1500 which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and alters the law regarding complaints filed and HB1597 which changes the laws to school bullying (would apply to sexual orientation and gender identity). Recently Rep. Holsman spoke out against HB2501, The 'Dont Say Gay' Bill, watch here for his comments:



Rep. Jason Holsman on HB2051

Don Carrel Book Signing at the Lighthouse

The LGBTQIA community has long been supportive of those living - and thriving - with AIDS/HIV. Now the LIKEME® Lighthouse will continue that support by playing host to an educational presentation and book signing by author Don Carrel.

This free event is planned for 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the LIKEME® Lighthouse, 3909 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.

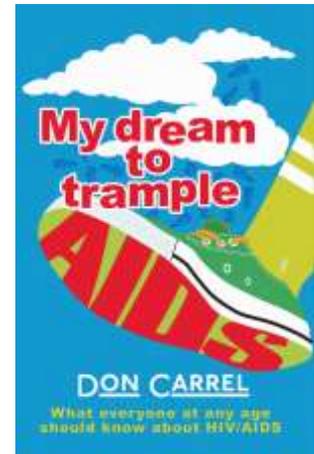
Carrel's book, "My Dream to Trample AIDS" is a resource for anyone who has been affected by the virus.

"My book is about love, friends, family, grief, despair, hope, death and faith," Carrel said. "It's also a detailed primer on HIV, as expressed in the subtitle: 'What everyone of any age should know about HIV/AIDS.'"

Carrel has been living with AIDS since 1995. He suspects he was infected with HIV in 1981.

Come join Carrel at the Lighthouse as he discusses his journey through life with AIDS at 2 p.m. May 20.

"My Dream to Trample AIDS" is available in paperback, hardcover, Kindle, Nook and iBook formats. To order a copy go to www.trampleaids.com, www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com.



AIDSWalk Results

The LIKEME® Lighthouse is off and running...and walking. Team LIKEME® Lighthouse participated in the 24th annual AIDS Walk Kansas City on April 28 at Theis Park, in Kansas City, Mo.

Participants from the Lighthouse more than doubled their goal of \$3,000 by raising a whopping \$6,075. The money will go to support men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Kansas City. The money raised by the walk is distributed to our four major AIDS service organizations here in Kansas City. Those organizations include the [Kansas City Free Health Clinic](#), [SAVE Inc.](#), the [Good Samaritan Project](#) and the [Hope Care Center](#).



Not only did the Lighthouse double its donation goal, but it ranked in the top ten in the city for donations.

Lighthouse Director, Charlene Daniels, applauded all who supported the AIDS Walk and the LIKEME® Lighthouse with their donations. Daniels added that the Lighthouse looks forward to continuing to support other LGBTQIA causes in Kansas City. Keep an eye on the Lighthouse's calendar to keep track of other Lighthouse events.

Victory Fund Brunch in Kansas City

Founded in 1991, the Victory Fund works to elect highly-qualified LGBT candidates for public office at all levels of government, across the United States, from Congress to city councils, county legislatures and mayors in towns and cities, big and small - members of our community who are the true foot-soldiers for LGBT equality. The event in Kansas City was put on by the Kansas City Victory Fund Steering Committee. The Committee raised \$60,000 for the Victory Fund.



United Methodists keep anti-gay position

United Methodists voted on May 2 to maintain their stance that homosexuality is "incompatible with Christian teaching." Despite emotional protests and fierce lobbying of GLBT members and allies at the 2012 General Conference, the anti-gay phrase first adopted in 1972 was retained.

Efforts to pass two "agree to disagree" proposals were also soundly defeated. As Jennifer Ihlo, a lay delegate, said: "I am a lesbian and a child of God and I strongly urge the body to support this compromise language so that gay youth ... will recognize that the church loves them and God loves them and the violence and pain and suicide will stop."

Missouri Rep comes out against 'don't say gay' bill

Missouri House Bill 2051, which has been dubbed the "don't say gay" bill, was already national news. And that was before Republican state representative Zach Wyatt announced he was gay.

"I will not lie to myself anymore about my own sexuality," Wyatt declared Wednesday, May 2.

"I have just gotten tired of the bigotry being shown on both sides of the aisle on gay issues," he said. "Being gay has never been a Republican or Democrat issue, and it should never be."

The Missouri House session ends May 18.





Bipartisan coalition calls for leaders to withdraw
HB2051

"What I learned was that when you come out and find your community, it's everything. And the only way to find your community is if you can identify them." -
Chely Wright

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