Finding aid to the Los Angeles Shanti Foundation records, 1984-2005
Coll2012.164

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Abstract: Meeting minutes, reports, photographs and negatives, videocassettes, publicity material, publication editorial materials, public service announcement production records, Spanish-language material, trophies, a floppy disk and other administrative records (1984-2005) from the Los Angeles Shanti Foundation, the first group in Southern California to provide direct services to people with AIDS. Founded in 1983, LA Shanti was a non-profit relief organization that provided emotional support groups and services for those suffering from the effects of HIV/AIDS.
creator: Los Angeles Shanti Foundation.

Administrative History
Founded in 1983 by a group of dedicated volunteers, the Los Angeles Shanti Foundation, or LA Shanti, was the first group in Southern California to provide direct services to people with AIDS. This non-profit relief organization provided emotional support groups and services for those suffering from the effects of the AIDS/HIV crisis. With a particular emphasis on minority groups from socioeconomically troubled backgrounds and the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) community, LA Shanti sought out the marginalized in a time of great confusion and tragedy. The name "shanti," which loosely translates from Sanskrit as "inner peace through understanding," emblematized the organization's mission: of providing a compassionate, accepting environment and support network for people with HIV/AIDS.

LA Shanti offered programs that targeted individuals suffering from the effects of HIV/AIDS, as well as the family, friends, and lovers who suffered by proxy. Some of the particular programs provided by LA Shanti included weekly on-going support groups for HIV-positive men and women, significant others, serodifferent couples, multiple loss, HIV-negative people, Spanish-language speakers, lesbians living with life-threatening illness; one-to-one counseling opportunities; and monthly HIV forums. Education, in preventative as well as recuperative care, was also a central focus at LA Shanti.

Some staple LA Shanti events included Los Angeles Shanti Hug Day, a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" benefit series, a wine tasting and auction series, anniversary celebrations, and the annual "Hug-A-Hunk" event series. Through the orchestrated efforts of physicians, caring volunteers, administrative workers, celebrities, and universities, LA Shanti possessed a $1.5 million annual budget, over 35 full-time staff and hundreds of volunteers at the peak of its activity.

LA Shanti ended its operations in 2006.

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Scope and Contents
This collection consists of meeting minutes, reports, photographs and negatives, videocassettes, publicity material, publication editorial materials, public service announcement production records, Spanish-language material, trophies, a floppy disk and other administrative records (1984-2005) from the Los Angeles Shanti Foundation, the first group in Southern California to provide direct services to people with AIDS. The materials document LA Shanti's activities from 1984-2003. The majority of the materials were created or collected by Paul Lerner who served on staff in various capacities, including public relations and development.

The General Administration Series comprises administrative records, photographs, trophies and a floppy disk that document LA Shanti's many activities, particularly public relations, fundraising, and event planning. The Videocassettes

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Series includes VHS, Betacam and U-matic cassettes produced by and about LA Shanti. This series includes public service announcements produced by LA Shanti.

Separated Materials
The following materials have been separated from this collection and cataloged into ONE Archives' collection of periodicals and programs:
- Gay & Lesbian Latinos Unidos, 14th Anniversary Awards and Installation Banquet program, November 4, 1995
- LA Shanti Volunteer newsletters, 1995-1997

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
- AIDS (Disease)
- AIDS (Disease)--Patients, Services for--California--Los Angeles County
- AIDS activists--California--Los Angeles
- Community health services--California

General administration Series 1. 1984-2005
Physical Description: 2.2 linear feet
Series Description
This series comprises meeting minutes, correspondence, reports, photographs and negatives, publicity material, publication editorial materials, Spanish-language material, fundraising information, event planning material, community resource information, a floppy disk and other administrative records from the Los Angeles Shanti Foundation, 1984-2005. The majority of the materials were created or collected by Paul Lerner.

Arrangement
Staff meeting minutes and memoranda, as well as annual reports, are placed at the beginning of this series. The remaining files are arranged alphabetically.

Box 1, Folder 1-3  Staff meetings and memoranda 1994-1997
Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 1, Folder 4-5  Annual reports 1991-2003
Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 1, Folder 6  AltaMed 1994
Box 1, Folder 7  Alternatives 1992-1995
Box 1, Folder 8  Annual meeting 1995

Awards
Box 1, Folder 9  Award certificates and commendations 1984-2005
Box 5, Item 1-7  Trophies 1987-2003
Box 5, Item 1  Shanti Foundation Ralph Scafer Award 1987
Box 5, Item 2  Red Ribbon Memorial Service presented to LA Shanti December 29, 1996
Box 5, Item 3  With Deep Appreciation for Your Dedicated Service: to John Maguire, Board Chair September 14, 1998
Box 5, Item 4  Bet Tzedek-The House of Justice Citation July 29, 2000
Box 5, Item 5  First Annual Mary Kay Jewell Award: In Recognition & Appreciation of Mary Kay Jewell May 2, 2001
Box 5, Item 7
Larry Hess Award in Recognition & Appreciation for Federico Jimenez
September 15, 2003

Box 1, Folder 10
Aware HIV Talk Radio 1993-1994

Box 1, Folder 11
Brochures, flyers and clippings circa 1985-2005

Box 1, Folder 12
California Endowment 2000-2002

Box 1, Folder 13
The Constance Bultman Wilson Foundation 1994

Box 1, Folder 14
Correspondence 2000

Box 1, Folder 15
Events 1990-2003

Box 3, Folder 1

Physical Description: [1 oversize folder]

Box 1, Folder 16
Anniversary celebration programs 1993-1994

Box 1, Folder 17
Anniversary celebration programs and publicity 1995-2003

Box 1, Folder 18
Anniversary celebration, 10th 1992-1993

Box 1, Folder 19
Bergman Group event 2002-2003

Box 1, Folder 20
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 1995-1999

Box 1, Folder 21

Box 1, Folder 22
Hug-a-Hunk 1990-1992

Box 1, Folder 23
LA Shanti Hug Day 1996

General Physical Description note: Includes photographs.

Box 1, Folder 24
One Hand, One Heart program 1990

Box 1, Folder 25
Priscilla, Queen of the Desert benefit 1993-1997

Box 1, Folder 26
Sunset Junction Street Fair 1991-1993

Box 1, Folder 27
Valentine’s ball 1992

Box 1, Folder 28

Box 1, Folder 29
Wine information March 18, 2001

Box 1, Folder 30
Wine event photographs Undated

Physical Description: [1 oversize folder]

General Physical Description note: Includes photographs and negatives.

Box 1, Folder 31
Other 1996-2003

Box 1, Folder 32
Floppy disk Undated

General Physical Description note: 1 floppy disk (3 1/2 in.)

Box 1, Folder 33
Heartspace [newsletter] editorial materials January-June 1994

Physical Description: [4 folders]

General Physical Description note: Includes negatives and photographs.

Box 1, Folder 34
Heartspace [newsletter] photographs and negatives March-August 1993

Physical Description: [2 oversize folders]

Box 1, Folder 35
HIV epidemiology program report, Los Angeles County 2001

Box 1, Folder 36
Holiday ornament 1997

Box 1, Folder 37
Hollywood Chamber of Commerce 1993-1995

Box 1, Folder 38
Job applicants 1995-1996

Box 2, Folder 1
A memorial celebration for John Maguire December 2, 1998

Box 2, Folder 2
Notes Undated

Box 2, Folder 3
Ortiz, Christopher Hucks 2002-2003

Box 2, Folder 4
Public Allies 2003

Box 2, Folder 5-6
Public service announcement circa 1990-2000

Physical Description: [2 folders]

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Publicity and advertising 1991-2000

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**Videocassettes Series 2. circa 1985-2005**

| Box 4, Item 1            | C-TV coverage: LA Shanti 17th tribute gala, John Sheehan circa 2000 |
|                          | General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (VHS) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in. |
Box 4, Item 2  
*Healthcare Update with Bill Rosendahl (show #1770) June 29, 2000*
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (VHS) (59 min.) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.

Box 4, Item 3  
Jamie; ACT UP; Donahue Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (VHS) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.

Box 4, Item 4  
LA Shanti logo; 3 client testimonial spots Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) : sd., col. ; 3/4 in.

Box 4, Item 5  
LA Shanti [public service announcement] April 1994
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) (2 min.) : sd., col. ; 3/4 in.

Box 4, Item 6  
LA Shanti Foundation logo, inferno layoff May 10, 1998
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (Betacam) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.

Box 4, Item 7  
Los Angeles Shanti Foundation CR#1-9; SR#1-2; Hr. 1; Vt. 1 April 28, 1998
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (Betacam) (45 min.) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.

Box 4, Item 8  
Los Angeles Shanti Foundation CR#10-13, 1-4; SR#2-4; hr. 2; vt. 2 April 28, 1998
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (Betacam) (53 min.) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.

Box 4, Item 9  
Merv Griffin; Line Renaud Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (VHS) (15 min.) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.

Box 4, Item 10  
Second annual LA Shanti Hug Day, TV public service announcement Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (VHS) (1 min.) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.

Box 4, Item 11  
Shanti Heartspace: show #1 Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) (25 min.) : sd., col. ; 3/4 in.

Box 4, Item 12  
Shanti Heartspace: show #2 Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) (29 min.) : sd., col. ; 3/4 in.

Box 4, Item 13  
Shanti Heartspace: show #3 Undated
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Box 4, Item 14  
Shanti Heartspace: show #4 Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) (30 min.) : sd., col. ; 3/4 in.
   Scope and Contents note
   Includes guests Dina Bachelor Evan and Xauer Hall.

Box 4, Item 15  
Shanti Heartspace: show #5 Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) (29 min.) : sd., col. ; 3/4 in.
   Scope and Contents note
   Includes guests Barbara Crofford, David Edwards, and Jose Josio.
Box 4, Item 16  Shanti public service announcements February 19, 1994
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) : sd., col. ; 3/4 in.
   Scope and Contents note
   Includes Larry Sartorius, Joan Howard, and Louis Dixon.

Box 4, Item 17  Shanti tape #4 + 7; hr. 2 Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (Betacam) (36 min.) : sd., col. ;
   1/2 in.

Box 4, Item 18  Taller Vidas Positivas de LA Shanti Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) (1 min.) : sd., col. ; 3/4
   in.

Box 4, Item 19  Tribute to Joe Layton (tape 2 of 3) April 20, 1995
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) (55 min.) : sd., col. ; 3/4
   in.

Box 4, Item 20  VH-1 Good News People, LA Shanti segment August 22, 1994
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (U-matic) : sd., col. ; 3/4 in.

Box 4, Item 21  Without Defenses Undated
   General Physical Description note: 1 videocassette (VHS) (16 min.) : sd., col. ; 1/2 in.