
Finding aid to the Rest Stop Collection, 1978-2001 GLC 128

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Title: Rest Stop Collection,

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Abstract: Rest Stop was an emotional support center for persons living with AIDS/ARC/HIV in San Francisco, California. It opened in 1987 and closed in 1992. The collection contains the Rest Stop newsletter, photographs, subject files, newspaper clippings, a small amount of correspondence, and three videotapes.

Collection is stored onsite.

Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is available for use during San Francisco History Center hours, with photographs available during Photo Desk hours. Collections that are stored offsite should be requested 48 hours in advance.

Conditions Governing Use

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Separated Materials

An invitation to "The Great S.I.R. Reunion," a "S.I.R. Pocket Lawyer" (1971-revised edition), "Vector" (August 1972), and *Homosexuality: A Contemporary View of the Biblical Perspective* (San Francisco: Glide) by Robert L. Treese were separated and added to GLC 80 Society for Individual Rights Collection. Several buttons and pins were separated and added to the LGBTQIA Realia Collection: "Carnival '71. CMC [California Motorcycle Club]"; "Coronation 77. Empress XI de San Francisco. Flame"; "BWMT [Black and White Men Together] 81 First Annual International Convention, San Francisco"; "Convergence '97. hosted by GMDV, Philadelphia, PA. 8/29/97 thru 9/1/97. GMDV@USA.NET (609) 786-6987"; "The Advocate. Participation, Contribution, Fun"; "Roundup IV. Dave Valentine, S.F."; "San Francisco Gangway 10 [pin]"; "Wide Pride"; "Queer! Spiritual! 4Marriage! MCC Metropolitan Community Church San Francisco. www.mccsf.org"; "I Served the Community at Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners"; and "NABWMT [National Association of Black and White Men Together] Donor".

Preferred Citation

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Provenance

Donated by Paul Peder Steindal, July 14, 2011. Rest Stop: The Newsletter, volume 2, issue 2 purchased from Bolerium, June 2016. Art exhibition postcard "finding our own healing" (1989) donated by Sharon Siskin, April 20, 2018.

Biographical / Historical

Rest Stop was an emotional support center for persons living with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Located at 134 Church Street, San Francisco, the center opened in 1987 and closed in 1992. Rest Stop was the brainchild of the Reverend James E. Sandmire, the pastor of Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church, in response to the needs experienced by his son Dean. It was initially started to provide a clean, comfortable home-like facility that would be a "rest stop" for those affected by AIDS/ARC/HIV between appointments or errands. The needs of clients grew and additional support was obtained from local businesses, professional groups and associations. Due to the rejection, discrimination and self-esteem issues for its clients, Rest Stop fostered a program of positive, supportive social interaction. Paul Peder Steindal was a former co-director.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains the Rest Stop newsletter, photographs of activities at the center, subject files on volunteers and staff, newspaper clippings about its activities and community impact, a small amount of correspondence, and three videotapes.

Arrangement

Arranged into 7 series: Series 1. Subject Files; Series 2. Correspondence; Series 3. Publications; Series 4. Newspaper Articles; Series 5. Photographs; Series 6. Videotapes; and Series 7. Buttons / Pins.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

AIDS (Disease) -- California.

Community health services -- California -- San Francisco.

Gay men and AIDS.

Sandmire, James E.

Kam, Crayne

Siskin, Sharon

Steindal, Paul Peder

Series 1 **Subject Files, 1978-2001**

Physical Description: 8 folders

box 1, folder 1

Art exhibition postcards, 1989-1992

General

Finding Our Own Healing [I], II and III, and Positive Art.

box 1, folder 2

Kam, Crayne ("Remembering Crayne," memorial notice), 1994, 2001

box 1, folder 3

Larson, Eric. And Edward Majul. Invitation to their holy union, 1978

box 1, folder 4

Metropolitan Community Church. AIDS brochure, undated

box 1, folder 5

Moving Mountains: GAPA Community HIV Project. Five year retrospective, 1994

box 1, folder 6

Rest Stop brochure, undated

box 1, folder 7

Rest Stop overview and history, undated

box 1, folder 8

Taylor, Lance (with Elizabeth Vivenzio). "Living With AIDS", undated

Series 2 **Correspondence, 1991, undated**

box 1, folder 9

Correspondence. Siskin, Sharon (California Arts Council grantees: Artist-in-residence / Client-as-teacher grantees; "The Healing Art" clipping) 1991, undated

box 1, folder 10

Correspondence. Memo from Barry Frederick and Paul Steindal to Board of Directors regarding Present and Future Programs at Rest Stop, undated

Series 3 **Publications, 1988-1992**

box 1, folder 11

Alert: News from the UFMCC on AIDS Legislation, Education, Research and Treatment [Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches], March 1992

General

Contains "A Celebration of The Rev. Robert Pierce," among other news items.

box 1, folder 12

New Writings from Rest Stop (San Francisco), March 1990

box 1, folder 13

Rest Stop The Newsletter (San Francisco), 1988-1992

Series 4 **Newspaper Articles, 1988-1996**

box 1, folder 14

Clipping: "Rest Stop: Drop-In Center for PWAs Celebrates 1st Anniversary" by Douglas Comstock (in Bay Area Reporter), May 26, 1988

box 1, folder 15

Clipping: "If You Need a Break: Rest Stop Is There" by Jan Newquist (in Bay Area Reporter), December 15, 1988

box 1, folder 16

Clipping: "AIDS: The Youngest Victims" by Perri Klass (in The New York Times Magazine), June 18, 1989

box 1, folder 17

Clipping: "Positive Faith" by Matthew Link, photos by Scott Whitten (in Metro Life Style: a Lesbian and Gay Magazine), Fall/Winter 1995-1996

Series 5 **Photographs, 1989-1993, undated**

box 1, folder 18

Photograph album [color photocopy], 1989-1993, undated

General

This is a photocopy of the photo album pages in their original order. The photos have been removed from the original housing for conservation reasons.

box 1,
folders 19-21

Photograph album [loose photos], 1989-1993, undated

Physical Description: 3 folders

General

Contains photos removed from the original album pages for conservation reasons. Photos are in the original order as demonstrated by the color photocopy of the original page layout. Subjects include Rest Stop gatherings such as a Halloween party, and participation in the San Francisco gay pride parade. Some staff members are pictured; and there is a print of Stephen Savage's photo of Doug Comstock, Paul Steindal, and Barry Frederick. There is an obituary and a Polaroid photo of a banner for the Reverend Virgil Hall.

box 1, folder 22

Photographs, 1989-[1991], undated

General

Contains photos of the Rest Stop contingent in a San Francisco gay pride parade, ACT UP Golden Gate banners and placards, 9th San Francisco AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization [1991], Stephen Savage photo of Rest Stop staff: Doug Comstock, Paul Steindal, and Barry Frederick.

Series 6 **Videotapes, 67224 1989, undated**

box 2
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Celebrating the Life of James E. Sandmire, VHS videotape, May 20, 1989

Christians Living with HIV with Crayne Kam, master copy, VHS videotape, undated

Crayne Kam, VHS videotape, undated

Series 7 **Buttons / Pins, undated**

Physical Description: 3 items

box 2
box 2
box 2

Project Inform. It's Never Too Early ...to take charge of your health, undated

Play Safely. L.A. Cares, undated

Stop AIDS Project, undated