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

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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.

The 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.

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**Provenance**


**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**

**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**


**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*


**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**


**box 1, folder 17**


**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  Celebrating the Life of James E. Sandmire, VHS videotape, May 20, 1989
box 2  Christians Living with HIV with Crayne Kam, master copy, VHS videotape, undated
box 2  Crayne Kam, VHS videotape, undated

Series 7 Buttons / Pins, undated
Physical Description: 3 items

box 2  Project Inform. It's Never Too Early ...to take charge of your health, undated
box 2  Play Safely. L.A. Cares, undated
box 2  Stop AIDS Project, undated