Gay Marriage Demonstration to be Held in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, OH (Aug ’10) – Adam Hoover, Founder of the Ohio Street Protest For Gay Marriage, calls upon the LGBT community and their allies to join the peaceful demonstration for Full LGBT Equality in Ohio. The demonstration will take place at 11:00 a.m. on November 5, 2011 at Fountain Square in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The upcoming Equality Demonstration has already attracted the attention of hundreds. Very impressive if you compare it to the recent Equality Demonstration organized by the national grassroots organization GetEQUAL, held in New York City on June 23rd of this year. Their facebook event showed only 66 attending. Hoover, at only 17 years of age, already has an impressive resume in activism. Adam states: “So I went to the gay pride parade in Cincinnati and finally figured out its okay to be gay. It made me want to do something. I started doing phone campaigns to senators and representatives. We made about 1,000 calls between three offices in a two week period. My friends and I also administer several facebook communities, which we found to be the easiest way to connect people. We have about 275,000 supporters across our pages, which includes the “Support Gay Marriage Across America” community page with thousands of fans. I want this world to change.”

Not only does Adam serve the LGBT community, he also donates to his community through a project started by his Mother Anna Abdin, called “Gifts of Kindness.” It started when they were giving away some toys which belonged to Adam’s two-year-old brother Max. They met a woman through Craig’s List who needed help. “My mom started talking to her and she had nothing,” said Adam. “She’d lost her job and the oldest kid was working to pay for the family. So my mom rounded up more toys, a Christmas tree, and things for the house.”

“There were ads for people saying they needed Christmas, and we looked around and said, ‘we could get rid of that,’ and we just started filling people’s needs,” said Anna. For more information, please visit: http://giftsofkindness.yolasite.com

With the assistance of some prominent members of the LGBT community, including Shelly Straub of New York, Editor of Con-nections Magazine and Joe Knudson of Oklahoma, Author of the novel “Living the Difference,” Hoover plans to make a huge impact on the fight for equality across America.


The End of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

The discriminatory “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” ban on gay and lesbian service members is officially in the dustbin of history. For 17 years, the law prohibited qualified gay and lesbian Americans from serving in the armed forces and sent a message that discrimination was acceptable.

Today is the beginning of a new chapter for the nation’s military. Gay and lesbian service members previously discharged under DADT now have the opportunity to re-enlist. Gay and lesbian Americans eager to serve the country but not willing to compromise who they are as individuals will, for the first time ever, be able to openly join. And brave men and women currently serving will have the freedom to come out and be honest with their com-rades about who they are and who they love.

HRC members and supporters played a critical role in getting us here. You sent over 625,000 e-mails to your members of Congress urging them to support repeal. You helped us gather nearly 50,000 handwritten pro-repeal messages for delivery to Capitol Hill. And you supported our efforts in states across the country, lobbying your elected officials and engaging with the 20,000 veterans HRC mobilized to speak out in favor of repeal. Today, the results of your dedication are realized.

http://sites.hrc.org/sites/repealdadt/index.asp
Tobias Spears is the Assistant Director for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Programs; he is also the newest member of the Office of Multicultural Affairs team. Tobias comes to Bowling Green State University after working in Residence Life at The Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Tobias did his undergraduate work at Binghamton University in history and his graduate work in the Women’s Studies Institute at Georgia State University. In his grad program, Tobias focused principally on visual culture, queer theories, feminism, and using concepts like womanism to talk about community culture among Black gay men. At BGSU Tobias will build inclusive LGBT communities through the avenues of diversity education, programming, student advocacy, and scholarship. He is also passionate about working with underrepresented student populations with concern in the specific areas of academic achievement and retention.

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/oma/lgbtaq_resource_center/page53782.html

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In hopes to attract new visitors, the Resource Center held an Open House on Thursday evening. Food, crafts, conversation and information, all offered to those who stopped by. Along with the other LGBTQ+ Organizations on Campus; Vision, Hue, Women Who Love Women, Focus and INTERSECTIONS; BGSU got a glimpse at what LGBTQ individuals face when coming out and also gained more resources to be more welcoming and embracing to all students, faculty and staff.

October was LGBT History Month, October 11 is National Coming Out Day. In response to the day of recognition, BGSU had its annual Coming Out Week. All LGBTQ+ organizations on campus designate an entire weeks worth of activities to help demonstrate the process of coming out, establish “Safe Spaces” for Bowling Green students, and raise awareness for the LGBTQ+ community, at large.

The Resource Center hosted several events during this week. Monday night, students, faculty and staff all joined at The Gish Theater to view and discuss the documentary “For the Bible Tells Me So”. Along with the film, on Monday and Tuesday, a two-part Safe Zone workshop was offered.

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Word Scramble

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2. laSwoenlt
3. egnrTsedarnr
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Below you will find an image of something located in the LGBT Resource Center. If you think you know what item the image is from, email us with your guess. The first person to respond with the correct answer will receive this week's prize!

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