

# your “seedling” from the samara foundation

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## Samara 2009 Grants

2009 is the 12th year of Samara's Grant program. Samara makes grants to organizations that directly serve the LGBT community in Vermont.

Samara grants are made possible through the generous support of both individual and corporate contributors and from the generous bequests of its founding benefactors.

This year the Samara Foundation's board of directors approved a total of \$15,000 in grants based on recommendations from Samara's grants committee. Vermont organizations from all around the state submitted grant requests totaling over \$34,000. We are pleased to announce the recipients of our 2009 grant awards:



### **ACORN-\$500**

To provide general operating support for its AIDS and HIV/HCV services.



### **AIDS Project of Southern Vermont-\$1,500**

To support the production of Connections, The Men's Program's monthly newsletter; Connections is sent to over 600 men in the region of Northern New England. The Men's Program works on HIV prevention for gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men.



### **Gay & Lesbian Fund of Vermont-\$500**

To help with publicity and marketing for the Fund's Out for Good volunteer program. Out for Good works to make LGBTQA Vermonters' volunteer time and efforts count twice; once by helping an organization, and again through public demonstration that LGBTQA Vermonters are contributing members making a positive difference in the community at large.



### **Outright Vermont-\$6,000**

To support Outright's general operation expenses. This funding will support Outright's Burlington-based youth center, GSA Network, and state-wide anti-bullying presentations at high schools, middle schools and colleges. This funding will meet critical needs in 2009 due to the high numbers of youth seeking services at Outright, the increased level of youth needs and the presence of bullying 'hot spots' across Vermont.



### **RU12?-\$2,000**

To support RU12?'s critical education, outreach and advocacy work in the areas of health, safety, and equality. This will also support the existence of Vermont's vibrant and visible community center which contributes to the overall health and vitality of our entire community.

### **Upper Valley Arts**

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to help fund the production of Why Vermont?-the story of gay culture and activism in Vermont-a segment in the feature-length film Freedom and Unity: The Vermont Movie-through the prism of the life of Ron Squires. Freedom and Unity is a collaborative film currently in production that examines Vermont's history of activism and independent thinking.



#### **Vermont CARES-\$1,500**

To support the general operating expenses of Vermont CARES and its programming for people living with and at risk of HIV/AIDS in Vermont, most of whom are gay men.



#### **Vermont Gay & Lesbian Foster & Adoptive Parent Groups-\$500**

To support the encouragement, education, and opportunity for an exchange of resources to foster and adoptive parents within the LGBTQ community.

#### **Vermont People with AIDS Coalition-\$1,500**

To support the Buyer's Coop Scholarships which helps low income individuals living with HIV/AIDS to afford the supplements and vitamins that improve their health.



Who's in it?

The Vermont Gay Guide ([www.vtgayguide.com](http://www.vtgayguide.com)) is Samara's online interactive directory of everything LGBT. The VGG mission is to connect everybody and everything LGBT and LGBT-friendly in the state, creating a virtual LGBT family online. [Check it out.](#)

In the coming months, we thought you'd like to know what new businesses have joined the ranks of Samara's business alliance by listing in the Vermont Gay Guide. Here are the businesses that signed up with us in June.

If you'd like to list your business, service or organization please call Matt at 802-860-6236 or email him at [matt@vtgayguide.com](mailto:matt@vtgayguide.com)

**We're running special rates right now in celebration of Pride. Call Matt to learn more.**

**NEW IN JUNE!**

- Andrew Orr**, Poultney, Artist
- Angel's Cakes**, South Burlington, wedding cakes
- Catering By Dale**, Shelburne, catering
- Cider House BBQ & Pub**, Waterbury, restaurant
- The Charleston House**, Woodstock, bed & breakfast
- The Condo Guy**, Colchester, real estate agent
- Dish Catering**, Burlington, catering
- Frank Davis**, Derby Line, JP/wedding officiant
- Jeff Schneiderman Photography**, Williston, photography
- Peace Harp, Proctor**, harp music for celebrations
- Peace & Justice Store**, Burlington, fair trade store
- Red Hen Baking Company**, Middlesex, bread bakery
- Sabin Gratz Weddings**, Winooski, photography
- Sweet Clover Market**, Essex, food market
- Thyme Tables Catering**, Shaftsbury, catering
- Viva Espresso**, Burlington, cafe
- Wetherbee's Catering**, Colchester, catering



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