



The Pyramid Project

# TOHR's Pyramid Project News

*"Building a Home...Funding the Future"*

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## Happy New Year!

As we start this new year, the Pyramid Project Steering Committee and the Board of Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights (TOHR) would like to take this opportunity to thank you. Many of you have given of your time, talent and financial resources to make this capital campaign successful. Capital campaigns usually take a minimum of 2-5 years to complete. Even though there is much work to be done, we wish to celebrate the following milestones with you!

We are pleased to announce that nearly a quarter of a million dollars has been raised in pledges and donations. And, with your help, we achieved our 2002 year-end goal of having \$150,000 CASH in the Tulsa Community Foundation Trust Fund.

During the year 2003, our fundraising focus and activities will include; hosting private house parties, reaching out to the allied community, offering Community Center naming opportunities, initiation of an endowment trust fund to be held at the Tulsa Community Foundation and of course, the annual Wild Hearts Ball!

The recently elected TOHR Board and its Pyramid Project steering committee consist of professionals in a variety of fields. We are committed to taking the necessary legal and fiscal steps to secure a permanent home and endowment for the GLBT Community Center.

Performers, restaurants, salons, florists, artists and retail stores have donated products and services. This has enabled us to abide by our commitment to spend only 8% of non-restricted funds on marketing and fundraising. Most other non-profits spend 25% or more on these items. Phil Lakin, Director of the Tulsa Community Foundation, has stated that TOHR's Pyramid Project Capital Campaign would likely be given an "A" rating for it's conservative spending.

The campaign has donors who give for many reasons. Parents have given in recognition of their GLBT children, loved ones have given in honor of those with HIV and AIDS, native Okies living out of state, have given for the betterment of their hometown, allies have given in support of their GLBT friends, GLBT individuals have given to help serve and improve their own community.

We are encouraged by the growing number of donors and momentum that is building with each of your meaningful contributions. Every gift is critical to the success of this capital campaign. By helping provide for a permanent facility for the Tulsa GLBT Community Center, you are truly contributing to a better future for North-east Oklahoma GLBTs, their families, friends and allies for generations to come.

### Thank you!

If you have not yet given a financial contribution or would like to increase your gift, please join us by completing the enclosed form and mailing it with your gift or pledge to: P.O. Box 2687, Tulsa, OK 74101. Please makes checks payable to: Pyramid Project

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### The Pyrameter

"Building a Home...  
Funding the Future"

**\$1,000,000 GOAL**

Pledges and  
donations to date  
**\$245,000+**

**OUT OK** hosted Oklahoma's inaugural International Gay and Lesbian film festival. The premiere event was held November 15-17, in OKC at the Meacham Auditorium on the OU campus and in Tulsa, November 22-24 at the Fontana 6 Cinema.

Phillip Au of Toronto and his partner, Mark Bonney produced the event to benefit the Pyramid Project.

Those who attended realized a gift for the senses and a uniquely varied array of cinema entertainment.

The offerings were incredible and may never again be seen in Oklahoma.

During 2003, films will also be screened. Go to [Out-OK.com](http://Out-OK.com) for more information.

We look forward to next year's film festival.

Thank you Phillip and Mark!



### Fast Fact

Over 4600 persons are served each year at TOHR's Tulsa Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center.

## Wild Hearts Ball 3 Ring Circus

You won't want to miss the annual Pyramid Project fundraiser, the Wild Hearts Ball. Mark your calendars now for Friday, February 28th from 8pm to midnight. The theme for the 3rd year of this event is "3 Ring Circus". It will be held at the Greenwood Cultural Center, 322 N. Greenwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tickets will be \$20 at the door and \$15 in advance  
Reserved seating is available for \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of ten

Ringmistress will be Peaches Lennox along with surprise TV personalities.  
Magic will be provided by Top Hat Magic and Costumes.

Costumes are encouraged but not required.



Strolling Musicians

Free hors d'oeuvres

Cash Bar

Magicians

Clowns

Jugglers

Party Pics

DJ Dance Music

**BE THERE!**

You must be 21 to purchase alcohol at the bar and ID will be required

Order your tickets now by returning the enclosed ticket order form with your payment. Advance tickets will go on sale at the following ticket locations February 1st:

Tulsa GLBT Community Center - 2114 S. Memorial, 743-4297

Ken's Flowers - 1635 E. 15th, 599-8070

The Supper Club - 640 N. Denver, 582-8608

## THANK YOU Pyramid Project FOUNDERS!

**Diamond - \$25,000 or more**  
Mitch Savage & Michael Smith

**Ruby - \$10,000 or more**  
Mark Bonney,  
The Gill Foundation,  
Dennis Neill & John Southard  
Mona Pittenger

**Topaz - \$5,000 or more**  
Bob Inglish & Craig Wood,  
Kaye Smith/Parent Challenge,  
Marcy Smith & Sue Welch,  
Rhodes, Hieronymus, Jones,  
Tucker & Gable Law Firm

**Citrine - \$1,500 or more**  
Steve Aberson & Brent  
Ortolani, Theresa Barnard &  
Tamara Thompson, Dan  
Burnstein & Martin Martinez,  
Doug Campbell, Dave  
Collins, Joel Cousins & Frank  
Madearis, Carol I. Crawford,  
Fernando Este & Don Glass,  
Greg Gatewood, Greg Gray,  
Glenn Jones, Susan  
Kamphaus & Camille Quinn,  
Kerry Lewis, Rick Martin &  
Daniel Schneider, Dick Miller,  
Joe & Nancy McDonald /  
Parent Challenge,  
Tim Williams & Randy Ritter,  
The Williams Companies

**Emerald - \$1,000 or more**  
Mark Argo, Robert Babcock &  
Howard Nix (in memory of  
Gary Durst), Dr. Laura  
Belmonte Ph.D. & Catheryn  
Mason, Libby Bender &  
Renee Bruce, Jack Camden,  
Kelly Carter, Jeff Cherblanc &  
Wes Schultz, Robert Coffey &  
Andy Kinslow, Laurie Cooper,  
Marc B. Fitzerman, Michael  
Green, Scottie Hale, Mark  
Henry & Marcus Rice & w/  
corp. match, Dwight Kealither,  
George Kravis II, Rita & Don  
Newman, The Charles & Lynn  
Schusterman Foundation,  
Vanessa Welch, The Maxine  
& Jack Zarrow Foundation

**Sapphire - \$500 or more**  
Paul Allen, Arkansas Valley  
Properties, Jane Barnes,  
Gina Bradford, Angela Bruce,  
Wil Bruner, Mary Bundy, Josh  
C. & Jeff E., Cisar-Holt, Inc.,  
Harry Crampton & John  
Cutright, Vikki Duke, Cathy  
Furlong, David Garrett, Pat  
Gordon, Heather Harp & Mi-  
chelle Hoffman, Liz Harris &  
Debbie Jensen, Doug  
Hartson & Don Wilkes, Larry  
James, Lindy Kroenert, P.J.  
Lassek, Cindy Marinella,  
Russ McCarty,

**Sapphire cont'd.**  
Judy McHenry & Suzanne  
Knott, Kathy McKnight & Lynn  
Mostoller, Bernd Oehler,  
David Parsons & Al Triggs,  
Rick Phillips, Vance Reed,  
Hope Savage, Sharon Thoele,  
Dale Todd, Ron Toulouse,  
Tulsa Area Primetimers,  
Damon Vick, Kathleen  
Williams, Martin R. Wing

**Business Founders - \$500+**  
Broken Arrow Electrology,  
Compulogics,  
International Tours of Claremore,  
TW's AFAB Catering

**Amethyst - Up to \$499**  
Steve Wright, Don Eagleton,  
Gary Allison & Barb Henke,  
Lamont Lindstrom & Devre  
Jackson, Thom Dombrowski  
(in honor of T.U.L.S.A.), Jennifer  
Jones, John Madigan, John  
Mercer, Dwight Holden & Ted  
Eudy, Lisa Temple, Diane  
Newhouse, Phillip Miller &  
Dan Hale, Mary Schepers,  
Neal Family Trust, Marty  
Newman, Whitney Price,  
Milton Nunley, Mark Biggs,  
Cherblanc Paint & Renovations,  
Stewart Scott, Jane Barnes,  
Terri Bond & Debra Fish,  
Mike Tedrick, Deborah  
Karns, Pat Oetjen, Sol Smith,  
Stitchwitch, Renegades, Joe  
Rackley, Troy McGoveran,  
Don Rush, Dr. Lora Larson,  
Bill & Kathy Hinkle, Jonathan  
Stanley, Shelly Ledford, Bridget  
DeGraffenreid, Shirley Riggs,  
Sharon Thoele, Rex Ball &  
Stephen Edwards, Janet  
Gearin, Vanguard Business  
Consultations, Carol Schaefer,  
Mike Keys, Beth Persac, Gary  
Wasson, Anita Randza,  
George Phelps & Ed Alaniz,  
Marianna Blackwell, Tim  
Sanders, Toney & Melinda  
Foster, David Privett & Mark  
Owen, Chris Morrison, Laura  
Mumford, Charles Pearce,  
Carrie Fleharty, Mike Eslick,  
iGive.com, Elisabeth Fuller,  
Gerald Miller, Christy Coker,  
Beverly Fyffe, George Boyce,  
Edie Schneeberger & Gail  
Garloch, JoAnne Ritchey,  
Dayna Glanz & Carl Gerhart,  
Allana Davenport, Discount  
Wrecker Service, Karen  
Weldin, Susanne Bain, Marc  
Frieden, Gary Lawson, Paula  
Russo & Mary Regan, Jeff  
Cowan, Robert Holland,  
Carolyn Ridgeway,  
Blane Snodgrass,

**Amethyst cont'd**  
Woods-Gallardo Allstate  
Insurance, Mary & Justice  
Waidner, Paul Betow,  
Barbara Mitchell, Stained  
Glass Designs, Marvin &  
Reba Hoot, Bruce Clemens,  
Tim Grogan, Jeff Potts,  
David Hoot, Anthony &  
Jones, P.C., Robin Tait &  
Mark Lackey, Nina  
Reinecke, Dwight Holden &  
Ted Eudy, Michael Reed,  
David Paddock & Phil Cyr,  
Charles Peterson, Sharisse  
O'Carroll, James Wheeler,  
Mike O'Meara, Carol English,  
Rick Fortner, Richard  
Groendyke, Cathy Elliott,  
Dave Rosebeary, Tamalie  
Heimerding, Marilyn Ihloff,  
Inc., Fred Bassett, Josh  
Stroman, Judy Crumrine,  
Drs. Gordon & Jane Purser,  
Greg Johnson, John Massie,  
Top Hat Magic & Fun Shop,  
Inc., Sue Dulaney, Murrel  
Wilmoth, Sherry Stinson,  
Lee Dunning, Wanda Patrick,  
Jay Ferraro, Steven Hall,  
Susie Thornton, Gene  
Pelizzoni, Tom Williamson,  
Jim Firth, Steve McCurley,  
Jessie Engle, Barry Hensley,  
Rebecca Howard, Cathy  
Rousseau, Fred Naifeh,  
Charles Duran, Maureen  
Lawler, Johna Abbott,  
Derrick Henry, Deanna  
Ogez, Bruce Hartnitt, Betty  
Vanaltenburg, Adam  
Erlawien, Kathie Fite, Jeff  
Spragens, Greg Smith &  
Kevin Burleson, Dan &  
Nancy Lynn Roberts,  
James Vore, Bud McMullen,  
Kathleen Anne Reed, Brad  
Phillips, Robert & Carol Skib,  
James Moore, John Simmons  
& Doug Nelson, Justin &  
Linda Gardner, Michael  
Redman, James Craven,  
Patrick Hobbs, Norma &  
Richard Small, Ann Simmons  
Alspaugh, Sharon King  
Davis, Jeannine Hunter,  
Theresa & Perry Collins,  
Greg Davis, Joe Nations,  
Robert Odell & Paul Saladin,  
Tammie Blancett, Sharon  
Parker, Tracy Graham, Rick  
Craig, Suzanne Everage,  
James Davis, Michael &  
Christine Lance, Gwen  
Hampton, David Selstad,  
Mary Issacson, Ray &  
Nancy Feldman, Peggy  
Buerge, Paul Greever, &  
Steven Lockheart, Carolyn  
Taylor, J. Mac Troy,

**Amethyst cont'd.**  
David Halpern & Sue  
Gunterman Halpern, Debra  
Hall, Wendy Thomas, Marc &  
Linda Frazier, Brent & Susan  
Lang, Dr. Carol Dillard, Brandy  
Miller, Evelyn Thompson,  
Teresa Simmons, Nick  
Georgopoulos, Judy Cash,  
Shelly McGoffin, Pamela  
Hodges, Maureen Lawler,  
Linda, Paschal, Linda Duncan,  
Kara Gae & Ken Neal, Jim  
Trotter, Jerry Jackson, Interior  
Designers Supply, Betsy  
Martin, Terry & Amy Michael,  
Candice Merifield Johnson,  
Diane Gaway, Jack & Lou  
Hodgson, Suzanne Thompson,  
Kerrylyn Hooper & J.E. Black,  
George Matarazzo, Jr., Anna  
Dodwell & Connie McCorley,  
Betsy Myers & Stacy Takacs,  
Steven & Leslie Penrose, Van  
Wilde w/ corp. match, LeAnne  
Gross

### House Parties

Dwight Kealither & Mike Tedrick  
\$5,575  
Dave Collins and Doug Campbell  
\$4,490  
Rex Ball & Steven Edwards  
\$5,000  
Mitch Savage & Michael Smith  
\$3,300  
David Hoot's Birthday Party  
\$3,200  
Marcy Smith & Sue Welch  
\$4,670

### Events

Wild Hearts Ball I	\$6,000
Women's T-Dance I	\$6,820
Dollars from Dubya	\$4,200
Helga's Rocky Night	\$4,700
Wild Hearts Ball II	\$10,000
Diary Opera	\$10,000
Women's Tea Dance II	\$11,100

**THANK YOU**  
for your support!

**Pyramid Project Steering Committee**

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**Announcements and Contact Info:**

**Wild Hearts Ball 3 Ring Circus - The Gayest Show on Earth:**

Save the DATE: Friday, February 28th, 2003

PLACE: Greenwood Cultural Center, 322 N. Greenwood Ave

TIME: 8pm - midnight

**Calling all Online Shoppers - Giving \$5 is as easy as "buy":**

Don't forget, you can donate to the Pyramid Project just by shopping online! That's right. Our friends at Igive want you to change online shopping for GOOD! Log on to the Pyramid Project website and click on the "Igive.com" link for easy instructions! [www.PyramidProject.org](http://www.PyramidProject.org)

**Capital Campaign Mission:**

The Pyramid Project is TOHR's capital campaign to raise funds to purchase and sustain a permanent visible presence, a safe and affirming home for the Tulsa GLBT Community Center. *"Building a Home... Funding the Future"*

**Address/Contact info:**

The Tulsa GLBT Community Center is located at 2114 S. Memorial Drive, Tulsa  
Hours of operation: Tuesday - Friday 6pm to 9pm / Saturday 3 to 9pm  
Phone: 918-743-4297

**Mailing address** for both TOHR and the Pyramid Project  
P.O. Box 2687, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101  
Donations may be sent to the above address and made payable to: Pyramid Project



**TOHR Board and Pyramid Project Steering Committee Member profiles.....**

**Get to know these people!**

**Name:** Thom Golden

**TOHR affiliation:** TOHR First Vice President, Director of events

**Occupation:** Magazine editor

**How long you have been in your occupation:** 6 years

**Professional or Business**

**Title:** Managing Editor, Oklahoma Magazine

**Positions of professional leadership held:**

Communications Manager, Tulsa Opera, Asst. Director of Alumni Relations, University of Tulsa

**Organization affiliations:**

Former board member and officer of Cinema Arts Foundation

**Where you are from:** Born in Pine Bluff, AR, have lived in Tulsa for 12 years.

**Other interests you have:**

Film, literature, food & wine, gardening, travel and being outdoors.

**Why you are involved in TOHR's capital campaign, the Pyramid Project:**

Being part of a community is important for everyone, but it is especially meaningful for gays and lesbians and other peoples who are marginalized from society at large. I am particularly concerned about young people in this area of the country. Having a permanent home for The Tulsa Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center – a place were we can simultaneously be more visible and away from the glare of unfriendly eyes – is crucial to guarantee services to the gay and lesbian community and continue to grow for those who need them most. And though it may seem like a small matter, having a home can create a sense of increased relevance and pride that can do wonders for any community.  
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**Name:** Marcy Smith

**TOHR affiliation:** TOHR Member, Pyramid Project Steering Committee

**Occupation:** Information Technology - Government

**How long:** 17 years

**Title:** Database & Security Manager

**Degree:** BS in MIS from the University of Tulsa

**Where you are from:** Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1963

**Other Interests:** Gardening, Travel, Film, home improvements, website design, Real Estate.

**Why are you involved in TOHR's capital campaign, the Pyramid Project:**

Change and acceptance for "minorities" has never come about through silence and hiding in the shadows. Through-

out history, brave women and men have stood tall in the face of prejudice while struggling for equality. I believe that a permanent, visible presence in the Tulsa Community is not only important for supporting our GLBT community and allies, it will also act as a symbol that we do exist. Yes, right here in the middle of the Bible belt. My hope is that this POSITIVE, PRIDEFULL symbol will aid in unifying our community and provide a place for all who seek help and acceptance. Finally, our GLBT friends and families deserve the best facility we can possibly provide. I want to be a part of making GLBT history in Oklahoma. I have no doubt this dream will soon become a reality!  
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**WANT TO HELP?**

If you would like to volunteer for TOHR or the Pyramid Project Steering Committee, call the Center at 743-4297 or Email: [community@tohr.org](mailto:community@tohr.org) OR [committee@PyramidProject.org](mailto:committee@PyramidProject.org)