

The RAIN Bow



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RAIN is looking for concerned, committed people to join our Board of Directors! Please call our OKC office for more information.

Autumn is "A Harvest of Reflections"



The last few cool and rainy days serve to remind us that summer has faded and autumn is ushered in on cool

winds and foggy mornings. Soon the holidays will be upon us again. Harvest time, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year's Day. Then there will be Easter with its lilies and bulbs bursting forth with promises of more gentle days to come.

Autumn is a time of change, possibly second only to spring as the most animated change the Earth undertakes in its cycle of seasons.

In his book *A Harvest of Reflections*, Justin Matott says, "It has been said that in ancient times it was believed that the time of harvest was when the veil between the two worlds, corporeal and ethereal was the most thin, allowing for all kinds of mystical occurrences on earth..." Autumn seems to herald a transformation of life... for the Earth and for our lives as well.

May this changing season of cool, foggy days and trees ablaze with vibrant color invite us to change the pace of our daily routine, to take a look around and be aware of the transforming power at work right in front of us so we don't miss the mystical power of the Universe to heal and refresh.

Marcy Gardenhire
 RAIN Western OK Coordinator

New Tulsa RAIN Team to Bring People Together

RAIN is constantly seeking new models of service to respond to the changing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. One important need that is not always apparent is social contact.

Many of those who are living with HIV/AIDS find themselves feeling isolated and alone. Having to constantly deal with a life threatening disease, they find it difficult to identify with others in the community and to be a part of society in general.

For this reason, the Tulsa RAIN office is in the preliminary steps of creating

a brand new team model, the Social Activities Group.

The Social Activities Group or "SAG," will bring small groups of RAIN clients and volunteers together to enjoy activities in and around the community. Activities are not definite, but may include things such as movies, sporting events, picnics, concerts etc.

The groups will meet every month, giving both volunteers and RAIN clients the opportunity to meet and



The new Social Activities Groups will join volunteers and clients together for fun and support.

socialize on a regular basis.

If you'd like to be part of this new and exciting program, please contact the Tulsa RAIN office at 918-834-4195 or 866-726-RAIN

Shopping with the "One" Benefits RAIN!

The Holidays will soon be here. Now there's an easy way to shop and make a donation to RAIN too!

"One; An Eclectic Experience" is a unique store in Norman which offers the special and unusual gifts for those hard to please people on your list. Anything, from yoga mats and meditation chairs to fantasy jewelry and incense burners, you'll find it at "One."

Rustin and Sarah Sparks, the owners of One, have created a special online catalog featuring some of their best merchandise just for RAIN. De-

pending upon the amount of sales from the catalog, the One Store will donate a percentage of the purchases to RAIN!

This special offer is only good through the catalog and orders must be made and purchased by November 30th. The One store will then deliver the orders free of charge to our Oklahoma City office, at 1601 N. Drexel Blvd to be picked up. Shipping is

available at an extra charge.

The catalog is available through the RAIN website at www.rainoklahoma.org or by emailing RAIN at rainwest@swbell.net

No access to a computer? Please call the RAIN office at 947-3434 or the One Store at 307-8853 and we will be happy to mail a catalog to you.

The "One" is waiting! Place your order today!



These Fu Temple Dog Statues are among the many beautiful items available at the "One."

AmeriCorps Member Joins Tulsa RAIN Office

There is a new addition to the RAIN Staff in Tulsa, courtesy of the National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps Program. He is Andrew Carter and will be serving as RAIN's Special Teams Coordinator.

AmeriCorps, sometimes referred to as the domestic Peace Corps, is a network of national service programs that engage more than 50,000 Americans each year in service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. AmeriCorps provides trained, dedicated people to help nonprofits in these areas accomplish more and make more effective use of volunteers.

The National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps Program unites individuals and organizations in the field of HIV/AIDS. National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps Members help their communities by serving in a variety of rolls, such as HIV/AIDS prevention edu-

cators, testers and counselors, care service providers and case managers.

Members are placed in host agencies four days a week and work on community service projects on the fifth. They serve a total of 11 months and in exchange receive a living allowance, health and childcare, and an education voucher. There are only five cities in the U.S. with National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps Teams. Tulsa is one of those cities with a team, and RAIN has one of those members!

Andrew is a Tulsa native and graduated from Langston University-Tulsa with a degree in Psychology. His goal is to eventually attend graduate school but currently is interested in receiving valuable skills and knowledge through serving at RAIN. The staff at RAIN welcomes Andrew and looks forward to a great year working with him.

2002 RAIN Holiday Ornament Order Form (Ornament pictured below)

To save the cost of mailing, your order can be picked up at the OKC Office. Just let us know & we'll call you when they arrive.

Name: _____

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Mary Reynolds to Perform Concert for RAIN at Java Dave's

Mary Reynolds, one of Oklahoma City's most popular singer/songwriters, will be using her talent to help raise money for RAIN. She will be performing a benefit concert for RAIN on Saturday, November 9, from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at Java Dave's Coffee House, located at 10 N.E. 10th Street in Okla-

homa City. There will be a \$5 per person charge at the door with the proceeds going to benefit RAIN.

Mary is a classically trained singer and plays guitar, bass and saxophone. Her years performing as a side musician and solo artist in New York and Austin honed her talent. Mary's songs range from traditional to country to jazz & pop, and her easy style and strong

voice makes her a favorite among the local clubs.

Java Dave's Coffee House, located at 10th & Broadway, offers the best in gourmet coffee as well as a variety of menu items. They have recently extended their kitchen hours and now serve dinner, so be sure to come with an appetite!

For information, call the OKC Office.



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The 2002 RAIN Holiday Ornament

The ornaments are scheduled to arrive in our OKC office soon! To pre-order your ornament, please see the order form on page 2 in this Newsletter!

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my gift to RAIN*		<input type="checkbox"/> Please keep my donation anonymous.
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