



Pyramid Project

TOHR's Pyramid Project News

"Building a Home...Funding the Future"

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\$25,000 Match Announced

From New York City, Mitchell Savage and Michael Smith, pledge \$25,000 to match donors of Pyramid Project Capital Campaign.

"Mitch and Michael have been early and generous supporters of TOHR's capital campaign", says Sue Welch, Pyramid Project Chair. "Their truly generous nature, love for the Tulsa community and understanding of the many needs here, have been a motivation for them to continue their giving, even from the exciting faraway location of New York City."

Mitchell and Michael now reside in New York City but their hearts still remain tied to Tulsa. Their dedication to this project rings true in their own words, "Since the inception of the Pyramid Project, we have been consistently impressed with the vision, conscientiousness and determination of the project coordinators. We hope that you too will accept this opportunity to change lives, mend hearts and win freedom. Join us in support of the Pyramid Project. You may never have a more profound chance to change the world right here in your hometown."

Mitch and Michael offer this \$25,000 match in a very special way. The Steering Committee of TOHR's Pyramid Project has been asked to obtain matching funds of individual donations of \$500 or less, and from new donors to the capital campaign. "This will be a challenging task and one that we are delighted to undertake," says Welch. "We thank Mitch and Michael for their confidence, thoughtfulness and philanthropic spirit."

So, all who have not yet given to TOHR's Pyramid Project Capital Campaign, you can now double your donation without even feeling it! Please do so by filling out the enclosed donation slip and returning it in the enclosed envelope ASAP. If you are a current donor, please give the donation slip to a friend who has not yet given, and urge them to send it in with a gift. Let's all pull together to further the capital campaign by achieving this generous \$25,000 match! Pass it on!

Thank you!

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

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The Pyrameter

"Building a Home...
Funding the Future"

\$1,000,000 GOAL



Tulsa Women's Tea Dance Nets \$5000+

On September 20th, 2003, at the Greenwood Cultural Center, 200+ women gathered for the Annual Tulsa Women's Tea Dance. Attendees from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and many OK towns, enjoyed the chance to be at the Tea Dance. As one of the women put it, "It's so nice to be someplace where you can really be yourself and have a great time". It was an afternoon filled with dancing, performances by Out of the Ordinary, Rusti Love and The Women of Council Oak. Also on hand; DJ, Women's networking & market area, Prizes, Bar, Hors d'oeuvres & a fantastic \$1700+ Vacation Giveaway. The trip for 2, to Palm Springs, CA and the lovely Casitas Laquita women's resort, was won by the lucky Claire DuCharme of Columbia, Missouri. Congrats!!

The Tulsa Women's Tea Dance is privately sponsored and benefits TOHR's Pyramid Project Capital Campaign and the entire GLBT community. If you or someone you know, would like to be put on the mailing list for future events, please send contact info to:
Committee
@PyramidProject.org

OUT OK—TAKE II

You are cordially invited to the 2nd annual OUT OK International Film Festival. See the films shown at the 2003 London and LA Film Fests, and Oklahoma Premieres!

OKC / EDMOND: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003; Pegasus Theatre, Liberal Arts Building, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. 6:30pm - THE GIFT; Short: PARADISCO. 8:00pm - THE GIFT and AIDS: Panel Discussion. 9:00pm - The ABSOLUT Cocktail Party.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003; Northpark Cinema/Mall, OKC. 7:00pm - MAMBO ITALIANO. 9:00pm - MERCI, DOCTEUR REY; Short: THE MOMENT AFTER.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2003; Roy Smith Lecture Hall (Rm. 113), Business School, UCO, Edmond: 12:00pm - NEVERLAND; Short: THE KABUKI JOINT. 2:00pm - THE POLITICS OF FUR; Short: XX TO XY FIGHTING TO BE JAKE. 4:00pm - BENZINA. 7:00pm - DIARY OF A MALE PORN STAR. 9:00pm - YOSSI AND JAGGER; Short: JEFFREY'S HOLLYWOOD SCREEN TRICK.

TULSA: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2003; Chapman Hall, University of Tulsa. 6:30pm - THE GIFT; Short: PARADISCO. 8:00pm - THE GIFT and AIDS: Panel Discussion.* 9:00pm - The ABSOLUT Cocktail Party.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2003; Business Administration Hall/Building, TU. 7:00pm - THE POLITICS OF FUR. 8:45pm - NEVERLAND; Short: JEFFREY'S HOLLYWOOD SCREEN TRICK.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2003; Business Administration Hall/Building, TU. 7:00pm - BENZINA; Short: XX TO XY FIGHTING TO BE JAKE. 9:00pm - YOSSI AND JAGGER; Short: THE KABUKI JOINT.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003; AMC Southroads 20. 12:00pm - BLUE GATE CROSSING. 2:00pm - DIARY OF A MALE PORN STAR. 4:00pm - MAMBO ITALIANO. 7:00pm - MERCI, DOCTEUR REY. 9:00pm - NINE DEAD GAY GUYS; Short: THE MOMENT AFTER.

*Tulsa Panel: Moderator- Dr. Kole Kleeman. Guests: John Hawk Cocke, Co-coordinator of Two-Spirit Men's Group and the HIV/AIDS Prevention Project, Indian Health Care Resource Center; Glen Arnold, Men's Two-Spirit Outreach Prevention Specialist, Indian Health Care Resource Center.

OUT OK VIP PASS on SALE now! Tickets for all films on SALE now! Book early so you won't be disappointed! Don't Miss This!! Order form enclosed in this newsletter.

For more information, please go to www.out-ok.com or contact Philip Au at 918-682-4654, ext. 2 or pau@out-ok.com or fax. 918-681-1882.

Proceeds benefit TOHR's Pyramid Project. www.PyramidProject.org

\$10,000 Gift Initiates Endowment Account

Recently a generous donation of \$10,000 was given to TOHR's Pyramid Project, by Mona Pittenger. The Pyramid Project Steering Committee has a goal of establishing a healthy endowment to sustain a permanent GLBT Community Center. This gift will be used as earmarked, to open an endowment trust account at The Tulsa Community Foundation. By depositing this contribution into the Pyramid Project Endowment Fund now, a conservative, fiscally responsible approach to building ownership is established. The earnings from the principal in this reserve account are earmarked for capital improvements of the building. Most non-profits fail to set aside an adequate amount of money for future needs, particularly as it relates to capital improvements or large capital maintenance projects. Coming from a commercial real estate lending background, Mona believes that a "rainy day fund" is critical for successful long term ownership and maintenance of a quality facility. She is very pleased to see her donation handled in this way.

Thank you Mona for gifting the community with your generous spirit!

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
Dan Burnstein & Martin
Martinez, Greg Gray, Bob
Inglis & Craig Wood, Kerry
Lewis, Kaye Smith/Parent
Challenge, Marcy Smith & Sue
Welch, Rhodes, Hieronymus,
Jones, Tucker & Gable Law Firm

Citrine - \$1,500 or more
Steve Aberson & Brent
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Este & Don Glass, Greg
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Nancy McDonald / Parent
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Randy Ritter, The Williams
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memory of Gary Durst), Dr.
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low, Laurie Cooper, Marc B.
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Scottie Hale, Mark Henry &
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Bruner, Mary Bundy, Josh C.
& Jeff E., Cisar-Holt, Inc.,
Harry Crampton & John
Curtright, 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.

Sapphire cont'd.
Lassek, Cindy Marinella,
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,
Russ McCarty

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

Amethyst - Up to \$499
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Lindstrom & Devre Jackson,
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T.U.L.S.A.), Jennifer Jones,
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Dwight Holden & Ted Eudy,
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Dan Hale, Mary Schepers,
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Reba Hoot, Bruce Clemens,
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David Hoot, Anthony &
Ted Eudy, Michael Reed,
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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,
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Rousseau, Fred Naifeh,
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Derrick Henry, Deanna
Ogez, Bruce Hartnitt, Betty
Vanaltenburg, Adam
Erlewiem, Kathie Fite, Jeff
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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
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Theresa & Perry Collins,
Greg Davis, Joe Nations,
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Betsy Myers & Stacy Takacs,
Steven & Leslie Penrose, Van
Wilde w/ corp. match, LeAnne
Gross, Blane Snodgrass

House Parties
Dwight Kealiher & 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 T-Dance II \$11,100
Wild Hearts Ball III \$9,055
Women's T-Dance III \$5,083

**THANK YOU
for your support!**

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Announcements and Contact Info:

Out - OK TAKE II International Film Festival:
 OKC, Nov 6-8 and Tulsa, Nov 12-15. www.out-ok.com

Wild Hearts Ball IV: Mark your calendars for Sat. February 14th, 2004!!

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 Holiday Shop Early!!

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, and open Tuesday - Friday, 6pm to 9pm & Saturday, 3 to 9pm. Phone: 918-743-4297. E-mail: www.TOHR.org

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

More info: www.PyramidProject.org



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

Get to know these people!

Name: Kelly Rechelle Carter

TOHR Affiliation: Former Secretary of the board for Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights

Other leadership positions: Diversity Counsel, IC Corp

Occupation: School bus manufacturing

How long you have been involved in your occupation? I've been in this field for 14 yrs.

Professional or Business Title: Process Technician/Cooperate Facilitate

Where are you from?
 Adrian, Michigan

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

The building we are working toward will be a home for all that need one. It will be a place to gather your friends, to gain knowledge about our brothers and sisters and a place to feel safe. The community in Tulsa is second to none. The passion, the willingness to give to each other is astounding. I believe in the people of The Pyramid Project and I believe in the people of Tulsa. That is why I am willing to give what I can, to TOHR'S Capital Campaign.

Name: Mark Bonney

TOHR affiliation: Legal counsel for TOHR's Pyramid Project and newly elected President of TOHR.

Occupation: Attorney

How long? 16 years

Where are you from? I was raised in Oklahoma City and have spent the better part of the last 16 years in Muskogee.

Other Interests: Film, Travel and seeing the world become a better place

Why are you involved in TOHR's capital campaign the Pyramid Project?

To make a difference!

Thank you Kelly and Mark for your commitment and active participation!

WANT TO HELP?

If you would like to volunteer for TOHR or the Pyramid Project Steering Committee, call the GLBT Center at 743-4297 or e-mail:

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