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ALRP wishes to thank the following for their above and beyond support in 2013:

Honorable James C. Hormel & Michael P. Nguyen
Laura Maechtlen & Carl Wolf

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ALRP rocks Folsom Street Fair
A record 96 ALRP volunteers lent a hand at the Folsom Street Events on September 29, 2013. ALRP was the top beneficiary for volunteer recruitment, helping to make Folsom’s 30th Anniversary Street Fair a great success. Thank you!  

Summer/Fall Street Events
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6/21 - AIDS Walk 2013 (pg. 14)

Bob Ross Foundation Supports ALRP Law Clerks
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Kim Shindel of Fordham University School of Law and Nathan Bewley of University of San Francisco School of Law are the two most recent scholarship recipients.

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December 9, 2013
6:00pm - 10:30pm
Marines Memorial Theater

Get into the holiday spirit at the REAF Holiday Gala. 100% of ALRP ticket sales proceeds support our programs.

ALRP is selling tickets to the Richmond Ermet AIDS Foundation (REAF) Help Is On The Way For The Holidays XII Gala, to be held on Monday, December 9, 2013 at the Marines Memorial Theatre (609 Sutter Street at Mason) in San Francisco. Post-show gala dessert reception at Hotel Adagio (550 Geary Street – just a block away).

Silent Auction starts at 6:00pm. Show starts at 7:30pm, and Gala Dessert Reception starts at 9:45pm.

>>100% of ticket proceeds go directly to support ALRP’s free legal services <<

REAF’s Help is on the Way for the Holidays XII Gala currently features the Casts of BOOK OF MORMON and AVENUE Q, plus:

- 3 time Grammy Award winner DEBBY BOONE
- Television, Film and Stage star JASON BROCK
- Broadway (Phantom of the Opera) star DAVIS GAINES
- America’s Got Talent semi finalist TIM HOCKENBERRY
- Tony nominated cabaret star SHARON McNIGHT
- Jazz star KIM NALLEY
- Cabaret star CARLY OZARD
- 12-year old singer/actress VERONICA POWERS
- Broadway (Rent, The Producers) + TV (Queer Eye/Malibu Country) star JAI RODRIGUEZ
- TV (America’s Got Talent) / cabaret star SHAWN RYAN
- Singer/vocal coach/judge (The Voice UK, Celebrity X-Factor) CeCe SAMMY
- Comedian/Broadway (Hairspray) star BRUCE VILANCH
- and others to be announced...
Performance-only tickets are $50
VIP/Underwriter tickets – including a post-show Cast Dessert Party next-door at Hotel Adagio start at just $85.
All but $40 is tax deductible.

Tickets can be purchased at www.helpisontheway.org or on EventBrite.

PLEASE list AIDS LEGAL REFERRAL PANEL in the order form, under “Other Information” in the “Agency to credit for ticket purchase” field so that your ticket purchase to be donated back to support ALRP programs.

We hope you can join us this year...

This event is categorized as: Community Events Benefiting ALRP

Marines Memorial Theater
609 Sutter Street - San Francisco
ALRP & BALIF Night with The Kinsey Sicks

December 28, 2013
8:00pm - 11:00pm
The Castro Theatre

Support ALRP and BALIF by joining The Kinsey Sicks, America’s Favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet, as they assault all the senses in their new 20th Anniversary musical show!

Tickets are $40/Orchestra and $25/Balcony
and can be purchased at www.cityboxoffice.com.

The Kinsey Sicks’ 20th anniversary performance at the Castro Theatre will be the San Francisco premiere of their new musical comedy, America’s Next Top Bachelor Housewife Celebrity Hoarder Makeover Star Gone Wild!, and will include guest appearances and a sashay down memory lane, all in glorious four-part harmony. The Kinsey Sicks promise you will not be disappointed (appalled, but not disappointed).

For those just hearing about Kinsey Sicks for the first time, the group was co-founded by our own former Executive Director Irwin Keller while he was still serving at ALRP. It combines rich, four-part harmony, biting satire and over-the-top drag. The Kinsey Sicks have starred in their own Off-Broadway show at New York’s legendary Studio 54, headlined in Las Vegas, released seven albums and are the subject of two feature films.

To purchase tickets, visit www.cityboxoffice.com or www.kinseysicks.com
HELP ALRP + BALIF GET CREDIT for YOUR TICKET PURCHASE
Please click on the black APPLY DISCOUNT button for each ticket on the ticket purchase page and TYPE “ALRPBALIF” in the text box next to Special Pricing... then click the Unlock button. Next, select the ALRPBALIF ticket price using the Pull-down Menu and click the Change Discount button. Then complete the order form as usual. This adds the ALRPBALIF code to credit us for your ticket purchase—we know it’s complicated, but you can handle it!

“The hottest ticket in town—taking the cabaret world by storm, voices sweet as birdsong.”
— New York Times

“One of the more uniquely original (and thoroughly entertaining) acts we have encountered in years… rich four-part harmony… hilarious… this is one act that should not be missed!”
— Billboard Magazine

If you haven’t made the acquaintance of The Kinsey Sicks, it’s high time you did… Uproarious… brilliant… hilarious… authentically joyful.”
— Washington Post

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Fighting For His Neighbor’s Rights

Selby Lighthill, Esq.
Connected with ALRP Since 2012
Panel Attorney

For ALRP Panel Attorney Selby Lighthill, ALRP’s services hit pretty close to home. “I received a referral for a client who lived only a few blocks from me and was facing an eviction,” he said. “ALRP called me on a Thursday and said that the trial for the eviction was set for Monday, and could I help?” Selby met with the client that day.

Selby learned that the client had moved into his unit more than a decade earlier with his partner. When the partner passed away, the client had a series of roommates. This went unchallenged by the landlord for years until 2013, when the tenant was served with an eviction notice for failing to secure permission for the most recent tenant. The tenant’s offer to have the roommate move out at the end of the month was rejected.

“When I met the client he told me his T-cell count was 82,” Selby said. “This was a man who did not need the stress of an impending eviction. I spent the weekend preparing, and on Monday we met with the judge, who encouraged both parties to try to avoid a jury trial. We spent eight hours negotiating that day, and finally the landlord decided he didn’t want to risk a jury trial with a sympathetic tenant and they dropped the case.”

Selby has primarily represented tenants in his work with ALRP clients, and he has won accolades from ALRP staff and clients for his handling of ALRP cases. ALRP named him our Attorney of the Year for 2013. “What I like as a lawyer is standing up in front of a judge and jury and advocating for a client,” he said. “ALRP is a great organization that helps me do what’s important to me: making sure that people get their day in court, their chance to present their side of the story, and hopefully an opportunity to prevail and get justice.”
Selby didn’t take the traditional path to a career in law. After earning a bachelor’s degree in literature at the University of Chicago in 1996, he returned to the Bay Area and taught English as a second language and worked at an independent bookstore. When he began to consider law, he took a job as a paralegal with Morrison & Foerster to earn some money and learn about the field before applying to law school. The experience was rewarding, especially when he got to assist on a high-profile case. “But it also gave me a chance to see what it’s like in a big law firm,” he said, “and I realized I wanted to be the kind of attorney who would try cases and work with people, not corporations.”

Selby attended Hastings College of the Law and graduated in 2007. He went straight to a position at Paul & Hanley, LLP, where he represented clients who were sick, often with cancer, as a result of exposure to toxic materials such as asbestos. For four years he represented these clients in trials and loved the work. And then in early 2012 he decided to open his own office, where he practices landlord/tenant, personal injury and tort law.

**Making All the Difference (Fall 2013)**

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As we near the end of the ALRP|30 Years of Justice From the Heart Campaign, we have much to celebrate. Our Annual Reception was our biggest and best ever. We have broken records for event sponsorship and individual major donor support. We have a small army of dedicated volunteers and law clerks – like the one who assisted this housing client – and already this year we have recruited more than eighty new attorneys for ALRP’s Panel. That ALRP can enjoy this level of support 30 years into the epidemic is truly remarkable.

From my perspective, what constitutes success is the difference we continue to make in the lives of our clients. In a single week in November we saved three clients’ housing, secured US citizenship for another, and helped another gain access to much needed HIV health services. We can’t guarantee a successful outcome for every client, but we can ensure that people living with AIDS have someone on their side fighting for them.

This past year we lost a great friend. Jim Kellogg, a civil rights attorney who served as ALRP’s Interim Executive Director immediately prior to me. He was a warm and generous man who lived with HIV for many years. Just as his life inspired us, his loss helps to remind us that AIDS is not simply treated by a pill and that the epidemic is not over.

There is still much more that we have to do to meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community. We still have a long way to go until everyone with AIDS has access to safe affordable housing and health care. And with continued cuts in federal funding for HIV services, we need to be vigilant in ensuring that the City keeps its commitment to the San Francisco Model of Care, which has saved the lives of thousands of people living with HIV – something I see happen every day. ALRP’s services are truly making all the difference.

Bill Hirsh, Esq.
ALRP Executive Director
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Annual Reception & Auction – 2013

Castro Street Fair – 2013

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ALRP depends upon the hard work of a small staff, volunteer Panel attorneys, and a handful of law clerks. Law clerks provide critical program support while also learning first-hand about the legal needs and rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. Each law clerk works 10 to 15 hours a week for 12 weeks. Some clerks choose to specialize in housing and insurance law. These clerks support ALRP staff attorneys who provide clients with direct, in-house representation in those two legal areas. The remaining clerks assist with all other legal areas that ALRP handles, including family law, bankruptcy, immigration, confidentiality, and government benefits.

After conducting thorough intake interviews with clients, the law clerks either provide direct assistance or refer complex cases to volunteer Panel attorneys. Law clerks often provide short-term services such as answering questions or writing a letters to landlords and creditors. ALRP staff attorneys provide careful supervision to ensure that clients’ needs are being met. Law clerks also frequently conduct research and produce legal articles.

The two most recent recipients of the Bob A. Ross scholarships are Kim Shindel, a graduate of Fordham University School of Law, and Nathan Bewley, a graduate of University of San Francisco School of Law.