TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY

This year we faced the challenge of a global pandemic, which brought our usual holiday season to a standstill. COLAGE, a national organization working to empower, support, and advocate for LGBTQ youth, was forced to cancel its annual holiday party. Despite the challenges, we continued to support our community through virtual events and online resources.

COLAGE is a national and international organization that provides support, education, and advocacy for LGBTQ youth and their families. Our goal is to create a world where all LGBTQ youth feel safe, supported, and loved.

Thank you for your continued support of COLAGE. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of LGBTQ youth.
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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This year to fight policy and legislation barring same-sex adoption in Utah, Mississippi, and Arkansas COLAGE joined lawsuits with the ACLU, Lambda Legal Defense, National Center for Lesbian Rights, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Family Pride Coalition, HRC, PFLAG and others. Tragically, we lost again. However, COLAGE insured that children’s voices were not silenced, but instead brought their unique perspective to those policies and legislative discussions.

This year we lost members of our community whose legacies will live on. We would like to honor the lives and memories of Marcelle Cook-Daniel and of Nicole Both. They were tragic reminders of the hardships and oppressions our communities face. Their deaths move us in our wake in our efforts to work harder to make our society a place in which all may truly be ourselves, free of intolerance and discrimination.

COLAGE, as an organization and the people we work with, faces triumph and tragedy every day. Sometimes we must fight the wounds and traumas of homophobia in ourselves and around us, everyday we help those in our communities create change. Every day we work to make the lives of the generations behind us a little easier.

COLAGE is wrapping up a year of unprecedented organizational growth and achievement with the recognition that our work has been more necessary than ever. I hope this holiday season provides you an opportunity to reflect on your recent tragedies and triumphs. Thank you for all you have contributed to make COLAGE’s work possible. Please join us again to help our community strength itself from the inside out with gifts of your time and your money. Your help is needed now more than ever.

Triumphantly yours,

Felicia Parks-Rogers, Director

Please complete the following questions:
1. First Name __________________________ Last Name __________________________
2. Address ____________________________________________________________ City __________________________ State __________ Country ___________
3. State __________ Zip __________ Phone _______________________________________
4. Email __________________________________________________________________
5. Ethnicity __________________________________________________________________
6. Parent(s) ethnicity ______________________________________________________

Additional questions (circle, check, or fill in where applicable)
7. Age __________
8. Family make up (I.e. gay dad(s), transgender parent(s), etc.) __________________________
10. Did you know that there is a COLAGE Conference? Yes or No
11. Would you be interested in going to a COLAGE Conference? Yes or No
12. How much would your family’s financial situation affect your participation in a conference? ______ Not at All ______ Somewhat ______ Very Much
13. To what extent does the location of the conference affect your participation? ______ Not at All ______ Somewhat ______ Very Much
14. Would you recommend others your age to go? ______ Not at All ______ Somewhat ______ Very Much
15. What other COLAGE programs have you ever participated in? (check ALL that apply)
        ☐ pen pal program  ☐ COLAGE chapter participant
        ☐ receive newsletter  ☐ online discussion group
        ☐ media work  ☐ checking out the website
        ☐ volunteer, doing  ☐ going to COLAGE events or activities
what?

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16. What type of conference would you be interested in attending?
(check up to FIVE choices)
- family week
- regional conference
- state conference
- weekend conference
- conference during another
- kids only conference,
- other:

17. What would you like to see at a conference:
Workshops: (check up to TEN choices)
- sexuality/gender
- spirituality/religion
- second generation
- COLAGE speak-out how to be
- activist
- dealing with school and peers
- coming out as a COLAGE
- death or illness in your family
- non-monogamous parent(s)
- current issues for lgbt people
- and families
- how to start a COLAGE group

Activities: (check up to TEN choices)
- beach/outdoor
- rope course
- camping
- arts & crafts
- political rallies
- lobbying
- running fun things for younger kids

Any other suggestions or comments about the COLAGE conference:

18. What is the best way for YOU to find out about COLAGE events & activities?
(check all that apply)
- Website
- Email
- Newsletter
- Local group
- Local COLAGE contact
- Calling the office
- Other:

(If you would like to hear about
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mail or email please provide us with
your mailing address or email at the
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☐ other:

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☐ second generation
☐ COLAGEr speak-out how to be an activist
☐ how to get involved with COLAGE
☐ how to volunteer for COLAGE
☐ adoption and alternative insemination
☐ racial issues in the family/families of color
☐ media training
☐ current issues for lgbt people and families
☐ other:

Activities: (check up to TEN choices)

☐ beach/indoor
☐ rope course
☐ camping
☐ arts & crafts
☐ political rallies
☐ lobbying
☐ running fun things for younger kids
☐ sports
☐ talent show
☐ other:

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