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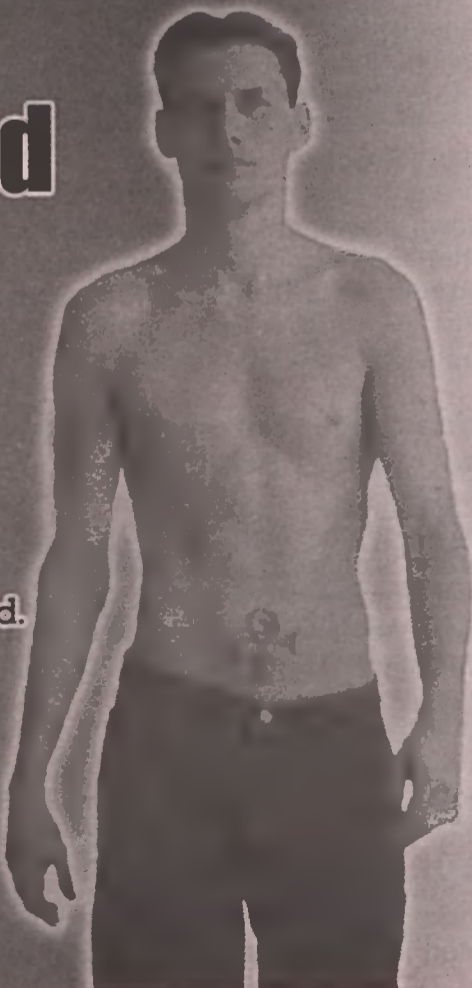
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### Call for HRC volunteers

CHARLOTTE — Here in the Carolinas The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) vision and goal is to make more than just a fancy dinner once a year.

"We want to be a prominent partner and player in the Charlotte area year-round creating positive change," says HRC Diversity Co-Chair LaWana Slack Mayfield.

To achieve that goal, Mayfield and others are looking to interested community members to volunteer with the organization.

"Our immediate volunteer opportunities are in community event planning, education/awareness and political networking," Mayfield adds.

Under the direction of local board leadership, the HRC North Carolina Steering Committee is responsible for the presence and local activities of HRC.

The HRC North Carolina Steering Committee's mission includes:

- supporting the mission and goals of HRC;
- providing funding for HRC programs and goals
- providing local leadership and advocacy for HRC objectives.

HRC is hosting a party for those interested on April 30 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at The Lesbian and Gay Community Center located at 1401 Central Ave.

Says Mayfield: "Come out and learn what HRC is doing in your community, how you can be a part of the changes made, socialize and meet new people while catching up with old friends."

A cash bar will be available, along with snacks, music and drinks.

To attend, email RSVPs to [diversityworks4u@aol.com](mailto:diversityworks4u@aol.com).

### TOY celebrates 15 years

CHARLOTTE — This month marks the 15th year that Time Out Youth (TOY) has been providing support and advocacy to the Charlotte region's LGBT youth. What began as a handful of youth meeting with founder Tonda Taylor (pictured) in 1991, has burgeoned into a multi-faceted organization.

Today, TOY continues its tradition of Monday evening discussion groups for youth to support and empower each other. The reach of Time Out Youth's support efforts has been extended to Gaston County, where a discussion group has been meeting twice each month for over a year.

In addition, the organization has developed a speakers bureau through which youth share their experiences with students and faculty members of schools and universities, social service professionals and other community organizations. Putting a "face" on the lives of LGBT young people helps create awareness and highlights the unique challenges they face. These challenges have resulted in other programs, such as emergency housing assistance for youth displaced from their homes as a result of disclosure of their sexual or gender orientation.

TOY has recently moved into a larger space at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to meet the needs of a growing membership. Late this spring, the organization expects to open a drop-in center, providing a safe space for LGBT youth and their straight allies to participate in social and recreational activities. The drop-in center will be staffed by trained adult volunteers under the supervision of Youth Programs Director Nicole Hoagland, MSW.

For more information, visit [www.timeoutyouth.org](http://www.timeoutyouth.org). To learn about ways to support programming, contact Executive Director Mette Andersen at 704-344-8335.

### Dinner to benefit MAP

CHARLOTTE — It's that time of year again when supporters and contributors gather to raise funds for Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP) at the annual Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? benefit on April 29, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 1401 Central Ave., is hosting a dinner party and is inviting everyone. Bring friends and enjoy a great meal, while having a good time. After dinner all the guests are invited to the Grady Cole center for deserts, refreshments and fun. A tax deductible donation to

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