

It will celebrate differences and showcase the ways in which those differences have contributed to each unique experience.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- How being forced to leave home as a minor continues to impact adult life
- What happened upon leaving home and how one survived
- Words of wisdom for today's homeless queer youth — what one wished someone had said
- Survival through the creation of "chosen family"
- Challenges of dealing with Child Protective Services or other agencies
- Success through adversity — overcoming a troubled past

Submissions should be between 1,500 and 2,500 words in length and previously unpublished. Submit by email in .doc format to KickedOutAnthology@gmail.com.

Multiple submissions per contributor are welcome. Include a short biography and contact information with each submission. Submissions must be received no later than March 1. Rights revert to the authors upon publication. Contributors whose work appears in the anthology will receive as yet undetermined free copy(ies) as well as ongoing royalties.

Contributions requested

BOONE — As an ongoing way to shore up the community, Boone Pride is asking for financial assistance. The monies raised will continue to provide for support of a scholarship fund at the Appalachian Regional Public Library System for LGBT literature for the High Country community, as well as other initiatives.

Boone Pride's mission is to unite, celebrate, and support. It produces public events that serve as a crossroads for cultures to broaden their understanding and acceptance of each other.

For more information, email greenlight104@hotmail.com or visit www.BoonePride.org.

Wanna make a difference?

REGIONAL — CBPM is looking for African-American LGBT community members to serve on the Movement's board. Currently, they are looking to fill slots for vice president, treasurer, marketing/promotions chair, programs chair, volunteer chair, development chair and board member at large.

Applicants must be between the ages of 18-35.

CBPM's mission is to foster, present and celebrate black LGBT culture through education, the arts, cultural events and advocacy. It was created to be an incubator of black gay culture; to explore and exhibit the beautiful duality of being gay and of African descent.

CBPM hosts empowerment workshops, lecture demonstrations, theater productions, film series, spoken word events, wellness fairs and social justice demonstrations in North and South Carolina.

Some of the initiatives it has fostered are Columbia SC Black Gay Pride; the theater production of "For the Love of Harlem;" the MLK Jr. Gala Reception and Awards Presentation; and co-community sponsor of M.E.N., a social/networking group for African-American/Latino gay men.

To obtain an application or for more information, email info@carolinasblackpride

movement.com.

Raise your hands

STATEWIDE — Equality North Carolina (ENC) is asking everyone to make a pledge to be more involved in public life. Ever thought about running for public office as an openly LGBT candidate? Want to help run an LGBT candidate's campaign?

Leadership matters. Openly gay candidates are running and winning more than ever. The Gay Lesbian Leadership Institute can teach participants how to run smarter campaigns and win election to public office. ENC is a sponsor of the Institute's Candidate Campaign Training in Charlotte from Feb. 21-24. The training has made a huge difference for openly gay candidates in N.C., like Sen. Julia Boseman and Orange County Commissioner Mike Nelson, and now it's available to all Tar Heel state interested parties. ENC Executive Director Ian Palmquist attended one last year and was really impressed by the quality of the training.

Right now, ENC is busy building its political warchest to elect pro-equality candidates, organizing and lobbying to pass the School Violence Prevention Act and expand access to HIV medicines for low income North Carolinians, building our base of support, raising awareness of the impact of discrimination on LGBT North Carolinians and expanding on the success of our first Equality Conference and Gala. This training can be a catalyst for those who choose to step out.

For more information or to apply to attend, visit www.glli.org/training. Space is limited, sign up now.

ENC gets grant, marks success

RALEIGH — Equality NC Foundation has been awarded a Civic Engagement Grant from the Triangle Community Foundation through its new civic engagement and youth leadership and development programs.

Seventeen groups were selected from 114 nonprofit organizations submitting proposals. Civic engagement grantees were the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, Democracy North Carolina, the NC Rural Communities Assistance Project, People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, Preservation Durham, the Triangle Lost Generation Taskforce and Equality NC Foundation.

The grant will enable the Foundation to build its list of online activists over the first six months of 2008, so they will have a stronger presence for ENC's anti-bullying bill during the next legislative session. Legislators need to hear how important it is to protect young people from being harassed and traumatized for just being who they are.

Intern Josh Wynne has been chosen to work on the project and ENC looks forward to building its base and making the LGBT community's voice heard more clearly.

A reception in Hickory on Dec. 6 was a wonderful success, with 50 people in attendance and almost \$2,700 raised. Sen. Walter Dalton and Dan Besse, candidates for lieutenant governor, were in attendance. Want to assist with ENC's future growth/strength? Contact Ian Palmquist, executive director, to find out how. Email him at ian@equalitync.org. **Info:** Announce your community event in NC News Notes. email: editor@q-notes.com or fax 704-531-1361.



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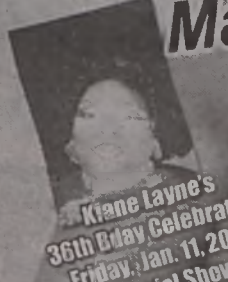
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