

The main goal for this upstart will be to create a social and networking group for women.

Organizers have held two meetings already to discuss existing services offered to the LGBT Latin community. The organization is also identifying other needed services to enable the community to be supported. Participants are now looking for funding and resources to jump start the first social networking group.

Those interested in supporting the creation of this group should email Silvia Bettez at sbettez@yahoo.com.

Church closes on property

WINSTON-SALEM — On July 15 MCC-WS closed on the purchase of property on Patsy Dr.

The move from its current Huff St. location will take place on Aug. 1 and contin-



ue on throughout the week.

The final Sunday service at the Huff St. property will be on July 31. A candle light prayer service will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Huff St. and will continue on Patsy Dr. The first Sunday service at the new facility will be on Aug. 7.

Concert to benefit cancer research

CHARLOTTE — On August 12 at 8 p.m.

Indie Music For Life, a N.C.-based non-profit organization raising money for cancer research, is holding its first benefit concert at The Center For Positive Living, 6101 Idlewild Rd., with the help of Charlotte-based singer/songwriter Christy Snow, Spartanburg, S.C.-based singer/songwriter and founder of Indie Music For Life Leslie Berry and singer/songwriter Vicki Blankenship. Tickets to the event are \$10. All three performers are nationally touring artists and are performing members of Indiegrrl, the largest music organization dedicated to promoting women singer/songwriters.

Founded this year, the non-profit raises money by staging benefit concerts featuring independent singer-songwriters and also produces compilation CDs with songs donated for use by those artists. So far events have been held in nine different states on the east coast and N.C. has hosted events in Wilmington, Chapel Hill, Salisbury, Clayton and now Charlotte. The 2005 compilation CD is a two-disc set that features 30 different songwriters from across the U.S.

Indie Music For Life announced earlier this year that the profits of the foundation would go toward cancer research at the Lineberger Cancer Research Centers located in Chapel Hill, N.C. They also have goals set to eventually hold concerts all over the U.S. with the help of indie artists nationwide. Long-term goals are to also raise money for hospice care for people undergoing cancer therapy.

Christy Snow is no stranger to Carolinians. Her performances weave tales

of her travels and her views of spirituality and life.

Singer/songwriter Leslie Berry is often described as "progressive pop." Her music blends elements of classical and folk.

Blankenship, also a founder and event chairperson of Indie Music For Life, says the organization has become her life's passion since her survival of cancer six years ago. It is her goal to give back to music what music did to help her survive.

For more information, call 910-452-1336 or visit www.indiemusicforlife.org.

Get fit, take a hike

CHARLOTTE — Get out those hiking boots and join Pridesisters as they hit the trails at 9 a.m. on Saturdays.

On July 30 hikers will enjoy the scenery of Reedy Creek. The following week, Aug. 6, venture on down to the McDowell Nature Preserve. At press time, Latta Plantation has been slated for Aug. 20.

Other hikes include an August outing to Crowder's Mountain.

For more information, email yankeeflowsouth@yahoo.com.

Online resource available

ASHEVILLE — The Gay, Lesbian and Ally Support Services (GLASS) began operation on June 1, 2004, as a support group established to find gay and lesbian resources throughout the Asheville area. Since that date it has provided an extensive online resource database for local, state, national and international LGBT organizations and allies.

GLASS also serves as a support group to bring gay and lesbian members together.

er. The Community Support line serves as a resource for individuals with questions, problems and emergency situations needing assistance.

For more information or to receive community support services, contact co-Directors Jeremy Huffman at 828-242-8476 (email: jhuffman@glasupport.org) or Brent Warren-Young at 828-301-4041 (email: byoung@glasupport.org).

Visit the online resource database at www.resources.glasupport.org.

To receive LGBT history, visit www.resources.glasupport.org/pride.htm.

Donors sought

DURHAM — The Project Rainbow Net is a program designed to end partner abuse in LGBT relationships. Recently it was given a challenge grant from the Gill Foundation. Since the initiative began, 26 donors have helped raise \$1,736 of the \$5,000 challenge.

PRN provides training, technical assistance and resources to domestic violence programs and LGBT people/organizations across the state.

By Sept. 10, the remaining \$3,264 must be raised to be able to move forward with PRN's work to make N.C. safer for LGBT survivors of partner violence.

To find out more about how to contribute, visit the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Abuse website at www.nccadv.org or PRN at www.projectrainbow.net. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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