

more money. Whether we admit it or not, HRC has become a political fundraising machine — at the peril of others within our own LGBT and ally family.

Next year the HRC dinner will move to Raleigh. Now we have an opportunity far greater than HRC. Charlotte must begin by doing some soul searching.

Our LGBT and ally community is only as good as each of us can imagine. Our local LGBT and ally community needs to have that \$700,000 and more in order to continue to grow over the next five years. We deserve professionally paid staffing at our Lesbian & Gay Community Center and other LGBT local organizations so we can ensure quality leadership and vision for the future. We also need volunteers and more opportunities to recognize their efforts. And, we need money.

If Charlotte can do it for HRC, then we can do it for ourselves. Put what you imagine into action today, whether that be volunteering or writing a check. Start now by investing in something you believe in locally. ▀

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GGF hires new exec director

Luck Gambrell Davidson brings 'wealth of experience'

by Matt Comer Q-Notes staff

GREENSBORO — The Guilford Green Foundation (GGF), the Triad-area's largest LGBT charitable foundation, on March 12 announced the hiring of a new executive director.

Luck Gambrell Davidson replaces the group's first Executive Director Cecelia Thompson, who left to take a position with Action Greensboro late last year. Thompson had served as the foundation's first full-time staffer.

"We are very excited about Luck coming on board and leading GGF to new heights," GGF Board Co-Chair Ivan Canada said in a statement. "Her knowledge of the Triad's non-profit community will prove invaluable as she spearheads development efforts, as well as efforts at garnering national attention for the LGBT community's needs."

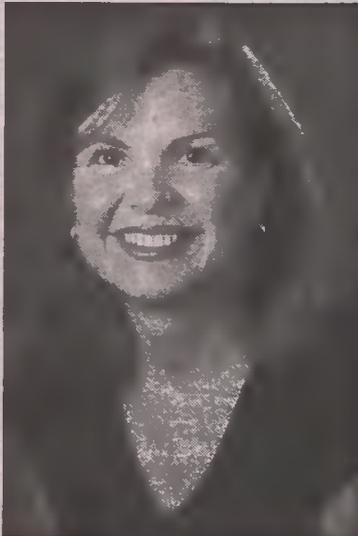
The GGF board said Davidson brings a "wealth on non-profit experience and fundraising expertise." She has previously

served in leadership roles with National Conference of Community and Justice; Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Joseph's House, YWCA, Greenhill Center for NC Art and the Greensboro Public Library Foundation. In the political arena, Davidson has worked on the campaigns for U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan and former Gov. Jim Hunt.

"I have a love for my community, which is manifested in my participation in the civic and cultural life of Greensboro," Davidson said. "My involvement in Greensboro's public sector and non-profit community has given me a wide range of experience and has led me to form relationships with people from all walks of life, backgrounds and cultures."

The Guilford Green Foundation annually grants funds to Greensboro-area LGBT community groups. Last year, they granted out more than \$70,000. Their endowment includes more than \$350,000 in funds. GGF also produces the popular "Green Queen Bingo," held several times a year.

[Ed. Note — This writer is a former member of the GGF Board of Directors.] ▀



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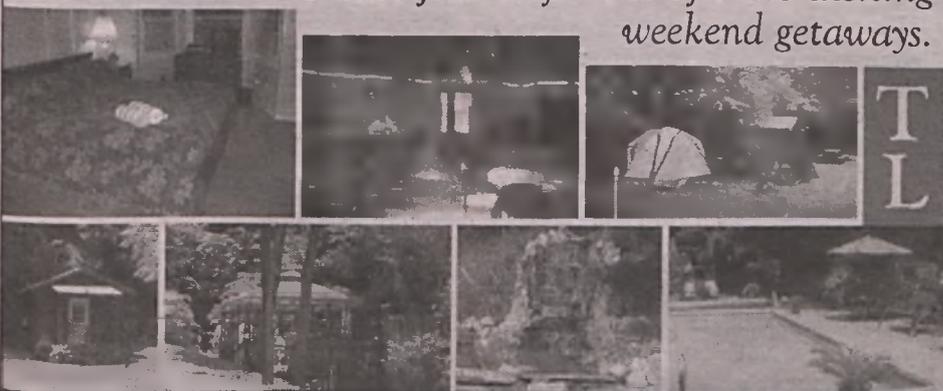


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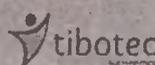
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