



CHILDREN OF LESBIANS AND GAYS EVERYWHERE

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Syndication organizer!

hi! welcome to the wild wack
world of the media ... In this
packet, you'll find samples of letters
to publications, requests for syndication
& T.P. stuff or an article abt COLOAGE
specifically focused on the Kids Club.
~~Let's also include~~ a nold press rel
which you can also send, and a
list of publications,

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Historically, lesbians and gay men have often led isolated, terrified and persecuted lives. Recently, however, this tradition of prejudice and persecution seems to be lessening; lesbians and gays have entered the media, the government, and even the suburbs. Unfortunately, there remains a lot of work to be done. Myths and rumors about the ravages of homosexuality and the taint it leaves still abound. One of the most pernicious myths about lesbians and gays is that they abuse their children. While this has been proven to be blatantly false over and over again, it is the children who bear the brunt of the ignorance and hatred.

Our Organization:

Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) is the only organization dedicated to providing programs, community and support for daughters and sons of lesbian and gay parents all over the world. For six years we've been run by a group of people with lesbian and gay parents who have strived to reach those who, like us, are isolated or lack appropriate information about their families.

The American Bar Association estimates that there are upwards of eight million children of lesbian and gay parents in the United States alone. Because most children of gay or lesbian parents know only one or two other families like theirs, and a significant minority don't know any, COLAGE, while formerly focused mainly on teenagers, has recently begun a program called the COLAGE Kids' Club. This program was formed to give kids under ten with lesbian, gay, and bisexual parents positive images of themselves and their families and a sense of being one of many people like them. The Kids' Club accomplishes this by connecting young children to others like them through pen pals, a newsletter, and books about children with similar families.

How You Can Help:

Sadly, we are not enough. Many children are unreachable or so isolated that word of our organization does not reach them. This is where you come in. By regularly including in your publication a gay/lesbian family-positive article, cartoon, or activity by and for young people, we will together be able to touch a greatly increased number of lonely children, while also sending a message of tolerance and community to the greater public. Your publication will gain an even greater reputation of benevolence and the respect of the lesbian and gay community worldwide.

I have included a few samples of the material we produce for your review. Please consider them for publication. I will be in touch with you in the near future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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ARTICLE REQ

Dear Sir or Madam,

While gay and lesbian issues are, in recent times, receiving more attention and acknowledgement from the public and the media, there remains one population of the gay community which is still very much closeted. Estimated by the American Bar Association to number over eight million, these people are the daughters and sons of lesbians and gay men. In their youth and inexperience, millions of children remain isolated and without support. Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) is the only national organization dedicated to providing community, support and valid information to daughters and sons of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered parents.

WHAT WE DO:

Founded in 1988, COLAGE has grown to include almost two thousand members around the world. We provide services through a network of local support groups and clubs, and until recently, have focused mainly on teenagers. In May 1995, COLAGE began a fantastic new club for children under ten. The COLAGE Kids Club is an important outside source for younger children of lesbian and gay parents that will connect them to peers with similar families, affirm their lifestyles, and give them additional tools to counter homophobia as they mature. The Kids Club distributes the FunPages, a quarterly publication which includes cartoons, games and member submissions which honestly portray lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered individuals and their families. In addition to the FunPages, the COLAGE Kids Club also links pen pals all over the country, as well as offering members books, t-shirts, and membership cards as part of an ongoing effort to end painful isolation and misinformation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Our organization can, unfortunately, only do so much. Therefore, we urge you to help your many readers who are lesbian and gay parents and their children by directing attention to this important and pressing issue. I ask you to feature an article about COLAGE, specifically focused on the Kids Club. Through the distribution of your publication, we will together be able to reach a greatly increased number of families, providing them with valid and accessible information about their lifestyles, and bringing them into contact with each other.

I have included some information about COLAGE and the Kids Club for your review. I hope to be in touch with you soon, and don't hesitate to call for additional information or if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration and time,

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New Club for Kids with Gay Parents, Created by Kids with Gay Parents

The COLAGE Kids Club is the first and only organization for young kids with lesbian and gay parents, and it is created by daughters and sons of lesbian and gay parents.

"The most pressing problem facing kids with lesbian and gay parents is our isolation," says Suzanne Pullen, COLAGE's Administrative Assistant and herself the daughter of a lesbian mother. "It isn't about an adult world of politics, it's about a kids' world of connecting and making friends who understand. It exposes kids all over the world to a community they are a product and a part of, in a way that they can relate to."

The American Bar Association estimates there are upwards of 8 million daughters and sons of lesbian and gay parents in the U.S. alone, hundreds of thousands of whom are under 10. But despite these enormous numbers, books for kids with lesbian and gay parents, like *Daddy's Roommate* are one of the most censored genres, being pulled from the shelves of libraries all over the country by members of the religious right who don't understand that lesbian and gay people can make valid and loving families.

Instead of dwelling on other people's ignorance, the Club emphasizes the diversity of our family structures, racial backgrounds, economic levels and how kids came into the world in fun and engaging ways. This includes membership cards, t-shirts, birthday cards and the FunPages, a quarterly publication similar to the kids pages in the Sunday paper. The FunPages have lesbian and gay positive cartoons, games and member submissions.

COLAGE was created six years ago by children of lesbian and gay parents, focussing on the needs of teenagers. Over a year ago, a number of parents and younger kids approached COLAGE to ask for something for younger kids, out of which grew the COLAGE Kids Club. Building self-esteem early on is important and necessary for kids to connect with others and develop tools to deal with the ever present homophobia that children of gays and lesbians face.

COLAGE currently has over a thousand members and two dozen affiliated peer groups around the U.S., Canada, and Northern Europe.

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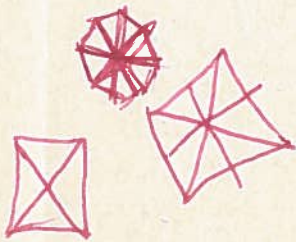
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