



## **William Way LGBT Community Center clippings file, 1979-2012 : Ms.Coll.34**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives, William Way LGBT Community Center
<b>Creator:</b>	William Way Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center (Philadelphia, Pa.).
<b>Title:</b>	William Way LGBT Community Center clippings file
<b>ID:</b>	Ms.Coll.34
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1979-2012
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 file drawers
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The William Way LGBT Community Center clippings file, 1979-2012, consists of clippings related to LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) issues collected by volunteers of the William Way Community Center.

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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The direct descendant of the William Way Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center is the Gay Community Center of Philadelphia (GCCP), which was located at 326 Kater Street from April 1976 to November 23, 1981. From 1982 to 1995, the organization continued as Penguin Place.

"The William Way Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center was formed in 1996, when a group of community leaders came together with the goal of creating a stronger, more stable community center out of Penguin Place, the community center at the time.

"After an extensive search, the Community Center purchased the former Engineers' Club of Philadelphia in March 1997. Soon after, renovations began, and the building opened to the public in July 1997. Since then, the Center has developed an array of programming and services that target LGBT groups, and community organizations have moved permanent offices into the Community Center. In addition, over 70 groups meet at the Community Center on a regular basis, and many more use the facility for special events. The building is open seven days a week and is currently [as of 2012] used by over 2,500 people each month."

## **Bibliography:**

Quoted text from: William Way Community Center. "About Us." Accessed June 25, 2012. <http://waygay.org/aboutus/default.asp>.

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## **Scope and Content Note**

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This collection consists of clippings related to LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) issues collected by volunteers of the William Way Community Center. Subjects include: LGBT athletes, musicians, authors; HIV/AIDS; gay issues in various locations; prominent LGBT Philadelphians; and other LGBT topics.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Statement**

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### **Conditions Governing Access Note**

Contact John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives of Philadelphia for information about accessing this collection.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition Note**

Clippings collected over time by volunteers of the William Way LGBT Community Center.

### **Processing Information Note**

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2011-2012 as part of a pilot project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the

Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives of Philadelphia directly for more information.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- AIDS (Disease)
- Gay community
- Gays
- HIV infections
- Lesbians
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Sexual minorities