



Archives and Records

Finding Aid

COLLECTION NUMBER: Coll.57
TITLE: Above + Beyond Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator(s): The History Project
Title: Above + Beyond Collection
Extent: 2 Linear Feet
Repository: The History Project, Archives and Records Department

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SUBJECTS TERMS

Subject Names:

AmfAR
ACT UP Boston (Organization)
Gay Men's Health Crisis
MAP (Massachusetts Asian & Pacific Islanders) for Health
The NAMES Project

Subject Topics:

AIDS (Disease)—Government policy—Massachusetts.
AIDS (Disease) in women—United States.
AIDS (Disease)—Law and legislation—Massachusetts.
AIDS (Disease)—Massachusetts.
AIDS (Disease)—Social aspects—United States.

Document Types:

Newspapers Clippings
Pamphlets
Newsletters

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Above + Beyond: Our Community Responds to the HIV/AIDS Crisis is both a standing and online exhibit, as well as a database project, undertaken by The History Project to mark the 25th anniversary of the first HIV/AIDS diagnosis and document the Boston LGBT community's response to the AIDS crisis. Information for *Above + Beyond* was gathered from the records of Boston-based HIV/AIDS organizations, including the AIDS Action Committee, Positive Directions, the Boston Living Center, Fenway Community Health Center, Massachusetts Asian and Pacific Islanders for Health, Lesbians AIDS Project of Massachusetts and others; news sources such as *Gay Community News*, *Bay Windows*, *Sojourner: A Feminist Forum*, and *The Boston Globe*; and from the collections of professional photographers in the Boston area. Videotaped oral histories were taken from key players in the local response to HIV/AIDS.

Key grant funding was provided by The Scott Opler Foundation and the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Health. Work on the base timeline began in November 2003 and was completed in July 2004; it was reviewed by academics and community activists. Volunteers then continued to expand the base timeline with documentation illustrating the major events and occurrences in the community's response.

The exhibit opened on Monday, June 5, 2006 and an online version was launched in late 2007. A traveling exhibit is available for rental by interested organizations and groups.

(Bulk of above excerpted the Winter 2006 edition of The History Project's *Timelines* publication.)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of newspaper clippings and publications gathered during research for the *Above + Beyond* exhibit. Included are subject files relating to specific topics such as activism and minorities, which contain primarily newspaper clippings and photocopies of newspaper articles. There are two folders of miscellaneous research not focusing on a specific subject; one folder contains material donated by Rev. Joyce Crowder.

Also included are materials from organizations such as ACT-UP Boston, Gay Men's Health Crisis and MAP for Health. There are newspaper clippings, pamphlets, booklets, flyers and other documents for each organization. The collection has a lot of materials relating to the NAMES Project (the AIDS Memorial Quilt), including its 1988 national tour and its Boston chapter. Some of this material was donated by John Kyper.

Documents relating to the *Above + Beyond* exhibit itself include indexes and summaries of newspaper articles, drafts of a health timeline, correspondence relating to the standing and online versions of the exhibit as well as promotional material.

The collection also contains a variety of publications – newsletters, pamphlets, booklets, health reports – including Cambridge Cares About AIDS’s *Care Notes*, the Boston Living Center’s *Centerpeace* and *Lifelines*, the People with AIDS Coalition’s *Newsline*, public health sheets from the Massachusetts Department of Health, and more.

[Removed from this collection were copies of Fenway Community Health Center’s *Frontlines* (Mar/Apr 1989) and *Outlook* (Apr/May 1998) – they were removed to Coll.58 – Fenway Health Collection.]

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Series I: Subjects (newspaper clippings, magazine articles and other documents focusing on individual subjects relating to AIDS in Boston)

Series II: Organizations (groups combating HIV/AIDS and offering support)

Series III: *Above + Beyond* (documents relating to the exhibit and its online version)

Series IV: Publications (newsletters, booklets, pamphlets and other publications)

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series I: Subjects

- Folder 1: Activism, 1988; 1992; Undated
- Folder 2: Funding, 1983-2007; Undated
- Folder 3: Loss/Fear, 1983-1990; 1994; 2004
- Folder 4: Minorities, 1984-2004; Undated
- Folder 5: Prevention, 1984-2000; Undated
- Folder 6: Religion, 1987-2000
- Folder 7: Stigma/Prejudice, 1983-2006, Undated
- Folder 8: Testing, 1985; 2005; Undated
- Folder 9: Treatment, 1985-2006; Undated
- Folder 10: Women and AIDS, 1983-2006; Undated
- Folder 11: Women and AIDS – Activism; 1985-2006; Undated
- Folder 12: World AIDS Day, 2005

(See Series IV for 2005 World AIDS Day Conference Binder)

- Folder 13: Youth, 1996-2006
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous Research (Donated by Rev. Joyce Crowder)
- Folder 15: Miscellaneous Research

Series II: Organizations

- Folder 16: ACT-UP Boston, 1989-1991; 2005; Undated
- Folder 17: AmfAR, Undated
- Folder 18: Boston Living Center, 1990-2009; Undated

(See Series IV for publications from the Boston Living Center)

Folder 19: Gay Men's Health Crisis, May 1991

Folder 20: MAP for Health, 2005; Undated

Folder 21: The NAMES Project, 1987-1989; 1995; Undated (Donated by John Kyper)

Folder 22: The NAMES Project, 1987-1988; 1992; 2000; Undated

Folder 23: The NAMES Project/Boston, Mar. – Aug. 1988; 1994-1998; Undated

Folder 24: Miscellaneous Organizations - Flyers, Pamphlets, Postcards, Etc.

Series III: Above + Beyond

Folder 25: Article Indexes

Folder 26: Article Summaries

Folder 27: Health Timeline Drafts

Folder 28: Exhibit Documents

Folder 29: Online Exhibit Documents

Folder 30: "People Who Made a Difference" Photographs

Folder 31: Promotional Material and CDs/DVDs

Box 2

Series IV: Publications

Folder 32: Cambridge Cares – *Care Notes*, 1997; 2005-2006

Folder 33: Boston Living Center – *Centerpeace*, 1993-1998

Folder 34: Boston Living Center – *Lifelimes*, 1995-1996; 2008-2009

Folder 35: *Gay Community News* Articles, Jul. 1980 – Jul. 1983; Jan. 1987

Folder 36: *Gay Community News* Articles, Jan. – Mar. 1989

Folder 37: *Gay Community News* Articles, Oct. – Dec. 1989

Folder 38: *Gay Community News* Articles, Dec. 1989 – Feb. 1990

(See Box 2 for oversize *Gay Community News* articles)

Folder 39: Government Studies/Reports, 1995-1998

Folder 40: *Living Our Lives* (World AIDS Day Conference Binder), 2005

Folder 41: People with AIDS Coalition – *Newsline*, 1988-1989; 1990

Folder 42: *Positive Directions News*, 1989; 1991; 2001

Folder 43: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 1985; 1995; 2004; Undated

Folder 44: *Next* Articles, Mar. – Sep. 1989

Folder 45: *Searching for Women* (Literature Review), Mar. 1992

Folder 46: Miscellaneous Publications, 1984-1989

Folder 47: Miscellaneous Publications, 1994-2004

Box 4 (Oversize)

Series IV: Publications

Gay Community News Articles, Jul. 1983 – Apr. 1985

Gay Community News Articles, Jan. – Feb. 1987

Gay Community News Articles, Feb. – Dec. 1990

Gay Community News Articles, Jan. – Apr. 1992

Related Materials/See also: Coll.4 – AIDS Ephemera Collection; Coll.44 – AIDS Action Committee (AAC) Collection; Coll.58 – Fenway Health Collection