



Archives and Records

Finding Aid

COLLECTION NUMBER: Coll.24
TITLE: Lowell High School GSA Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator(s): Janet Dendy
Title: Janet Dendy's Lowell High School GSA Collection
Extent: 1 linear foot (1 record carton)
Date Span: 1992 – 2002

Administrative Information:

Provenance: This collection was donated by (Janet Dendy, 2010)

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SUBJECT TERMS

Subject Names:

Dandy, Janet
Lowell High School

Subject Topics:

GLBT Youth

Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs)

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Coll. # 009: Homophile Union of Boston

Coll. #010: Student Homophile League

Coll. # 028: Project 10 East

Biographical Note:

Janet Dendy was a health educator at Lowell High School and the official faculty advisor of Lowell High's Gay Straight Alliance from September of 1997 until her retirement in 2002. Unofficially begun in 1996, The Rainbow Connection was created for as a club for students in grades 9 through 12 who wished to meet with peers to create a safe environment for LGBTQ students through education, promotion of community spirit, and support of gay and lesbian friends.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Janet Dendy's Lowell High School GSA Collection consists of the records of the Rainbow Connection, including the organization's constitution, membership rosters, activity flyers and one copy of the summer 1998 edition of *The Rainbow Review*. Information regarding the Massachusetts Department of Education's "Safe School Program" as well as general information written for and about LGBTQ youth in Massachusetts is also included. Newspaper clippings included are taken from both gay and student media, such as *Bay Windows* and *The Lowell High School Review*. Photographs of Rainbow Connection activities are included in this collection.

Two floppy disks, containing pictures of the May 1999 diversity banner and Janet Dendy's Personal GSA file, require conversion before use. A Rainbow Connection T-shirt has been removed and relocated to The History Project's T-shirt Collection, Coll.34.

Series 1: Administrative:

Folder 1: The Rainbow Connection, 1996 – 2002

Folder 2: Safe School Program, 1993- 2001

Folder 3: LGBTQ Youth: General Information, 1997 – 2001

Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1992 – 2001

Series 2: Photographs and Mixed Media:

Folder 5: Diversity Quilt, 1999

Folder 6: Pride, 1999-2000

Folder 7: Unknown, n.d.

Folder 8: Personal Files and Diversity Photos, 1998-1999 [2 Floppy Disks]

Folder 9: Inaugural Display of the Names Project Quilt, 1992 [VHS]

Folder 10: Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt, 1989 [VHS]

Folder 11: Tidal Waves, 1992 [VHS]

Series 3: Ephemera:

- Folder 12: T-Shirt: Lowell High School GSA, XL, n.d.
- Folder 13a: Janet Dendy's Button Collection
- Folder 13b: Janet Dendy's Button Collection