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Community Shares Supports GLBT Organizations

Columbus, OH - Support is something we crave from birth until the day we die. We look for those people who will nurture our beings and give us someone to lean on. This kind of support is never more critical than in the GLBTQ community. It is reflected through the work of non-profit organizations like Stonewall Columbus, BRAVO Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization, Camp Sunrise, Kaleidoscope Youth Center and Pater Noster House.

A 60-year-old man found the support and strength he needed to come out to himself and those around him by attending the Men's Coming Out Group, available through Stonewall Columbus. He is a married father of three, 25 year Navy veteran and retired fifth grade teacher. Stonewall Columbus and the Men's Coming Out Group provided him the kindness and much needed support he sought to help him through this event in his life.

In order for Stonewall and these other great organizations to continue to provide the support the GLBTQ community needs, they need to receive financial support in return. All of these GLBTQ organizations depend upon the steady, continual funding provide through Community Shares of Mid Ohio (CoSMO).

"Community Shares is the only charitable federation that includes our own GLBT organizations -- Stonewall, Kaleidoscope, BRAVO, Pater Noster House, and Camp Sunrise -- as member agencies. Over the past fourteen years, CoSMO has distributed hundreds of thousands of crucial dollars to these organizations in a manner consistent with the donor's designation" said Tom Tootle, CoSMO Board president and member representative for Camp Sunrise.

CoSMO collaboratively raises funds for 50 member agencies through workplace giving campaigns. All designations made by donors through CoSMO are directed to the member agency of the donor's choice. This ensures that the donor's contribution supports the issues and causes they care about most like GLBTQ organizations. Since its first workplace campaign in 1993, CoSMO has distributed over \$2 million to member charities.

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The annual workplace giving campaigns, located at public government work-sites, nonprofit organizations and private businesses typically run from Labor Day through Thanksgiving across the Central Ohio area. Public sector campaigns include the Combined Federal Campaign, State of Ohio, The Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College, Franklin County, and the City of Columbus. New campaigns for 2008 include the City of Dublin, Worthington Public Schools, Upper Arlington Public Schools and Hilliard Public Schools. CoSMO also has workplace giving campaigns with many private businesses and industries, as well as Fortune 500 nationwide online campaigns.

CoSMO is always working to expand the reach of their workplace giving campaigns. "The place to start is by contacting your human resources department," said Magers. "We ask those individuals in the GLBT community to sign up for payroll deduction, or suggest the campaign to their employers if it is not offered at a particular workplace."

For more information on Community Shares of Mid Ohio and how to offer the workplace campaign at your place of employment, please contact (614) 262-1176, visit CoSMO at CommunityShares.net, or email director@communityshares.net.

With 15 years of success in workplace fundraising, Community Shares of Mid Ohio assists local area non-profits in new options to receive donations. Through workplace fundraising drives done in public and private sector workplaces, employees are given the opportunity to donate directly to the non-profit agencies they care about most through payroll contributions.