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LGCA Funding Applications Due in January Appeal in Midst of Annual Fundraising Campaign

TORONTO – Community groups and individuals seeking to strengthen the city's queer communities have until January 10 to apply for funding from the Lesbian and Gay Community Appeal (LGCA).

Each year, the LGCA funds a variety of projects organized by individuals or groups that have a positive impact on the broader community. In 2004, the LGCA funded 26 projects with a total of \$41,000. The charity is in the midst of its annual fundraising campaign, aiming to raise an ambitious \$100,000 this year.

"We set a high goal because it reflects the need in the community," said LGCA co-chair Doug Kerr. "The LGCA fills a gap that exists, providing funds to people and groups who face barriers in accessing traditional sources of funding."

The application deadline for 2005 funding is January 10, 2005. Application forms and more information can be accessed by visiting www.lgca.ca.

"The LGCA funds a variety of initiatives, including those that support queer youth, older gays and lesbians, newcomers and emerging queer artists," said co-chair Beth Jordan.

As a volunteer-driven organization, the LGCA stays focused on community issues and directs donations to places where it matters. The application and approval process is overseen by about a dozen volunteers who represent a wide range of interests and backgrounds within the community.

For more information on how to donate and support the community, call (416) 920-5422, or visit www.lgca.ca.

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