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LGCA Foundation Hires New Director

Appeal in Midst of Annual Fundraising Campaign

TORONTO – The Lesbian and Gay Community Appeal Foundation is pleased to announce its first Transitional Director, as part of its plan to increase community fundraising efforts for Toronto’s lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered/transsexual communities.

The Appeal is taking an important step forward in its plan for organizational renewal, with the staff appointment of Jack Harmer as its Transitional Director. This one-year initiative is supported by The Ontario Trillium Foundation, which believes the Appeal has vital roles to play in the LGBT communities.

“We are thrilled to have Jack Harmer on board,” said Appeal Co-Chair Doug Kerr. “Harmer brings extensive experience as a worker, researcher, volunteer, consultant and participant in many LGBT organizations in Toronto,” Kerr went on to say. “Harmer’s leadership in community and organizational development, social planning, funding and allocations in the human services will all be needed in supporting the Appeal and achieving new goals for our community organizations.”

“The Appeal has an amazing history of leadership in funding and support to hundreds of LGBT health, social, human rights and cultural initiatives in Toronto since 1980,” said Harmer. “With renewed attention and increased participation and contributions by individuals and businesses the Appeal will continue to be an essential catalyst in the continuing evolution, innovation and caring in our special community.”

Harmer started December 1, the same month that the Appeal’s campaign for individual and business contributions are sought throughout our community. The money raised will be allocated by volunteers to a large number of important initiatives supporting LGBT people across the GTA.

Kerr said emphatically “We will be contacting as many organizations, groups and individuals in the community as possible over the final weeks of our campaign, but if you don’t hear from us, call us at 416 920-5422 or visit our new website at www.lgca.ca and make a donation today.”