



OutRights



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PRESS RELEASE

OutRights, Human Rights Conference Coming to Calgary in April 2007

Calgary, Alberta – AIDS Calgary Awareness Association announces the upcoming North American gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) human rights conference, OutRights, being held in Calgary, Alberta on April 2 & 3, 2007.

Keynote speaker Judy Shepard, executive director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation and a mother who lost her 21 year-old son to a murder motivated by anti-gay hate, will speak April 3rd about the importance of embracing diversity, respect for everyone and the prevention of hate.

“OutRights will provide conference delegates the opportunity to share knowledge, create action and raise awareness on the human rights issues facing GLBT communities and their allies,” says Susan Cress, executive director, AIDS Calgary.

Expected to attract over 500 delegates from across North America, OutRights will feature a variety of presentations and plenary sessions including guest speakers and expert panels, encompassing four conference themes relating to GLBT human rights: *Creating Social Change, Essential Rights, Inclusion Within, and Health*.

“We are delighted to be presenting this event to the Calgary community,” continues Cress. “Bringing together diverse communities to develop a culture of acceptance fosters an economically vibrant and prosperous community.”

At the conclusion of the conference, a Calgary Blueprint for Action document will be developed and distributed to conference delegates. This Blueprint will act as a declaration of commitment to human rights and will help foster change, inspire inclusion and inform people of their human rights.

Online registration for OutRights is now available at www.calgary2007.com/OutRights.asp. For more information about OutRights, Human Rights Conference, please email outrights@aidscalgary.org or call (403) 508-2500.

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AIDS Calgary is a local not-for-profit AIDS service organization that offers support services to individuals who are at-risk for, infected or affected by HIV/AIDS and provides prevention and education throughout the Calgary region. For more information, please contact AIDS Calgary at (403) 508-2500 or online at www.aidscalgary.org.

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