

# VERMONT RESOURCES

**ACLU — American Civil Liberties Union**  
43 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
(802) 223-2348

**Amelia Earhart**  
Box 746  
Lebanon, NH 03766  
(603) 632-7146

**Burlington Women's Council**  
City Hall  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 658-9300 Ext. 125

**CVGM (Central Vermont Gay Men)**  
P.O. Box 234  
Montpelier, VT 05602

**Colors (bar)**  
20 Elliot Street  
Brattleboro, VT 05301  
(802) 254-8646

**Everyone's Books**  
71 Elliot Street  
Brattleboro, VT 05301  
Largest selection of lesbian and gay books in Vermont

**Gay and Lesbian Encounters (GALE)**  
P.O. Box 4123  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
Lesbian and Gay support in the Northeast Kingdom.

**Interweave**  
RD 2, Box 86A  
Newport, VT 05855

**Integrity — Lesbian and Gay Episcopalians, open to all.**

Box 126  
Burlington, VT 05402  
1st, 3rd Saturdays, 7:55 pm  
St. Paul's Cathedral  
Battery and Pearl Streets  
Burlington, VT

**Gay/Lesbian AA/Alanon**  
Western Avenue  
Solar Hills Mansion  
Brattleboro, VT 05301  
Saturdays, 7:00 pm

**Gay/Lesbian AA**  
Baird 318  
Medical Center Hospital  
Burlington, VT 05401  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8 pm  
King Street Youth Center  
Burlington, VT 05401  
Sundays, 1 pm

**Kwanzaa**  
(black, native American, and third world cultural, educational and resource group)  
Box 583  
Burlington, VT 05402

**National Association of Social Workers/Lesbian and Gay Issues Committee**  
c/o Box 147  
Woodstock, VT 05091

**Out in the Mountains**  
P.O. Box 438  
Hinesburg, VT 05461

**PADS — Burlington area women's group**  
c/o Mary Bentley  
P.O. Box 242  
Winooski, VT 05404

**Peace and Justice Center**  
186 College Street  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 863-2343

**Pearl's (bar)**  
135 Pearl Street  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 863-2343

**RAGS — Rutland Area Gays**  
Box 147  
Center Rutland, VT 05736

**SAMS — Social Alternatives for Gay Men**  
Box 479  
Norwich, VT 05055  
Tuesdays, 7:30 pm.

**UVM-GLSA — University of Vermont Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance**  
B-164 Billings  
UVM  
Burlington, VT 05405

**VGv — Vermont Gay Volleyball**  
Box 248  
Hinesburg, VT 05461  
Sundays, 6-8 pm,  
recreational volleyball for all level players.

**Vermont C.A.R.E.S. Committee for AIDS Resources, Education and Service**  
P.O. Box 1125  
Montpelier, VT 05602

**Vermont Interfaith Coalition on Lesbian and Gay Concerns**  
171 N. Winooski Avenue,  
Apt. 1  
Burlington, VT 05401

**VLGR — Vermonters for Lesbian and Gay Rights**  
(political advocacy, speakers, community resources, information)  
Box 281  
Hinesburg, VT 05461

**VT New Jewish Agenda**  
c/o Naomi Almeleh,  
Member/Coordinator  
14 Downing Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

**Umbrella Women's Center**  
1 Prospect Ave.  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
748-8645

**Women's Health Center**  
336 North Avenue  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 863-1386

**Women Helping Battered Women**  
P.O. Box 1535  
Burlington, VT 05402  
Hotline: (802) 658-1996  
Office: (802) 658-3131

Miguel went through his various early childhood stages was not always easy, but it is an experience that I would gladly relive many times over.

Growing up with two gay parents has doubtless affected the way Miguel sees the world, and, from all I can tell, affected him favorably. We have always been open with Miguel. In turn, he has always responded with a child's infinite capacity to understand and with natural uninhibited curiosity. I can easily remember my shock the first time he asked a male house guest "Are you going to sleep with my Daddy?" I grew used to being awakened by a bouncing little boy on my bed at 6:30 am, and warned overnight guests they could expect the same.

Being a father sometimes interfered with my social life, to be sure. Child care needs became paramount, and while day care was handled by the university, good reliable baby-sitters were few and far between. Dates were more likely to be dinner at home and a bottle of wine than a night out on the town. I hardly ever made it out to the bars, and actually ended one promising affair with a man who sincerely disliked dinner conversation with a three year old. It wasn't a hard choice to make.

Perhaps the most challenging test of our extended family structure came when J.P., an ex-lover of mine who lived in the same city as Maria and Miguel, was diagnosed with A.I.D.S. A life-time friend of

Maria's, he lived with them for the last eight months of his life. Miguel understands what A.I.D.S. is, and played a very active role in taking care of J.P. He was, by all reports, a real joy for J.P. and displayed great patience and understanding while much of the center of attention in the house shifted from him to J.P.

If that episode provides any indication, Miguel is growing up to be a son we will be proud of. Of course the teenage years still lie ahead, and none of us know what they may bring, but it is hard for me to imagine that such a bright, open and determined little boy will be anything other than an exceptional young man. I'm looking forward to the next nine years as much as I've enjoyed the last nine.