

Lesbian / Gay Health

VT CARES Picks New Director

The Board of Directors of Vermont Committee for AIDS Resources, Education and Services (VT C.A.R.E.S.) announces the appointment of Lauren Corbett to the position of Executive Director after a national search. Corbett comes to Vermont C.A.R.E.S. from the Topeka, Kansas AIDS Project where she was employed as clinical director.

"Vermont C.A.R.E.S. has established

Fight Back - Toll Free!

Thanks to the new Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) mailgram "Action Hotlines," lesbians and gay men can increase the volume of mail to Congress and influence vital AIDS and civil rights legislation.

The Action Hotline is the first step in a new HRCF campaign called the Speak Out program. Speak Out is designed to dramatically increase pressure on Capitol Hill using hotlines and other strategies to be announced in the near future.

There are two toll-free mailgram hotlines in operation, one is for AIDS the other is for civil rights and fairness issues. Both hotlines have the same 800 number but different operators. To send a mailgram, callers dial, without charge, 1-800-257-4900 (day or night) and ask for either Operator 9184 for AIDS messages or

a solid base of support for Vermonters impacted by the AIDS epidemic. I look forward to continuing the positive relationship VT C.A.R.E.S. has set up with other organizations throughout the state who are working together to combat this epidemic," said Corbett.

For further information contact 863-2437.

Operator 9188 for lesbian and gay rights messages. The operator will read three 50-word messages on Congressional issues identified by HRCF as targets for grassroots pressure.

The mailgram's cost \$4.50 each (additional mailgrams are \$4) and are charged to the caller's telephone bill. The prepared mailgrams can be changed by HRCF on a regular basis to coordinate with legislative priorities and strategy.

Lesbians and gay men are urged to contact their congresspersons to encourage them to support the recently introduced Hate Crimes Statistics Act (see related article on page 8 and AD on page 15).

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