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**AIDS LODGING HOUSE ARCHIVES
LG MS 43**

**Total Boxes: 4
Linear Feet: 2.5 ft.**

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Administrative Information

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Restrictions on Access: Some materials are restricted until 2081 to protect privacy rights.

Historical Note:

The AIDS Lodging House (ALH) provided subsidized housing and support to people living with HIV/AIDS from 1987 until 2007, when the Peabody Center assumed control of the organization.

Established in 1987, the AIDS Lodging House was based out of a four-unit apartment building in Portland's West End neighborhood, and was at the time Maine's oldest independent living program for people with HIV/AIDS. From its mission statement: "The purposes of the AIDS Lodging House are to provide affordable housing in a supportive, home-like environment for persons with AIDS or AIDS-related conditions and are able to live in a cooperative setting; to coordinate, with appropriate agencies, the delivery of social and support services to residents of the AIDS Lodging House; and generally to provide other charitable services."

Neighbors' initial reaction to the proposed house was negative, but through a concerted effort at community education, organizers of the AIDS Lodging House were able to change minds and gain acceptance. (See series 2 and 3 for information on outreach and publicity.)

Description of the Archives

The AIDS Lodging House Archives are divided into six series.

- Series 1: Administrative Material
- Series 2: Outreach Materials and Publicity
- Series 3: Clippings and Media Coverage
- Series 4: Photographs
- Series 5: Oversize
- Series 6: Restricted

Series 1 contains information relating to the proposal and founding of the AIDS Lodging House, along with nearly two years of daily logs from the house's director.

Series 2 contains materials relating to ALH outreach and publicity, including drafts of logo designs, signage, brochures, pins, magnets, business cards, a t-shirt, and a large stained glass AIDS ribbon (See OVERSIZE).

Series 3 contains clippings and media coverage of the AIDS Lodging House, including news coverage of the petition to keep ALH out of Portland's West End neighborhood. Through deliberate community education and outreach, ALH was able to change the minds of neighborhood residents, and the petition was rescinded. Additionally, Series 3 contains clippings related to HIV/AIDS but not necessarily related to the AIDS Lodging House.

Series 4 contains photographs of the AIDS Lodging House, both of its interiors and exteriors.

Series 5 contains oversize items, including a photo album from series 4 and a stained glass AIDS ribbon.

Series 6 contains restricted material.

Keywords

AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, HIV, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, AIDS Lodging House, ALH, Peabody House, Peabody Center, United Way, AIDS Task Force, World AIDS Day,

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
Series 1: Administrative Material (1987–2005, undated)			
1	1	AIDS Task Force and ALH Beginnings	1987–88
1	2	ALH Proposal for Housing Site	1987–88
1	3	ALH Proposal and Correspondence	1987–88
1	4	ALH Program Description and Policies	1990
1	5	Program Reports and Mission Statement Drafts	1994, undated
1	6	Agency Log: 18 Apr 1991 - 23 Nov 1992 (Book)	18 Apr 1991–23 Nov 1992
1	7	Agency Log: 23 Nov 1992 - 28 Jan 1993 (Loose paper)	23 Nov 1993–28 Jan 1993
1	8	Agency Log: 1 Feb 1993 - 30 Aug 1993 (Loose paper)	1 Feb 1993–30 Aug 1993
1	9	Board of Directors (Some materials are RESTRICTED)	1996
1	10	Executive Notebook	1997
1	11	United Way Budget	1997
1	12	Certificates	1996– 2005, undated
Series 2: Outreach Materials and Publicity (1993–1995, 2000, undated)			
1	13	ALH Brochures and Logo Designs	undated
1	14	ALH Signage	undated
1	15	Peabody House Brochure and Literature	1994
1	16	Postage Stamp Pins and ALH 'Stop HIV' Magnets	1993, undated
1	17	AIDS Ribbons Pins	undated
1	18	Business Cards	undated
2	19	Pink Triangle Flag, 2 Keys, and 'No Condoms?' Pin	undated
2	20	World AIDS Day T-Shirt	2000
2	21	Framed Ralph Waldo Emerson Quote	undated
2	22	ALH Certificate of Appreciation	8 Mar 1995
2		Line Drawing of AIDS Lodging House	undated
OS		Stained glass AIDS ribbon (See OVERSIZE)	undated
Series 3: News Clippings and Media Coverage (1986–2003)			
3	23	ALH Chronicles VHS (also digitized)	1988
3	24	ALH Clippings (1986–1988)	1986–88
3	25	ALH Clippings (1993–1999)	1993–99

Box	Folder	Description	Dates(s)
Series 3: News Clippings and Media Coverage (1986–2003) (cont'd)			
3	26	AIDS-related clippings	1986– 2001
3	27	AIDS-related clippings	2001–03
Series 4: Photographs (undated)			
3	28	ALH Residence Photos (1 of 2)	undated
3	29	ALH Residence Photos (2 of 2)	undated
3	30	Photos and contact sheet for ALH front door	undated
OS		Photo album (See OVERSIZE)	
Series 5: Oversize			
OS	Dr. 23	Photo Album	undated
4		Stained glass AIDS ribbon	undated
Series 6: Restricted			
FC22		Contact information for board of directors	1993– 2001