

Randy Allgaier Positive Voices Fund

The Randy Allgaier Positive Voices Fund supports the inclusion of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) in CAEAR Coalition's federal public policy work through travel and accommodation subsidies to support participation in advocacy efforts in Washington, DC. The fund is hosted by the San Francisco-based AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF).

As Chair of CAEAR Coalition's PLHA Caucus and his many other roles, Randy was a passionate voice for the active inclusion of PLHA in all HIV/AIDS advocacy efforts. Randy understood the importance of PLHA meeting directly with elected and appointed leaders and their staffs to tell their stories and share their perspectives on decisions that could affect their lives so profoundly. He was also well aware of the impact that the limited financial means of many PLHA had on their ability to travel to Washington to participate in federal advocacy. The Randy Allgaier Positive Voices Fund will honor Randy's legacy by expanding the opportunities for PLHA to advocate for their lives in Washington, DC.

About Randy

A longtime advocate for people living with HIV and LGBT equality, Randy was a member of CAEAR Coalition for seven years and served on our Board of Directors as the Chair of the People Living with HIV/AIDS Caucus since 2008. At the time of his death in November 2010, he was Director of the San Francisco HIV Health Services Planning Council, of which he had previously served as Co-chair. Earlier in his career, he was the state advocate for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, where he took a leading role in building a statewide coalition that successfully advocated for significant increases for California's AIDS Drug Assistance Program. He was also very active in the areas of HIV and Medicare/Medicaid and served on the Board of Directors of National Positive Working Coalition. As an animal lover, one of his proudest achievements was his service as President of the Board of Pets are Wonderful Support (PAWS) in San Francisco. He was also a founder of the state-wide LGBT advocacy organization Equality California and served on the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign. To all of these endeavors he brought his signature passion, creativity, and diligence to the work at hand.

About CAEAR Coalition and AEF

CAEAR Coalition is a national membership organization which advocates for federal policy, legislation, regulations, and appropriations to meet the care, treatment, support and prevention needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and the organizations that serve them, focusing on health care reform and the evolving role of the Ryan White Program. More information at www.caeear.org.

AEF responds compassionately to the AIDS crisis by providing immediate, short-term financial assistance to help people disabled by HIV/AIDS to cover their basic human needs and stabilize their living situations. More information at www.aef-sf.org.

Making a Donation

The Positive Voices Fund is administered by AEF and contributions are tax-deductible. Allocation decisions are made by CAEAR Coalition's PLHA Caucus. To make an online contribution, please visit www.aef-sf.org/donatenow and select "Randy Allgaier Fund" from the pull-down menu. Checks should be made to the "AIDS Emergency Fund" with "Randy Allgaier Fund" in the memo line and mailed to:

Randy Allgaier Positive Voices Fund
c/O AIDS Emergency Fund
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