

Your “Seedling” From the Samara Foundation

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Samara’s Mission:

To see that VT has a vi-
brant LGBT community:
That LGBT Vermonters are
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To Honor Glen Elder, Samara To Help Outright Raise \$100,000



In May, the LGBT community lost one of its most active and engaged members: Glen Elder. Glen, who had served on a number of LGBT boards and most recently as Chair of the Samara Foundation, died of a heart attack while jogging. He was 42.

A few weeks prior to Glen’s death, he and Samara president Suzanne Stofflet had been discussing how Samara could increase its support of Outright’s excellent work. The Samara Board of Directors decided, as a tribute to Glen, to help Outright raise \$100,000 over three years to support its education and outreach coordinator position.

Says Stofflet: “Outright has made significant inroads to combat bullying in middle and high schools around the state and given LGBT youth safe and nurturing social opportunities. Outright works effectively. Staff and youth volunteers go to the most isolated schools and the places where they are least welcome (and most needed). They take the hits from irate parent groups and school boards. They do the work it takes to changes minds and behaviors. Outright makes school safer for all kids.”

Partly through Samara’s efforts, the Johnson Family Foundation has pledged to match up to \$52,000 of gifts received to Outright for the project. “So we are halfway there!” Stofflet remarked. “Glen would be proud of this. Samara at this point in our history can’t make as many grants as we’d like, but if we can use our contacts and associations to help raise funds—the end result is the same. We hope to use this process as a model to support other LGBT organizations.”

For information about participating in this matching project, please contact Suzanne Stofflet at 802 860-6236 or e-mail her at suzanne@samarafoundation.com.

Answer 3 Questions: Help Chart Samara's Future

As a part of the Samara family, you are a member of a community of people who care about the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Vermonters. Each person's opinion matters.

The link below will take you to a very brief survey -only three questions! Please take a few minutes to let us know what you think. Your answers are very important. They will help us make decisions about Samara's future course.

Thanks! We'll let you know the results in a future Seedling.

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Who's in it?

The Vermont Gay Guide (www.vtgayguide.com) is Samara's online interactive directory of everything LGBT. The VGG mission is to connect everybody and everything LGBT and LGBT-friendly in the state, creating a virtual LGBT family online. [Check it out.](#)

These are the new businesses that have joined the ranks of Samara's business alliance by listing in the Vermont Gay Guide in the past few months. If you'd like to list your business, service or organization please call Liz at 802-860-6236 or email her at liz@vtgayguide.com

New VT Gay Guide Businesses

Barbara Melhado	Caldwell Law
Century 21	Classic Couture
Comstock House	Floral Artistry
Geri Reily Realty	Hickory Ridge House
LinCo Entertainment	Maple Leaf Realty
Matthew Taylor Designs	Mirabelles
Network Chiropractic	PhotoGarden
Shelburne Farms	Small Dog Electronics
Snow Goose Inn	Stowe Motel
Thatcher Brook Inn	Upper Valley Food Co Op
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