



showing the love, caring and connection

“Love Makes A Family cuts through all the political arguments right to the heart of the issue by showing the love, caring and connection that are so basic to all families. This exhibit has been a great help to the ACLU in working to expand civil liberties. We hope that many other organizations will be able to enjoy the same opportunity.”

—Lisa Maldonado, ACLU field director

working to expand civil liberties

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rich in ... diversity

“Love Makes A Family is rich in racial, cultural, and sexual orientation diversity. The workplace is an ideal setting to deliver this positive message to an audience who otherwise may not see it. Working with Family Diversity Projects to make this a reality was a pleasure!”

Randy Lunch, Lucent Technologies

the workplace is an ideal setting

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LOVE MAKES A FAMILY: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and Their Families

A Photo-Text Exhibit You Can Bring to Your Community

Family Diversity Projects

Family Diversity Projects is a non-profit organization devoted to educating the public about issues related to the diversity of family life. Family Diversity Projects creates photo-text exhibits and books in order to help eliminate prejudice, stereotyping, name-calling, and harassment of people who are discriminated against due to race, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, size, and mental or physical ability.

Family Diversity Projects currently distributes six photo-text exhibits: **Love Makes A Family:** *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and Their Families*; **In Our Family:** *Portraits of All Kinds of Families*; **Of Many Colors:** *Portraits of Multiracial Families*; **Nothing to Hide:** *Mental Illness in the Family*; **Road to Freedom:** *Portraits of People with Disabilities*; and **Pioneering Voices:** *Portraits of Transgender People*.

Founded by two of the artists who created these exhibits —photographer, Gigi Kaeser and interviewer/editor, Peggy Gillespie—Family Diversity Projects also provides speakers and workshop leaders for conferences and exhibit venues.



What Is Love Makes A Family?

“A family is a bunch of people, or not so many, who love each other,” explains seven-year-old Liza Styles, who has two moms. Liza’s family is one among twenty families in **Love Makes A Family**, a touring photo-text exhibit created by the award-winning Family Diversity Projects. With interviews by Peggy Gillespie and photos by Gigi Kaeser, this exhibit features diverse families with gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender adults, dads or moms, grandparents, and teens. Together, the words and images in **Love Makes A Family** make visible, in a positive way, the love and caring in these families. This exhibit contributes to the process of dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and intolerance, thus making the world a safer place for all people.

Never have I seen a group of kids so interested

“*Love Makes A Family* is one of the best traveling exhibits I have seen, so easy to mount and to arrange. As I was about to take it down, a class of teenagers arrived from a nearby high school. Never have I seen a group of kids so interested in looking at a photographic exhibit. They read every word of the narratives that accompanied the images. I understood how mesmerized they were because I had the same reaction when I viewed the exhibit. I’m certain that *Love Makes A Family* has had a strong, positive influence on everyone who has viewed it. I wish it could travel to every school and library in our country, for it truly is a strong weapon against homophobia.”

—Ellen Graf, special projects librarian, main branch, Boston Public Library

a strong weapon against homophobia

beyond our expectations

“The quality of the exhibit was beyond our expectations and the range of diversity expressed within the families represented really made it something that a wide range of people could relate to. I am greatly looking forward to working with Family Diversity Projects again soon and would recommend this exhibit to anyone interested.”

—Nicole Chabot, program coordinator,
Student Activities and Leadership Development, Wesleyan University

a wide range of people could relate

Use Love Makes A Family In Your Community...

- to help create safe environments in schools, colleges, houses of worship, and workplaces for GLBT youth and adults
- to combat homophobia by educating people of all ages to celebrate and appreciate diversity
- to present positive, realistic images of GLBT families
- to help communities rally against anti-gay political initiatives
- to support the process of becoming an open and affirming congregation
- to bring attention to your GLBT support program
- to get media attention for your program by having an exhibit opening event for the public
- to be a centerpiece for your diversity weeks, pride events, and other celebrations on campuses, in corporations, and in communities
- to be a resource and a catalyst for anti-bias curricula based on expanding the understanding and definition of “family”
- to help teachers, professors, and administrators foster and facilitate discussions about all kinds of bias
- to respond to situations in your community, school, campus, or workplace involving homophobia, including bullying, harassment, and hate crimes



You Can Bring This Exhibit To Your Community

Love Makes A Family can travel nationwide to your school (K–12), university, house of worship, workplace, corporate headquarters, public library, community center, pride event, museum, or conference.

The exhibit consists of twenty museum-quality framed photographs accompanied by interview text panels. **Family Diversity Projects** circulates multiple copies of **Love Makes A Family** and can work with you to make this exhibit an educational and enlightening event in your community.

Love Makes A Family is also available in book form, published by the University of Massachusetts Press, featuring over 40 families.

our congregation wants to truly welcome all

“We have been looking for ways to let the wider community know that our congregation wants to become truly welcoming to all. *Love Makes A Family* was an important step for us in that journey.”

—Linda Lamb, First United Methodist Church, Oregon

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