



ART FROM ASHES inc.

empowering youth through creative expression

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Dear

I have committed to helping a local nonprofit organization support LGBTQ youth in our community through creative programs. Art from Ashes (AfA), is holding a 3-block marathon (5 if you count the alleys)– in heels!–called the Running of the Gays on Sunday, September 26, 2010, and I intend to run to raise money for this great cause. Not only would I love you to come and watch the fun, but I'm hoping you'll support this wonderful organization and the LGBTQ community sponsoring my participation in this event with a donation.

This money will go directly to programming for youth who are struggling with marginalization and identity/self-esteem issues. AfA's mission is to empower struggling youth by providing creative programs, such as poetry, drama and visual arts, that facilitate health and hope through expression, connection and transformation.

The money we raise through Denver's Running of the Gays will provide Phoenix Rising poetry and spoken word workshops for LGBTQ youth. Art from Ashes believes that by using the power of strong, healthy words to encourage an identity based on their value rather than on victimization, young people become empowered to live healthy lives, fully understanding their value and worth.

AfA collaborates with other community organizations to provide services that address the problems of juvenile crime, teen pregnancy, and high school dropout rates in low-income Denver and surrounding areas, and sadly much of the funding for youth organizations has been cut. That's why they need our help. And the Running of the Gays not only is a great way for our community to support this wonderful organization, but it'll be loads of fun!

The marathon takes place on Sunday, September 26 at 11 am at Steuben's on 17th Avenue for the three blocks between Pennsylvania and Clarkson. There will be an after party at JR's. Please join us if you can and please support our efforts with your tax-deductible donation. My goal is to raise \$ to support this great work.

You may make the donation directly on their website by clicking on the green "Donate Now" button in the lower left-hand corner of the screen at www.artfromashes.org (or any page on the site). When you donate, please use my name in your comments and state you are supporting me for the Running of the Gays event. You may also mail a check or money order to "Art from Ashes" at 853 Inca St., Suite 1A, Denver, CO 80204.

I am grateful for your consideration and appreciative of any donation you may send our way. All the best and thank you supporting a very worthwhile cause!

Sincerely,