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We want to help in the fight against intolerance and discrimination.

Pledge and Donate to the Coalition in Support of Marc Hall

Marc Hall is the young man who, in April 2002, was denied permission to attend his high school prom with his same-sex date. Marc was 18 years old at the time. The discriminatory decision was made by the principal of Monsignor John Pereyma C.S.S. and subsequently upheld by the Durham Catholic District School Board. Shortly after, a broad range of individuals and organizations came together to oppose this blatant homophobic discrimination and to support Marc's legal bid to overturn the Board's decision.

Fortunately, Marc won a court injunction permitting him to attend the prom with his date. However, while the battle was won, the war is not over. The Board is determined to establish at a trial that the injunction was issued in error. It is keen to ensure that, in the future, it can disallow gay, lesbian, and bisexual students from going to the prom with same-sex dates. At a trial, the court will be asked to decide whether publicly funded Catholic schools have a constitutional right to discriminate against gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, trumping the rights of those students to equality under the Charter.

If the Board succeeds, even though Marc was able to go to his prom, the legal precedent he established with our help could be rendered meaningless. Just as it did last time, the Coalition in Support of Marc Hall will seek to intervene in the court proceedings in order to ensure that public money is not used to support discrimination, to protect the wonderful precedent that we have helped to establish, and to stop the establishment of a dangerous precedent.

To undertake this important work, the Coalition needs your support. The legal costs associated with intervening in the court proceedings will amount to several thousands of dollars. Financial support from you or your organization, in any amount, will ensure that the Coalition is able to challenge the Board's exclusion of a most vulnerable group: lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth. Please consider pledging and/or making a donation to the Coalition as soon as possible. The court proceedings are expected to begin in the spring/summer of 2004.

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I/we will make a donation of \$_____ . The donation is being sent by mail.



At this time, I/we pledge \$_____ . Please follow-up in _____ week(s).

Thank you! Please make the cheque payable to the "Coalition in Support of Marc Hall c/o CFS" and mail it to the address indicated, above. Also, be sure to fax this form to us (416-925-6774) so that we are aware of your generosity and able to plan our legal challenge well in advance.