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Dear First Name,

When our Vintage Pride program launched in 2006, the Pride Center connected with older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) adults, and we met a “vintage” lesbian couple, Lenny and Jane. Through this program, they connected with others from the community and their presence became one of the threads in the fabric of the vibrant and diverse LGBT community in the Capital Region. They valued the Pride Center so much they gave their time and energy in all the different ways they could.

The Pride Center relies on supporters like you, and like Lenny and Jane, to provide support, case management and social services to thousands of LGBT people of all ages each year.

In 2010, Lenny and Jane rode in the Pride parade, grinning as they waved their rainbow flags at the hundreds of spectators. They spent the afternoon collecting rainbow trinkets, befriending drag queens and reveling in the collective joy they had never experienced with so many LGBT people and our supporters before.

Since that time, Jane’s health had been failing. One of Jane’s final wishes was to attend the Pride Cruise, which was fulfilled this past June, which was fulfilled.

Jane passed away in September, and one of the first phone calls Lenny made was to the Pride Center. Losing her partner of 20 years was unthinkable, and Lenny attributes the Pride Center and the connections she has made in our community as the thing that got her through this time. The drag queens Jane and Lenny met at pride sang at the service, which was more accurately a celebration of Jane’s full life.



Our LGBT community has been immeasurably strengthened by the programs and service of the Pride Center, by our long visible presence in the community. The lives we have touched are countless, and the Pride Center needs your support. Lenny and Jane’s story demonstrates that we are a community that is there for each other. Please help us continue this strong tradition of giving.

Sincerely,

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P. S. – Monthly giving is one of the easiest and most effective ways to help LGBT people in the Capital Region. Enclosed is an informational card and

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reply envelope. Please consider joining our group of monthly donors to support the Pride Center all year long!