

Harriet Tubman Center (HTC)

<http://tubmanorganizing.org>

CCHD Grant: \$30,000

The Problem:

- HTC funded homosexual activism in Honduras
- HTC is a founding member of the Michigan Organizing Collaborative, whose policy director has publicly lambasted Catholic bishops for their effort to ensure Religious Liberty by opposing the Obama contraceptive mandate.
- HTC has intimate ties with and participated in the pro-abortion, pro-homosexual Michigan Summit.

The Response:

After contacting the local diocese with initial findings in July, the diocese forwarded our information to National CCHD, after which point, American Life League never heard back.

ALL scheduled a meeting with the Executive Director of National CCHD to discuss the report. The meeting was subsequently cancelled by CCHD with the explanation, “we see no reason to meet at this time.”

2011-2012 CCHD GRANTEES

If you have questions or concerns about CCHD, the Review and Renewal or any of these groups or grants, please contact Ralph McCloud, CCHD Director at rmccloud@usccb.org or 202-541-3367.

<u>Arch/diocese</u>	<u>Organization Legal Name</u>	<u>Fund/Primary Focus</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
AREA B\Maryland\Baltimore	Youth As Resource	Community Development YOUTH Development	\$57,000.00
AREA B\Maryland\Baltimore	Baltimore Regional Initiative Developing Genuine Equality	Community Development UNEMPLOYMENT	\$25,000.00
AREA B\Michigan\Detroit	Harriet Tubman Center	Community Development YOUTH Development	\$30,000.00





HTC gave financial support to a former HTC intern and staff organizer so he could spend 4 months engaging in homosexual “rights” activism.

International Solidarity

HTC believes that our interns and organizers must be in solidarity with organizers around the world. Our particular focus is on grassroots movements in Honduras, where people's organizations are confronting poverty, land use abuses, repression, coups and corruption. Four Tubman staff/interns went on delegations to Honduras in 2009. With the financial support of the HTC, Chris Dadok, a former HTC intern and staff organizer, served in Honduras for 4 months in 2010 organizing grassroots leadership through Arco-Iris, a gay rights member organization of La Resistencia. Tubman hopes sponsor another delegation to Honduras in 2011.



<http://tubmanorganizing.org/campaigns/international-solidarity>

Staff Members



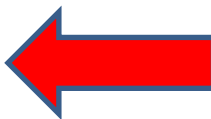
Bill O'Brien

Executive Director/Co-founder

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Bill has a total of 31 years of community organizing experience. In addition to being the Founder and Director of the Harriet Tubman Center, he is currently the Director of Community Partnerships at Southwest Solutions, a 340-staff agency that provides mental health services and community development in Southwest Detroit. Bill's work in Southwest Detroit was featured in an LA Times article.

 [Click here to read the article](#)



The co-founder and Executive Director of the Harriet Tubman Center is on the Advisory Board of the Michigan Summit

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Molly Sweeney

Community Organizer - Detroit Action Commonwealth, United Tenant Council of Councils

Email: molly.sweeney@tubmanorganizing.org

Molly graduated from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 2009 with a degree in sociology: international social change. She is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. Her experience includes international organizing and solidarity in Honduras and study in globalization and development in India and Tibet. Before joining Tubman in August 2010, Molly was an Americorp intern working with the Detroit Action Commonwealth.

HTC employee, Molly Sweeney, served on a panel presentation at the Michigan Summit.

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agenda

The 2011 Michigan Summit Agenda

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Breakout Panels

Michigan's Community-Based Opportunity Agenda

Where's the real action on creating opportunities for Michigan's families? More and more it's at the local level. Whether it's organizing community members around public safety in the neighborhoods, innovative development agreements to combat local pollution or building power among restaurant workers or tenants in HUD-assisted housing. Our panel will spotlight leading initiatives across our state.

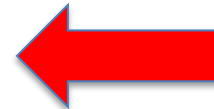
Rick Carter, Executive Director, Flint Area Congregations Together

Minsu Longiaru, Coordinator, Restaurant Opportunities Center

Simone Sagovac, Program Manager, Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision

Molly Sweeney, Community Organizer, Harriet Tubman Center for Community Organizing

Moderator: Art Reyes III, Field Director, Michigan Voice



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The Michigan Summit was sponsored by several pro-abortion, pro-homosexuality organizations

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The 2011 Michigan Summit sponsors include:

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- Michigan League for Human Services
- Michigan National Organization For Women ←
- Michigan Nurses Association
- Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion
- Michigan State AFL-CIO
- Michigan State Council, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- Michigan Voice
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- United Food & Commercial Workers of Michigan
- Unity Michigan ←

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Pre-Summit Trainings at the Michigan Summit were devoted to advancing “LGBT equality no matter what our primary issue is.”

PRE-SUMMIT TRAININGS

We have two great trainings planned for the day before the Summit. All trainings will be at the MEA in East Lansing. Please spread the word to anyone you think would be interested!

The first half of the day (from 9 am to 1 pm) is a CPL Collaborative Leadership Training, as requested by partners in our leadership development survey, and will be very interactive, including large and small group discussions, personal reflection, handouts, and structured time for new skills practice.

The second training (from 1 to 4 pm) is devoted to learning about how each of our organizations can help in the fight for LGBT equality no matter what our primary issue is. Progressive allies will be key to winning the fight for equality in Michigan. All organizations are invited to attend a training to hear more about the goals of the LGBT equality agenda for Michigan, polling data and key messages, communications strategy, tactics and tools, and how to get involved. From local human rights ordinances to expanding the civil rights act, the LGBT community is seeking allies in the movement for legal and lived equality of LGBT individuals in Michigan.

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The Arcus Foundation awarded grants in 2010 and 2011 specifically for the advancement of "LGBT rights" at the Michigan Summit



The Arcus Foundation is a leading global foundation advancing pressing social justice and conservation issues. Specifically, Arcus works to advance LGBT equality, as well as to conserve and protect the great apes.

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Grantee	Year	Amount	Location	Program or Initiative
<u>Progress Michigan Education</u> <u>\$100,000 for planning and implementation of the 2011 and 2012 Michigan Summit, a forum to advance a progressive agenda at the grassroots level, building power for change and defining reform around issues and programs that create jobs, expand freedoms, promote quality healthcare and quality education.</u>	2011	\$100,000	Lansing, MI	<u>Michigan LGBT Rights</u>
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<http://www.arcusfoundation.org/socialjustice/grants/awarded>

The Michigan Summit 2011: A chance to be heard



Allyson Hood, Detroit Feminism Examiner

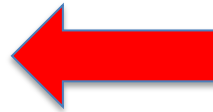
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The Michigan Summit 2011 has its hands full this year, with much to speak about in terms of the direction we wish to see our state take on many of its issues. The summit, which is held annually, gives state residents the chance to not only hear from various political activists, politicians, and organization directors from around the state, but also the opportunity to participate in paneled discussions with many of these individuals. The opportunity allows people to share concerns and ideas with people who can help influence the policies, bills and laws that govern our state.

Included in the agenda this year in a paneled discussion is the Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan, Sarah Scranton. Scranton will be participating in a discussion focused on middle class families and the issues that affect them, including women's healthcare.

The Michigan Summit 2011 will be held Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. Check in for the event is at 8:00 a.m. and the event begins at 9:00 a.m. The cost for registration is \$40. There will also be a raffle at the end of the event for an iPad2! Those interested in attending can register online [here](#).

One of the Michigan Summit panel discussions included a Planned Parenthood executive, discussing “women’s healthcare,” which means abortion and birth control.



Mary Kay Henry, the president of the SEIU gave the keynote speech at the Michigan Summit. After making numerous references to the importance of LGBT rights, she rallied the audience at 23:30 by asking if they were ready to unite across organizational issues.



Recorded live on May 21, 2011 12:26 PM ET

The Michigan Summit

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“Are you ready? Are you ready to join together across differences? Are you ready to share a vision for the future that is based on our values for Michigan? Can we? Yes we can!”

The kick-off event for the Michigan Summit was hosted by the LGBT rights group, "Equality Michigan" at a place called the Spiral Dance Bar.

Kick-Off Reception Sponsored by Equality Michigan ←

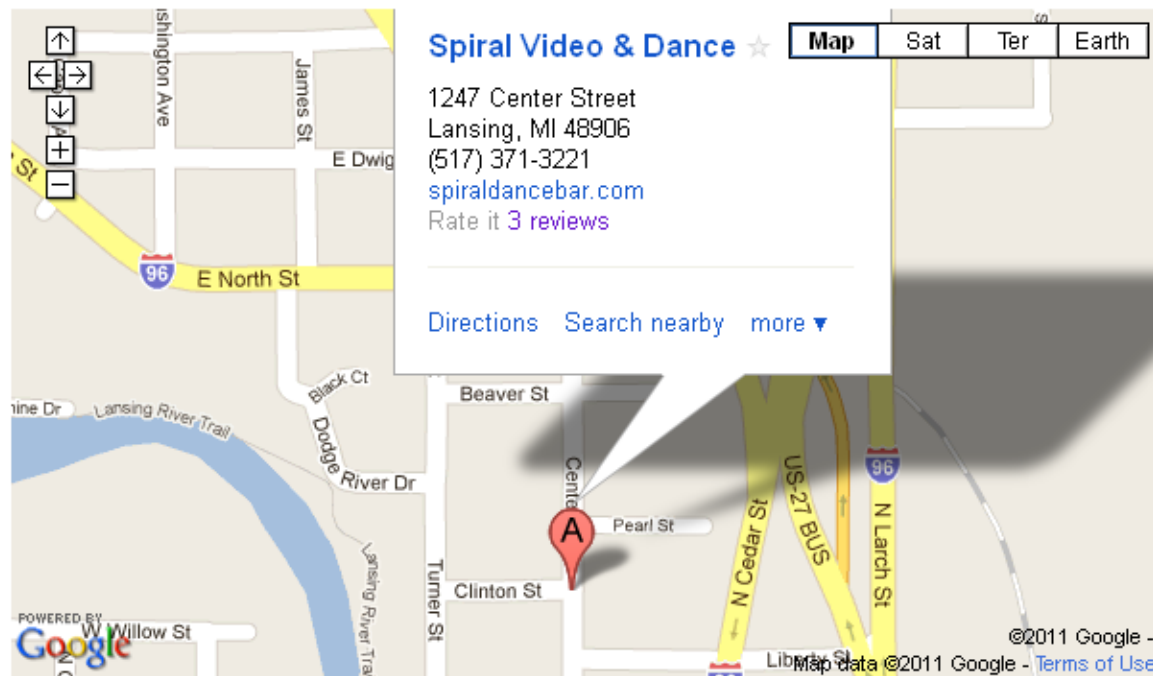
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The 2011 Michigan Summit in Lansing will celebrate and champion progressive change that is thriving and driving Michigan's cities and challenge us to make sure that all of Michigan moves forward together as we struggle through a decade of economic recession. Join us:

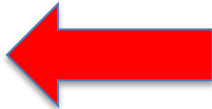
Michigan Summit Kick-Off Reception ←

Fri, May 20 at 5:30pm

Join us to kick off the 2011 Michigan Summit at Spiral (1247 Center Street in Lansing).



The link on the invitation reveals that the Spiral Dance Bar is a homosexual establishment.




<http://www.spiraldancebar.com/>

A review from the invitation illustrates the nature of the Spiral Dance Bar.



WRITE A REVIEW

Reviews

 jeff7476 - Apr 2, 2010
 ★★★★★ **Spiral's Night Club!** There are two gay night clubs in **Lansing**. One is Esquires and it is considered an old mans bar. Spiral's Night Club on the other hand is the only gay bar people should attend. Good music and hot young gay men. A nice safe club to meet gay people!

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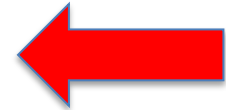
The Harriet Tubman Center helped create the Michigan Organizing Collaborative and is still a member with representation on the board of directors.

History and Accomplishments

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The Michigan Organizing Collaborative began to form in the fall of 2010 with discussions between the Harriet Tubman Center in Detroit and the Flint Area Congregations Together (FACT). In September

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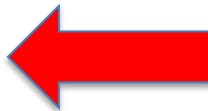
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Barbara Mays, Our Kids Come First - Detroit

Rev. Ted Parker, Harriet Tubman Center -Detroit

Teresa Phillips , Women's Coop of Battle Creek



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HTC received a grant from the Ford Foundation in order to create the Michigan Organizing Collaborative.



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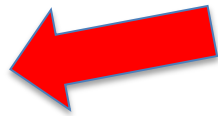
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to launch the Michigan Organizing Collaborative to build a statewide alliance connecting across race as well as divides separating suburban, rural and urban communities

Amount

\$150,000



Period

2011

Region

United States

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Staff



Victoria L. Kovari, Lead Organizer and Policy Director

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The lead organizer and policy director for the Michigan Organizing Collaborative, wrote an article attacking Catholic bishops for their stand against birth control, officially placing the Michigan Organizing Collaborative in direct odds with the Catholic Church.

Guest commentary: Catholic Church should stay out of fight over insuring birth control

By Victoria Kovari

Detroit Free Press guest writer

I was very discouraged at the level of outrage that this group of bishops has displayed about this ruling. I am a Catholic, go to Mass every week, serve on the Parish Council and am morally opposed to abortion. But when it comes to contraception, I am in a different camp — and I am not alone. Ninety-eight percent of Catholic women of reproductive age have used birth control, including me. So have my sisters, my nieces and almost every other Catholic woman I know.