



Equality Advocates Pennsylvania
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**Delaware Valley Legacy Fund Announces Event to Support
Equality Action Pennsylvania**

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund (www.dvlf.org) is partnering with Equality Advocates Pennsylvania (www.equalitypa.org) to raise funds to support Equality Action Pennsylvania. Equality Action will be a nonprofit organization that will be dedicated to achieving equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Pennsylvanians and their families through legislative advocacy, education, and empowerment of individuals and organizations, and non-partisan political activities. Equality Action Pennsylvania will be run in conjunction with Equality Advocates Pennsylvania.

A breakfast fundraiser at the Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia on July 28, 2008 will fund the start-up of Equality Action Pennsylvania while building the endowment of the Delaware Valley Legacy Fund, which supports homeless youth, scholarships, senior programs, arts, education, HIV/AIDS programs, and other gay and lesbian-focused groups in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The lead hosts for the event include community leaders Kevin Ray, Louis Thomas, Deborah Willig and Emily Weisgrau.

“We are thrilled and excited to partner with DVLF on this event. Equality Action Pennsylvania will provide additional tools and resources in our efforts to achieve equality in the state,” said Stacey Sobel, Executive Director, Equality Advocates Pennsylvania and main speaker of the lawyers’ breakfast.

Citibank Vice President James Simmons provided the seed funding for the event. Simmons explained, “We are excited to support the inaugural lawyers’ breakfast because we like to support the communities where we live and work.” Citibank has been a leader in workplace diversity initiatives and was among the first financial services firms to have an official LGBT employee group, among the first financial firms to offer domestic partner benefits, and among the first to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy.

[Interested parties may contact PMonastero@philafound.org \(or call 215-563-6417, ext 117\)](mailto:PMonastero@philafound.org) to contribute to the start-up or attend the breakfast fund raiser. Tickets start at \$100.

Presenting Sponsors:

Citibank at the 1211 Walnut Street Financial Center

Promotional Co-sponsors:

National Lesbian and Gay Law Association

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The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that produces volunteer-driven events in the Delaware Valley. Comprised almost entirely of volunteers, the organization donates net proceeds to LGBTI activities.

Equality Advocates Pennsylvania is dedicated to achieving equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Pennsylvanians through legal services, education, and policy reform.