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Freedom to Marry is the campaign to win marriage nationwide. We partner with individuals and organizations across the country to end the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage and the protections, responsibilities, and commitment that marriage brings.

Freedom to Marry’s goal is to end the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage once and for all. Drawing on the history of other social justice movements in the United States, we know that victory will ultimately come from persuading either Congress or the Supreme Court to end marriage discrimination. To achieve that victory, we must secure the freedom to marry in a critical mass of states and grow majority support across the country. Our Roadmap to Victory lays out the steps needed to win marriage nationwide:

**WIN MORE STATES** In the last decade, we secured the freedom to marry in five states and our Nation’s capital. Using the struggle against race discrimination in marriage as a measure, that is still far short of the 34 states that had ended race-based marriage discrimination when the Supreme Court ruled in *Loving v. Virginia* (1967). While there is no mathematical formula for the needed critical mass, we must win more states than we have now. Each year provides opportunities to win more states, overturn the anti-gay constitutional amendments pushed through over the past decade, and increase momentum for the freedom to marry.

**GROW THE MAJORITY FOR MARRIAGE** To create a climate that empowers elected officials and judges to do the right thing, we also need to grow and diversify majority support for the freedom to marry nationwide. Again using *Loving* as a measure, we are doing well, having moved from just about a quarter of public support 15 years ago to majority support today – far better than the 70% of Americans who opposed interracial marriage in 1967. Growing and diversifying the national majority for marriage will offset some of the challenges we face in winning states with anti-gay constitutional amendments. Freedom to Marry has tested the most effective messages to move hearts and minds, and through national public education and one-on-one conversations, we’re adding more supporters to the growing majority for marriage each year.

**END FEDERAL MARRIAGE DISCRIMINATION** For same-sex couples to fully share in the freedom to marry, we must overturn the so-called “Defense of Marriage Act” and return the federal government to its longstanding practice of honoring marriage without a “gay exception.” We will do this both by creating the right climate for ongoing federal litigation challenging DOMA – through growing majority support for the freedom to marry and winning more states – and by pursuing congressional repeal.

Freedom to Marry’s aims:

- **WIN MORE STATES**
- **GROW THE MAJORITY FOR MARRIAGE**
- **END FEDERAL MARRIAGE DISCRIMINATION**
Responding to the rapid changes in the marriage landscape and growing needs of the marriage movement, an important element of our work in 2010 was to create the programs and structures to achieve our ambitious goals for 2011. What’s been needed is a unified campaign to mobilize our supporters toward a clear path to victory. In 2010, Freedom to Marry reinvented itself as the campaign working to win marriage nationwide. We spent the year expanding our staff, our budget, our programming, and our online presence, positioning our movement to make big strides on our Roadmap to Victory of winning more states, growing the majority for marriage, and ending federal marriage discrimination.

**EXPANDED ONLINE PRESENCE**

Increasing our online presence and growing an army of marriage supporters was a core focus of Freedom to Marry’s new capacities. This year, we partnered with Blue State Digital, the consulting firm that built Barack Obama’s groundbreaking online campaign, and with them launched a dynamic online action center in support of the freedom to marry in February. In 2010, our New Media team:

- Launched more than 60 email campaigns, growing our grassroots base to more than 120,000 online supporters, up from 5,000.
- Mounted an innovative Pride campaign that combined social networking sites, email, Facebook ads, blogger outreach and the debut of Winning the Freedom to Marry, a web video campaign to recruit marriage supporters.
- Launched the Summer for Marriage tour through 17 states and 23 cities with state and national partners in response to the “National Organization for Marriage’s” (NOM) anti-gay bus tour. The campaign mobilized our supporters and drew crowds to our events that outnumbered NOM more than 3 to 1.

**INCREASED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

In 2010, Freedom to Marry expanded our messaging capacities, serving as both a messaging research and development center for the movement. With a focus on connecting with the next group of the reachable-but-not-yet reached and growing the majority for marriage, our Public Engagement team:

- Completed the first national analysis of all available research conducted on the freedom to marry. The team translated the insights gained into powerful video, print, and online content to develop Why Marriage Matters, the first-ever national public education campaign in support of the freedom to marry.
- Wrote Moving Marriage Forward: Building Majority Support for Marriage, a review of over 75 polls and focus groups on the topic of marriage from multiple states.
- Launched the Marriage Research Consortium, a group of academic institutions, leaders and partners from across the country actively working on marriage research to share research, knowledge and identify future projects and areas for collaboration.

**BUILDING A FEDERAL CAMPAIGN**

Shaped the national conversation around federal discrimination, publishing a variety of op-eds that show in concrete terms and through compelling stories why the so-called “Defense of Marriage Act” should be repealed. This earned media helps us reach our allies, policymakers, and the next swath of the reachable-but-not-yet reached. In 2010 our Federal Team:

- Launched our “Political Voices for Equality” video series highlighting prominent lawmakers making the case for why marriage matters. This public education effort has already featured Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Newark Mayor Cory Booker and many others.
- Worked with partners to lay the groundwork for, and begin the development of, a robust federal campaign (which we have now launched and staffed).

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**Betty White**

**TV Phenomenon**

“If a couple has been together all that time – and there are gay relationships that are more solid than heterosexual ones – I think it’s fine if they want to get married.”

**Doris Roberts**

**Comedian & Actress**

Performed at an event benefiting the marriage movement in California
10 IN ’10: FREEDOM TO MARRY’S TOP TEN MOMENTS FOR MARRIAGE IN 2010

10. President Obama moves in the right direction on the journey to marriage
At an October 27th meeting with progressive bloggers, President Obama signaled that he, like President Clinton before him, is making progress on his personal journey to supporting the freedom to marry by saying “Attitudes evolve, including mine.”

9. Illinois enacts civil union, en route to the freedom to marry
In November, Illinois took steps toward marriage when, after heart-wrenching speeches about loving and committed gay and lesbian couples, legislators passed a civil union bill. Governor Pat Quinn has pledged to sign the bill and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley immediately called for the next step: marriage.

8. Marriage supporters outnumber opponents at every stop of the Summer Tour for Marriage
The so-called “National Organization for Marriage” (NOM) launched a 23-city “Summer for Marriage” tour of rallies to promote anti-gay discrimination. Freedom to Marry led national and state groups in responding, going head-to-head with NOM in every city, bringing out more people, putting forward more stories, and showing America what being FOR marriage is really all about.

7. Essence Magazine does its first feature on the wedding of a same-sex couple
In October, Essence Magazine shared with its readers the story of Aisha and Danielle, a beautiful African-American lesbian couple who married in Washington, D.C. this year. It was the first time the magazine had done a feature on a same-sex couple. The positive reader comments testify to the importance of personal stories about why marriage matters.

6. Victory in federal challenges to so-called “DOMA”
Over the summer, District Court Judge Joseph Tauro found that the federal government’s refusal to honor the marriages of same-sex couples under the so-called “Defense of Marriage Act” is unconstitutional. “[Because] animus alone cannot constitute a legitimate government interest, this court finds that DOMA lacks a rational basis to support it,” said the Nixon-appointee in cases brought by GLAD and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, now on appeal to the federal First Circuit.

5. Pro-marriage governors elected in CA, NY, MD, MN, RI, NH
While the mid-term elections brought a mixed bag of results as Americans agonized over the economy, gubernatorial candidates who openly supported the freedom to marry – including some who ran on a promise to pass a marriage bill in their state and others facing opposition from the likes of NOM – were elected across the country from Rhode Island to California.

4. The freedom to marry comes to Latin America
The freedom to marry came to both Mexico City and Argentina this year – a breathtaking advance in two nations with strong religious roots. With a foothold for the freedom to marry in Latin America, alongside 2010 wins in Portugal and Iceland, gay and lesbian couples can now marry in 12 countries on 4 continents – up from zero a decade ago.

3. Federal court finds California’s Proposition 8 unconstitutional
Chief Judge Vaughn Walker struck down California’s Proposition 8 as unconstitutional, finding that “the essence of the right to marry is freedom to join in marriage with the person of one’s choice.” The anti-gay opponents are again shown to have no good reason for excluding committed couples from marriage. With former Bush Solicitor-General Ted Olson arguing the case for the freedom to marry, the authoritative decision remains on appeal.

2. Gay and lesbian couples begin marrying in our Nation’s Capital
In March, Washington, DC became the first majority-minority jurisdiction where gay couples can marry, joining 5 states. Mayor Adrian Fenty signed the bill into law in a public ceremony at a church in front of hundreds of people including his parents.

1. Polls find for the first time that a majority of Americans support the freedom to marry
2010 was the first year that polls showed a majority of Americans in support of the freedom to marry! The milestone was further proof that as more gay and lesbian people talk to their friends, family, and coworkers about why marriage matters, people around the country are realizing that there is no good reason to continue state-sponsored discrimination against loving and committed couples, particularly in tough economic times.

Michael Bloomberg
NY Mayor

“Government should not be in the business of telling anyone whom he or she can and cannot love. And believe me: I will fight with you every single day to make that a reality.”

Adrian Fenty
Mayor of the District of Columbia

Signed the freedom to marry bill in the District in a special ceremony with his interracial parents in attendance
Five states (Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, and New Hampshire) plus the District of Columbia have the freedom to marry for gay couples, and legal authority in Maryland, Rhode Island and New York have all affirmed that the states will respect the out-of-state marriages of same-sex couples without a “gay exception” to their normal practices.

Various states now offer broad protections short of marriage, including civil union in Illinois and New Jersey, and broad domestic partnership in Oregon, Washington, Nevada, and California, while five states provide smaller packages of protections.

With these advances more than 40% of the US population (over 125 million Americans) lives in a state that provides some form of protections for gay couples.

John Marty
Minnesota State Senator
Introduced legislation to bring the freedom to marry to Minnesota

Loretta Weinberg
NJ State Senator
Voted for the freedom to marry and co-authored “What’s Love Got To Do With It? The case for same-sex marriage”.
2010

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
In 2010, the freedom to marry came to the Nation’s Capital making it the first majority-minority jurisdiction to perform marriages between same-sex couples. Gay and lesbian couples were first able to apply for marriage licenses on March 3, 2010. Three African-American couples were the first to be married on March 9, 2010. The marriage law was passed in 2009 by an 11-2 vote of the City Council and was signed by Mayor Adrian Fenty in a public ceremony at a historic D.C. church.

Freedom to Marry provided crucial support to local groups and activists, including advice on communications and public education efforts. Freedom to Marry provided a re-grant to D.C. for Marriage for a public education campaign aimed at leveraging faith and African-American leaders and couples to increase support for the freedom to marry among those two communities. With Freedom to Marry’s support, the campaign presented the most diverse set of images and stories of gay and lesbian families of any marriage fight to date, including newlywed African-American, Asian-American, and Latino-American couples in media across the nation.

Anti-marriage groups unsuccessfully sued to overturn the city’s Human Rights Act in an effort to force marriage on the ballot. The Human Rights Act prohibits the rights of protected classes being placed on the ballot for a vote by the majority.

ILLINOIS
With the passage of the Illinois Religious Freedom Protections and Civil Union Act, our year came to a close with Illinois taking an important step forward in providing a measure of protections to same-sex couples and their families. This legislation was crucial for the more than 30,000 same-sex couples living in Illinois who have been raising children without any legal protections or recognition.

In the build-up to the final vote, Freedom to Marry engaged our online supporters and recruited volunteers for phonebanks aimed at generating calls to urge legislators to do the right thing and protect all families in Illinois.

After years of debate and less than 24 hours after the legislation passed in the Illinois House of Representatives, the state Senate voted to approve the measure. Freedom to Marry applauded this important step toward the freedom to marry, while acknowledging that civil union is no substitute for the full measure of respect, clarity, and security of marriage itself.

Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn was reelected in November and signed the civil union legislation in early 2011. With the Illinois Civil Union Act, more than 40% of the US population (over 125 million Americans) live in a state, which provides some form of protections for gay couples.

Gregory Jones and Jonathan Howard with their newly acquired marriage license on March 3, 2010 in the District of Columbia. This picture of their kiss, published on the front page of the Washington Post, caused news all by itself.

Rev. Darlene Garner and Rev. Candy Holmes, the first same-sex couple to wed in the District of Columbia, arriving at the DC Courthouse to apply for their marriage license on March 3, 2010.

Barbara Bush
First Daughter
“Everyone should have the right to marry the person that they love.”

Margaret Hoover
Great-granddaughter of former President Herbert Hoover
A conservative American political commentator, she served as an honorary host of Freedom To Marry’s NY fundraiser.
GROWING THE MAJORITY FOR MARRIAGE

In 2010 the marriage movement in the United States crossed a significant threshold when not one, but two national polls showed for the first time that a majority of the country now supports the freedom to marry for same-sex couples and that those who would deny liberty and equal protection to same-sex couples are in the minority. Thanks to the ongoing dialogue propelled and shaped by Freedom to Marry and others, Americans are realizing that gay couples crave the personal significance of marriage and need the critical safety-net of protections and responsibilities that marriage brings.

First, in August 2010, CNN released a national poll in which they asked, “Do you think gays and lesbians should have a constitutional right to get married and have their marriage recognized by law as valid?” 52% of respondents replied “Yes.” 46% replied “No.” Then only a month later the Associated Press released a poll which confirmed that milestone. The Associated Press asked 1,007 Americans: “Should the Federal Government give legal recognition to marriages between couples of the same-sex, or not?” 52% of those polled responded “Yes.” 46% responded “No.”

SUMMER FOR MARRIAGE

When the so-called “National Organization for Marriage” announced its anti-gay “Summer Tour,” Freedom to Marry immediately mobilized our supporters and state partners with rallies across 17 states in 23 cities and the District of Columbia. At each stop along the way, Freedom to Marry’s tour challenged NOM’s falsehoods and rejected their divisive tactics.

We promoted the message “Love + Commitment = Marriage,” and made our voices heard in city after city, whether from families marching side-by-side to the Madison Capitol in Wisconsin, at a community-wide town hall and film screening about why marriage matters in Indianapolis, or at our “Big Commit” rally in our nation’s capital with hundreds of gay and non-gay marriage supporters sharing their personal stories and enlarging the conversation about the harms of marriage discrimination.

The campaign marked Freedom to Marry’s first foray into direct action through combined online and offline organizing. More than 4,000 marriage supporters attended our events nationwide and we outnumbered NOM supporters by more than 3 to 1. By the tour’s end Freedom to Marry had strengthened relationships with partner groups from Maine to Georgia while delivering compelling messages about the freedom to marry to over a third of the nation.

Public Opinion: From Opposition to Support

Sources: Gallup (’96, ’99, ’04-’08)
Pew (’03, ’09) CNN (’10)
**FREEDOM TO MARRY REPORT: MOVING MARRIAGE FORWARD**

Responding to the need to outline and explain the most impactful ways to move the reachable-but-not-yet-reached, Freedom to Marry published *Moving Marriage Forward* in 2010, revealing that most Americans view marriage in terms of emotion and values—not legal rights or benefits. Freedom to Marry drew on our experience working with leading partner organizations, as well as expert analysis of over 85 studies from a half-dozen states—including polls and focus groups, campaign results, and academic research—to clarify how we can secure and grow majority support for marriage. The insights we gleaned were striking.

The research found that “moveable middle” Americans are wrestling with conflicting emotions about the freedom to marry, but can still be reached with the right messages that address their concerns. Through personal conversations we need to show these Americans that gay people want the freedom to marry for the same mix of reasons and the same commitment, and that ending exclusion from marriage is consistent with their values. The research also showed the need to convey that gay and lesbian couples seek to join, not change marriage.

Our groundbreaking *Why Marriage Matters* campaign, developed at the end of 2010, has drawn directly from this research and helped us create a campaign that cuts to the heart of why marriage matters to gay families: it’s about love and commitment.

**MARRIAGE RESEARCH**

In 2010, Freedom to Marry helped revolutionize the approach to winning marriage by taking the lead in coordinating research efforts across the movement. Along with colleagues from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the Movement Advancement Project, we launched a program for the benefit of national and state organizations conducting and sharing marriage messaging research and tests.

On a regular basis, participants share updates about research projects and their plans for upcoming research, assess emerging research and analyze how best to utilize research findings. This bold and collaborative initiative ensures we can quickly share and test promising insights at the state and national level, moving the strongest ideas forward at a pace and in a way that has never before been realized. We also avoid duplication of research efforts and maximize the smart use of movement resources.

The working relationships forged through this sharing continue to yield a high level of cooperation and coordination among participants. Participants have helped devise new qualitative and quantitative research that addresses under-explored areas, such as how to counter opponents’ claims about schools and children, how to approach religious objections, and how to grow support within the African American and Latino communities. Through Freedom to Marry’s leadership, this group will continue to address and solve the messaging needs and challenges facing our movement.
2010 ENDING FEDERAL MARRIAGE DISCRIMINATION

2010 PROGRESS IN ENDING FEDERAL MARRIAGE DISCRIMINATION

For same-sex couples to fully share in the freedom to marry, the so-called “Defense of Marriage Act” must be overturned so that the federal government can return to its longstanding practice of honoring marriage without a “gay exception.” In 2009, Freedom to Marry worked successfully with numerous partners to see the development, drafting, and introduction in the House of Representatives of the Respect for Marriage Act, which would repeal DOMA. By the end of 2010, the bill had over 100 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives.

Knowing that more was needed to advance our cause in DC, we also spent 2010 beginning the planning for a new direct federal presence in Washington D.C. to spearhead the efforts to overturn DOMA. Our federal program will have three primary aims: pursue legislative repeal of DOMA, elevate the conversation around marriage to create a climate that will enable policymakers and judges to move in the right direction, and synergize progress in winning more states and growing public support for marriage with progress toward ending federal marriage discrimination. And we have already begun to see progress.

Federal trial courts for the first time concluded that in fact DOMA is in fact unconstitutional. In Gill et al. v. Office of Personnel Management, eight married same-sex couples and three widowers, represented by our partners at Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, demonstrated that federal marriage discrimination only serves to harm gay and lesbian couples who are trying to make ends meet and protect their families while serving no rational governmental purpose. As we reinforced in our press release heralding this groundbreaking win, “DOMA creates two classes of marriage – those the federal government respects and some it doesn’t – denying married same sex couples and their families equal treatment and depriving them of the crucial safety-net that marriage brings.”

PRESIDENT OBAMA “EVOLVING” ON THE FREEDOM TO MARRY

At a press conference in late October, President Obama began using the language Freedom to Marry has urged the White House to adopt, describing the journey he is taking in his reconsidering his position. In response to questions about marriage he said,

“I also think you’re right that attitudes evolve, including mine. I think that it is an issue that I wrestle with and think about because I have a whole host of friends who are in gay partnerships. I have staff members who are in committed, monogamous relationships, who are raising children, who are wonderful parents. And I care about them deeply. And … I think it’s fair to say that it’s something that I think a lot about.” Later Obama added, “The one thing I will say today is I think it’s pretty clear where the trend lines are going.”

As part of Freedom to Marry’s role in creating the echo chamber of commentary that furthers the national dialogue on marriage, we issued the following statement:

“President Obama’s comments are a welcome step toward support for same-sex couples’ freedom to marry. We hope that he will continue along the same journey as President Clinton and a majority of Americans who now support the freedom to marry. Like many Americans, President Obama is looking at his gay and lesbian friends and colleagues who are in loving, committed relationships and realizing that their families deserve the same respect and the same protections as everyone else’s.”

Laura Bush
First Lady of the United States
“When couples are committed to each other and love each other, they ought to I think have the same sort of rights that everyone has.”

Cindy McCain
Wife of Senator John McCain
Posed for a NoH8 campaign photo.
PARTNER SUPPORT  (JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010)

Freedom to Marry continues to dedicate 25% of its annual budget to regranting and partner support. In 2010 we funded important public education and messaging research projects across the country, from California to New York.

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<td>$6,000</td>
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Dina Manzo  
NJ “Real” Housewife  
Produced My Big Gay Italian Wedding off-Broadway saying “Now is the time to ... open some other minds to the possibility of equality.”

Luann de Lesseps  
NY “Real” Housewife  
“I believe that any two people who are in love and are ready to commit to each other should have that opportunity.”
2010 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2009 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2011

BALANCE SHEET* (AS OF 2/28/2011)

ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $23,779
Investments 602,391
Revenue receivable 400,000
Long-term assets 40,700
Total Assets $1,066,870

LIABILITIES
Accounts payable $0

NET ASSETS
Beginning net assets $599,562
Temporarily restricted net assets 400,000
Net Surplus/(Deficit) 67,308
Total Net Assets $1,066,870

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $1,066,870

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2009 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2011

SUPPORT & REVENUE
Individual & corporate contributions $633,742
Unrestricted foundation contributions 2,574,609
Total Revenue $3,208,351

EXPENSES
General program services $1,987,191
Partner support program 659,510
Fundraising 237,209
Management and general 257,133
Total Expenses $3,141,043
Change in Net Assets $67,308

* Unaudited as of March 31, 2011. Freedom to Marry was a sponsored project of the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice through February 28, 2011. These data report our financial results from that period.

The mission of Freedom to Marry is to end discrimination in marriage nationwide. Freedom to Marry guides and focuses this social justice movement by bringing the work of gay and non-gay organizations and their many approaches—litigation, legislation, direct action, and public education—into a larger whole, a shared civil rights campaign that fosters heightened outreach to non-gay allies.
Freedom to Marry gratefully acknowledges the generosity and vision of the gay and non-gay foundations and individuals who have helped build this campaign and support the cause of ending marriage discrimination. All contributions, regardless of size, are welcome and appreciated.

$250,000+
Anonymous
The Arcus Foundation
The Gill Foundation
Evelyn & Walter Haas Jr. Fund

$100,000+
Sean Eldridge & Chris Hughes
Open Society Institute

$20,000+
The Columbia Foundation
The Overbrook Foundation
The Ted Snowdon Foundation

$10,000+
Anonymous
Andy Abowitz & Michael Levin
Kevin J. Mossier Foundation
Jordan Roth & Richie Jackson
Thomas R. Stephens & Todd H. Enders

$2,500+
Anonymous
Louis Bradbury
Kevin & Becca Bracy Knight

Broadway Cares/Equality Fights AIDS
Gerald Cacciotti
Jennifer Chaiken & Sam Hamilton (The Donald & Carole Chaiken Foundation)
Scott Davenport
David Dechman & Michel Mercure
Horizons Foundation
Jim Johnson
Daniel Klaus
The Daniel M. Neidich & Brooke Garber Foundation
The Diller-Von Furstenberg Family Foundation
Terrence Meck
Kenneth O’Brien
Kate O’Hanlan & Leonie Walker
Frank Selvaggi & Bill Shea
The Tides Foundation
Tom Viola

$1000+
Erin Aries
Liz Brown
Brondi & Jeffrey Borer
John & Gwen Buehrens
Jennifer Brown

Barbara Cox
David Coleman
Cassie & Dan Cramer
Jeff Davis
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Helio Fred Garcia
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
Mitchell Karsch
Ian & Serge Krawiecki-Gazes
Kathy Levinson & Naomi Fine
The Minneapolis Foundation
Jonathan Pickhardt
Marc Purinton & Van Baskins
Proteus Fund
Barry Skovgaard
Jeffrey Soref
Laura Stanton
Anne E. Stanback & Charlotte M. Kinlock
Tim Sweeney
Sam & Julia Thoron
Joy Tomchin
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Evan Wolfson

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Bruce C. Davison, SNR Denton
Sean Eldridge & Chris Hughes
Patrick Li
Bettina Sorg-Vernon
Jeffrey Trachtman, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Peter Wolfson, SNR Denton

FREEDOM TO MARRY VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS:
Andrew Blumenfeld
Jacob Levine
Sam Schoenburg
Ellen Strubel
Jamie Thilman
Spence Weinreich

HOSTING AND LODGING FREEDOM TO MARRY STEERING COMMITTEE & STAFF MEETINGS:
Select Office Suites
Club Quarters, Downtown
STAFF

Evan Wolfson
Founder & President

Diana Brockmann
Office Manager

Regina Clemente
Field Director

Jeffrey Correa
Development Director

Michael Crawford
Director of Online Programs

Scott Davenport
Chief Operating Officer

Jo Deutsch
Federal Director

Sean Eldridge
Political Director

Megan Kinninger
Program Manager

Sarah Moeller
Development Associate

Marc Solomon
National Campaign Director

Cameron Tolle
Online Organizer

Jackie Yodashkin
Communications Director

Thalia Zepatos
Director of Public Engagement
Brondi Borer
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Executive Director, Alpha & Omega Project for Contemporary Religious Arts Indiana

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Freedom to Marry now fulfills its mission of winning marriage nationwide through these two separate organizations in order to meet legal requirements and do the range of work needed. Because of legal requirements, even though there may be some overlap in the work done by each entity in furtherance of the goals, certain activities are done by one organization and not the other. This is primarily in the area of lobbying.

Freedom to Marry Action, Inc. engages in legislative lobbying designed to end discrimination in the law at both the state and national level. Under the tax code, it has been approved by the IRS as a “501(c)(4)” organization. Freedom to Marry, Inc. was granted status as a “501(c)(3)” organization by the IRS in December, 2010 and is therefore limited by federal law in how much lobbying it can do. Neither of these two arms of Freedom to Marry endorses or provides funding to candidates running for public office.
Louise Bourgeois was born in Paris in 1911 to a family of tapestry restorers. In 1938, Bourgeois married American art historian Robert Goldwater and moved to New York City, where she lived and worked until her recent passing. In her seven decade career, Bourgeois explored her memories and fears in a complex body of work ranging from poetic drawings to room size installations. She stated that she gave her emotions and fears a physical form. In 1982, Bourgeois was the first woman artist to receive a Retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. She represented America at the Venice Biennale in 1993, and was given the National Medal of Arts by President Clinton in 1997. In 2007, the Tate Modern in London, in collaboration with Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris, organized a Retrospective of her work that travelled to the Guggenheim, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Hirshhorn in the United States.

“Everyone should have the right to marry. To make a commitment to love someone forever is a beautiful thing.” — Louise Bourgeois