

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

FORGE Forward is a conference focused on the complex lives of trans-masculine individuals (those born with female or intersex bodies who now identify somewhere on the masculine spectrum) and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies).

The FORGE Forward 2007 Conference will include two full days of pre-conference Intensives; over seventy-five concurrent, multi-threaded workshops and caucuses; keynote addresses by leading transgender and SOFFA activists and innovative thinkers; sizzling entertainment; socializing, networking, 12-step recovery; free consultation with respected transgender surgeons; and an exhibit hall packed full of vendors and organizations.

To complement the progressive programming, the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference will also include singles events, childcare, a hospitality suite and other social activities, a clothing swap, film festival, and many other non-workshop activities to meet the needs of all participants.

A primary goal of the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference is to create a welcoming and *accessible* event, specifically creating structures that support and honor families with children, people with disabilities, youth and aging populations, people of color, and individuals who need assistance with housing and scholarships.

ABOUT FORGE

The FORGE Forward 2007 Conference is sponsored by FORGE, a 12-year-old, progressive organization whose mission is to support, educate and advocate for the rights and lives of female-to-male (FTM) transgender individuals and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies). FORGE is dedicated to helping move our fragmented communities beyond identity politics and forge a movement that embraces and empowers our diverse complexities.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Organizing and hosting a national conference is costly. Unlike professional conferences where high registration fees often cover most of the basic expenses, community conferences need the generous support of sponsors in order to both make the conference affordable for as many people as possible and to simply cover the routine expenses of a large-scale conference. There are many ways you can help, such as...

- Attend the Conference!
- Share information about the Conference with transgender folks and/or lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight allies, providers, and anyone else who would benefit from the Conference!
- Be a vendor. Share your services, products, and information with Conference attendees!
- Advertise in the program book!
- Donate directly to enable low income people to attend, or to help underwrite sign language interpretation, childcare, speaker honorariums and travel expenses, and much more!

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

Sponsoring a large-scale, national conference that is affordable and accessible for everyone requires the support and dedication of many individuals, organizations, foundations, and business sponsors.

Yes! I'd like to help support the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference by...

a financial donation volunteering my time providing (Milwaukee) housing distributing informational materials

Company/Organization Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

Amount of donation: \$ _____

Please earmark my donation to support Scholarship fund Childcare ADA Accessibility Speaker travel fund
 Other _____

Method of Payment:

Check (Make payable to FORGE)

Credit Card Number: _____ Name on card: _____

Signature: _____ Expiration date: _____

[We're working to make sure your donations will be tax-deductible. Our 501(c)(3) paperwork has been filed and should be awarded in 2006. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at conference@forge-forward.org.]

Please mail completed form (and check) to FORGE Forward 2007 Conference, PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, WI 53201