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Ogden Unitarians Start Gay Youth Drop-In Center, Seek Project Leader

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ogden has received \$25,000 funding for the first year of operation of a gay youth drop-in center in Ogden which they will call OUTreach. The Unitarian Universalist Fund for Social Responsibility contributed \$20,000 to the project and the remaining \$5,000 is from local donors.

Gay-friendly or gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender candidates are being sought for a halftime project leader position. Candidates will need to pass a background check.

The duties of the project leader will include planning and facilitating a weekly drop-in center for youth ages 13–20 years old. The goal is to create a safe, supportive environment for queer youth, to reduce their isolation, to address their health and social needs, and to make referrals to supportive health and well-being support services.

The leader will also plan and inform program participants of upcoming activities, enforce standards of conduct for appropriate youth-adult interaction, train and manage adult volunteers, and create and distribute promotional materials.

Outreach to the community through visiting schools, getting media stories, putting flyers in coffee houses, and building website links will help create a network in the community to support the targeted youth.

The leader will also be charged with fund raising for the center to help it continue past the funded year.

Potential candidates are requested to send a resume to Rachel Macfarlane at rachelraymacfarlane@gmail.com; (391-9488) or Roxanne Taylor at tomroxanne@aol.com (388-6130).

Interviews will be set for Saturday, July 9 and Monday, July 11.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ogden is located at 2261 Adams Ave. Their website is www.theuuco.org

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