

## ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL 2011



Transgender Day of Remembrance is held every year on November 20. An International day of mourning and remembrance for transgender and gender variant individuals killed worldwide due to anti-transgender violence over the previous twelve months. 2011 marks the 13<sup>th</sup> **Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance** and the sixth to be held in Oakland, CA. Alameda County has participated since 2006.

Produced by TransVision and held at Preservation Park in Oakland, CA. The 2011 event will be remembered as the year murder and death personally touched the Alameda Trans community. We lost four members in 2011, and the first murder since 2004.

Samantha Foster was a 24 year old African-American trans woman who lived in both Contra Costa and Oakland. She passed away in April of unknown causes at her sister's house in Bay Point.

Lucie Parkin, 36, transsexual identified woman, was shot and killed in a Hayward motel room on Tuesday Sept 20.

Tracy Bumpus passed away in June, in Vallejo. She was working at AIDS Project of The East Bay at the time.

And on Nov, 17, the night before our event, Chastity Porter, an African-American woman from Fremont was shot to death in West Hollywood. All were known to TransVision team members.

The 2011 TDOR will always be remembered as the most difficult to produce, both physically and emotionally, and the toughest to get through.



### **Reading of the Names**

The reading of the names is always the most somber and touching part of the ceremony, the reason we hold the event in the first place. This year's names were read by:

- Kabir Hypolite, Director Office of AIDS Administration, Alameda County PHD
- Jen Shockey: Instructor of Transgender Health and a Transphobia course at the City College of San Francisco.
- Annie Flores: Annie served the California State Legislature as a public health care staffer, Associate Director of the Women's Economic Agenda Project, WEAP. Co-President of The National Women's Political Caucus, Alameda County, NWPC.
- Linda Tam: Attorney at the East Bay Community Law Center where she has been working on LGBT and HIV issues for the last 9 years
- Melissa Hernandez: Member of Trans Latina Group at La Clinica de La Raza
- Amy Marsh: Amy Marsh, Ed.D, DHS, ACS, CHt Center for Sexological Hypnotism Sex Counseling, Coaching and Education, Hypnotherapy
- Rebecca Borland, Graduate of CSUEB with a masters in Social work
- Andre Le Blanc: Board Member Transgender Law Center
- Desiree Buford: Director of Exhibition Programming at Frameline Film Festival
- Julio Soriano, Tri-City Health Center, MSM Program Coordinator
- Her honor, Judge Vicky Kolakowski, Alameda County Superior Court; The nation's first elected transgender judge

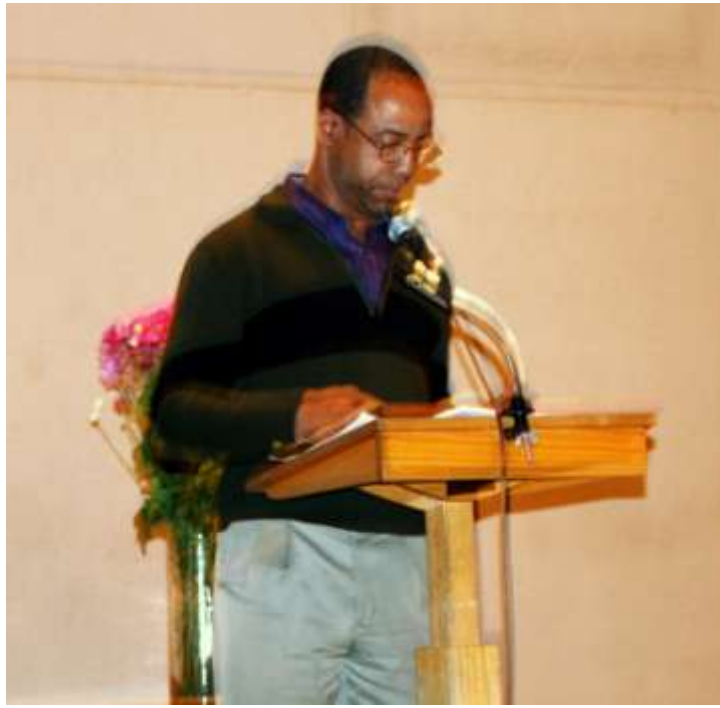
***Each read their names with dignity, clarity, and reference.***



**Melissa Hernandez**



**Jen Shockey**



**Kabir Hypolite, Director Office of AIDS,  
Alameda County PHD**

**Ceremony**

**Keynote Speakers**

Each year we try to select a Community leader, who is Trans identified and an Elected Leader or a leader who has done extraordinary work with the Trans community. This year's Keynote Speakers were selected do to their many years of leadership, work, and dedication to the community and addressing the HIV Epidemic in Alameda County and the East Bay, particularly their work with trans women. 2011's Keynotes were:

***Kathleen Clanon, MD, FACP***, Director, East Bay AIDS Education and Training Center  
Dr. Clanon served as director of the East Bay AIDS Education and Training Center for 23 years. She is the clinical director of the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center, and associate professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of California at San Francisco.

***Sharyn R. Grayson***, She has received numerous awards and special commendations for her pioneering HIV program achievements with many organizations across the country – particularly for her representation of the MTF and FTM Transgender communities at large. Currently, she serves as a duly elected Co-Chair of the Oakland TGA Collaborative Community Planning Council (CCPC) and is also a seated member (past two-term elected Chairperson) of the People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).



***Sharyn R. Grayson***

***Dr. Kathleen Clanon***

Others speakers included an opening introduction in Spanish by Trans Latina Mara Cruz, and a special tribute by Andrea Horn- APEB- Remembering Tracy Bumbus.

Musical healing and entertainment was provided at the last minute (literally) by Ashley Moore. We are grateful for her willingness to entertain and her flexibility. She also rocked the house!



### **Political Representation**

Although none of the elected officials who officially endorsed the Day of Remembrance could attend, Adrienne Ursino from Congressman George Miller's read a statement from the Congressman. Daniela Quintanilla, represented Congresswoman Barbara Lee and read a letter from her recognizing the significance of the day. Michelle Thomas from state Senator Ellen Corbett's office represented the senator with inspiring remarks. Oakland City Council member Rebecca Kaplan sent over a City Council Proclamation Recognizing the Transgender Day of Remembrance.



**Daniela Quintanilla**



**Adrienne Ursino**



**Michelle Thomas**

### **Media**

Transgender Day of Remembrance also serves as the biggest public and media event for the TransVision program. The Bay Area Reporter covered the event both before and after. A special thank you to Cynthia Laird and Seth Hemmelgarm of the Bay Area Reporter! Oakland North and reporter Dylan Bergeson did an in-depth story of the event and the issues of violence that affect the transgender community. We are grateful for their great coverage.

Links to complete press coverage:

Oakland North: <http://oaklandnorth.net/2011/11/21/sorrowful-ceremony-honors-transgender-people-who-died-in-past-year/>

Bay Area Reporter Pre Event: <http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=6218>

Bay Area Reporter: <http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=6241>

### **Partnerships**

An endorsement said that "our office/agency/org supports your event, what it stands for".

We could not have done this event without the help and support of our financial sponsors who really came through. We are very grateful for them.

This year's financial sponsor was the Alameda County Office of AIDS Administration

### **Elected officials that endorsed the event were:**

- Congressman George Miller, CA-7
- Congresswoman Barbara Lee, CA-9,
- State Senator Ellen Corbett, D-10

### **Another major endorser were our friends at the Harm Reduction Coalition**

**TransVision is truly grateful for the endorsements and we look forward to future collaborations.**

**As always, it is the people who attend that deserve so much for giving of their time and emotions to remember those who were taken from us. Your support and attendance is always appreciated and never taken for granted and we hope to see you next year.**



### **Acknowledgements**

Tri-City Health Center and TransVision would like to thank the following for helping make this event possible. Without all of your help, the event would not be possible:

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Alameda County Office of AIDS Administration

**Representatives**  
Daniela Quintanilla  
Michelle Thomas  
Adrienne Ursino

All of our Sponsors  
All off our Endorsers  
Congressman George Miller (D-7),

**Our Guest Speakers**

Sound/Tech:  
Mario Madrid, Billy Aviles  
Starbucks: Robbie Rodriguez  
Noah's Bagels

Congresswoman Barbara Lee, (D-9),  
Senator Ellen Corbett (D-10),

Lee Staub: Program

**All who helped set-up and clean up  
All of you that attended**

