



A Thousand Moms
Building Community Support for New
York's LGBT/Q Youth in
Foster/Adoptive Care
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A Thousand Moms Congratulates Claire Buffie, Miss New York State 2010

A Thousand Moms, which supports New York's families of gay youth in foster/adoptive care, salutes Claire Buffie, winner of the Miss New York State 2010 pageant, Saturday, June 26 in Albany. She will now represent New York in the Miss America pageant.

Claire, whose platform for the contest was "Straight for Equality: Let's Talk," has been a close supporter of A Thousand Moms. She has appeared at events and in print and on radio in support of the organization.

Writing on her blog/website, Claire commented in April: "Keelie [Keelie Sheridan, fellow contestant] sent me a link to an organization she thought I may want to look into. Wow, am I glad I did. I have been in contact with the founder, Fred Elia and his partner David and they have shared unbelievable stories with me that show the dire need for attention on this issue. So many times, we hear gay rights and immediately think marriage; there is sooo much more."

http://misssoutheastny2010.blogspot.com/2010_04_01_archive.html

Gay youth in foster/adoptive care face the highest rates of homelessness, depression, substance abuse, and suicide. A Thousand Moms works to build community support so that these youth may live in stable homes and live healthy, productive lives.

A Thousand Moms programs include:

- Ask Mom, a program of supporting member Moms, Dads, uncles, and grandparents, etc, who lend their expertise and understanding to foster/care adoptive families with gay youth.
- Our Network of Support statewide conference calls that directly connect parents and agency staff and give them information, resources, and ideas they can use on a day-to-day basis. Advocacy and resource groups also participate in these teleconferences to lend their support for gay youth in foster care.
- A Banners of Hope community volunteer project to promote public awareness of the need for support of LGBT/Q youth in foster/adoptive care.

Information on A Thousand Moms' Pepsi Refresh Project can be found at www.refresheverything.com/athousandmoms

A Thousand Moms radio:
www.blogtalkradio.com/a-thousand-moms-talk

Article in *Schenectady Gazette*
<http://athousandmoms.org/GazetteArticlefin.pdf>

Article in *Dan's Papers*
http://www.danshamptons.com/content/danspapers/issue29_2009/18.html