



## Welcome to the Volunteer e-Newsletter

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*In each issue, we will highlight the work of Trevor's amazing volunteer team and provide information about upcoming opportunities to support The Trevor Project. The Trevor Project could not fulfill its mission without the work of its volunteers. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help save young lives!*

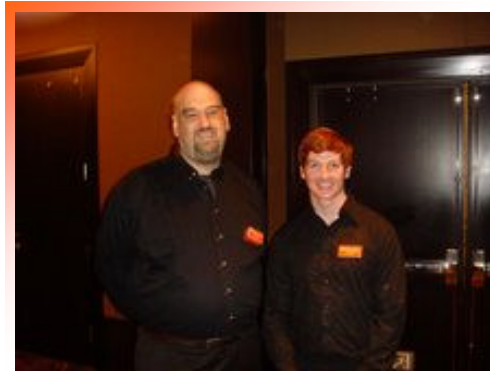
### Past Events

#### Trevor New York

The eighth annual New York summer gala, Trevor New York, was held at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel on June 30. The event honored actor Alan Cumming with the Trevor Hero Award and MTV's The N Network with the Trevor Commitment Award. The star-studded event raised nearly \$175,000 for The Trevor Project. A total of 380 guests attended, including such stars as Sandra Bernhard, Rosie Perez, Duncan Sheik, and Eve Ensler.

A total of 45 volunteers donated their time to help ensure the success of this event. "The word about Trevor is really taking off on the East Coast," said Brian Bish, volunteer coordinator. In fact, the response was so great that volunteers were recruited to help at future Trevor events.

Clockwise from left; Trevor Project Volunteers Daniel and Joel, Richard, and Joe and Tim



## Gay Pride Celebration

Over 134 Trevor Project volunteers helped kick off Pride season by staffing booths at Pride events or marching in Pride parades throughout the country. The Trevor Project had a major impact on the following cities in June:

- Detroit, MI
- Asbury, NJ
- Los Angeles, CA
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Tulsa, OK
- San Antonio, TX
- Denver, CO
- New York, NY
- San Francisco, CA

Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping make the June pride events a great success.

## Upcoming Events Calendar – Volunteer Opportunities

- August 17 – Women’s Party (Blü Beverly Hills)
- September TBD – Trevor Pool Party
- October 4 – Youth Event at Gay Days Disney (Anaheim, CA)
- December 7 – Cracked Xmas (Los Angeles, CA)

## Trevor Helpline Update

The Trevor Helpline is continuing to expand its base of volunteer Helpline Counselors in Los Angeles and New York. This year, we’ve graduated 40 new counselors from four training classes. With the projected total of 80 new counselors in 2008, we’re well on our way towards reaching our goal of 120 volunteers by 2009. June 2008 saw more than a threefold increase in call volume from June 2007, and fielded a total of 1,919 calls.

With each new training class, we attempt to improve our program by incorporating more training addressing the unique issues impacting LGBTQ youth. One area that is always important to include is gender identity and transgender youth. With callers as young as age nine struggling with their gender identity and transitioning, it is important for our counselors to learn about the core issues transgender youth face. Guest speakers from Trans Youth Family Allies (TYFA), a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering transgender children and their families, spoke at our recent spring Los Angeles Helpline training. The panel of two trans-youth with two very different stories and perspectives helped our counselors understand the complex issues surrounding gender identity, coming out and transitioning. For more information on TYFA, please visit [www.imatyfa.org](http://www.imatyfa.org).

Applications are currently being accepted for helpline volunteer training. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer to be a Helpline Counselor visit [www.thetrevorproject.org](http://www.thetrevorproject.org) and click on Volunteer!

## Call for Volunteers!

There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Trevor Project, including

- Helpline Counselors
- Board Committees
- Project Volunteers
- School Workshop Facilitators
- Event Volunteers
- Office Projects

***If you or anyone you know would be interested in volunteering their time and expertise, visit <http://thetrevorproject.org/support.aspx> to fill out an online application.***