

Gloria Casarez papers

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Summary Information

Repository	John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives, William Way LGBT Community Center
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Abstract	<p>Gloria Casarez (1971-2014) was a prominent community activist and civic leader in the LGBTQ community in Philadelphia. The Gloria Casarez papers are made up of materials produced, collected, and saved by Casarez over the course of her professional career. They are arranged into seven series: 1) Empty the Shelters, 2) Kensington Welfare Rights Union, 3) GALAEI, 4) Miscellaneous, 5) News media, 6) Trophies, awards, and artifacts, and 7) Oversize graphics.</p>

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Biography/History

Gloria Casarez was born in South Philadelphia on December 13, 1971. She was raised by a single mother, Elisa Gonzales, in the Kensington neighborhood of North Philadelphia, and lived in Westmount, New Jersey with a single aunt during her teenage years while attending Haddon Township High School. She came out as a lesbian at the age of 17.

Casarez received a BS in Political Science and BA in Criminal Justice from West Chester University in 1993. While in college she was appointed to the University's Commission on the Status of Women and was a William G. Rohrer Scholar. She also headed the Latino Student Union, organized Summer of Social Action and Spring Break for Change, and was a founding member of Empty the Shelters, a national student organization supporting the growth and development of poor people's organizations, for which she served as Program Director from 1991-1996. Through Empty the Shelters she became involved in the Kensington Welfare Rights Union.

From 1994-1995, Casarez served as a Marketing Assistant for New Society Publishers, and from 1995-1998 she held the position of Program Coordinator for the LGBT Center of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1997, she was hired by the Latinx social justice organizations GALAEI as Youth Program Coordinator, establishing the program Reaching Adolescents Via Education (RAVE). In 1999 she became Interim Executive Director of GALAEI. Later that year she became Executive Director, a position she maintained until 2008.

GALAEI was founded 1989 as a non-profit devoted to serving Philadelphia's Latino lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities through education, representation, and advocacy especially in the area of HIV/AIDS and related health services. Some of GALAEI's programs established or continued under Casarez's leadership include: PASOS (Preventing AIDS Saving Our Lives), the Women's Health Project, Reaching Adolescents Via Education (RAVE), the Village Project, the Midnight Cowboy Project (MCP) for sex industry workers, the Washington West Project (in collaboration with Action AIDS, AIDS Information Network, Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives, and BEBASHI), and the Trans-Health Information Project started by Casey Cook and Ben Singer.

Casarez was a founding organizer and steering committee member of the Philadelphia Dyke March, a member of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Student Union, and served as a hotline counselor for the Transgender Health Action Coalition. She was a member and trainer for the 1998 Youth Leadership Conference of the National Latino/a Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Organization (LLEGO). In 2000, Gloria Casarez was named to Out Magazine's Top 100 of the Millennium.

In 2008, Casarez was appointed by Mayor Michael Nutter as Philadelphia's first director of LGBT affairs, a post she held until her death in 2014. During her tenure she led the establishment of the mayor's Advisory Board on LGBT Affairs; the rainbow flag was raised at City Hall as an annual tradition for Pride Month; she helped shepherd an LGBT rights bill in 2013, first in the nation to offer tax credits to companies providing domestic partner and transgender health benefits; the city's Fair Practices Ordinance was overhauled; she testified before a State Senate committee on behalf of the Mayor's office against proposed legislation on a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage; she advocated for the removal of

gender stickers on SEPTA transpasses; served on a committee in 2009 to heighten awareness about LGBT inclusion in the US Census; worked with the Philadelphia School District to create and distribute an LGBT resource guide to city schools; lobbied for tighter anti-bullying policy, adopted by the School Reform Commission in 2009; and threw out the first pitch at the 9th annual gay community night sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies.

Casarez served on the boards of several community organizations including: the Bread and Roses Community Fund; the Jonathan Lax Scholarship Committee; the city's LGBT Police Liaison committee (ex officio); and Prevention Point Philadelphia. She was also a founder and inaugural board member of the LGBT Elder Initiative; on the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau's PHL Diversity board; and the LGBT Research Community Community Advisory Board of Public Health Management Corporation. She was a frequent speaker at rallies in the city and read the city's first proclamation honoring Transgender Day of Remembrance in 2012.

Besides the many awards included in the collection and listed in the series "Trophies, awards, and artifacts," Casarez was also the recipient of the Women's ENews 2010 Philadelphia Leadership Award, the Metropolitan Community Church of Philadelphia's 2011 Patron of Humanity Award, West Chester University 2012 Legacy of Leaders award; and she was posthumously awarded PGN Person of the Year for 2014.

Casarez was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2009. She wrote entries in a blog documenting her experiences, some of which were published in Philadelphia Gay News. She died on October 19, 2014, five years after first being diagnosed. After her death, the rainbow flag at City Hall was lowered to half-mast, and the site served as a make-shift memorial to the community leader.

Casarez is survived by wife, Tricia Dressel. They were married on August 12, 2011 in New York City; Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter officiated at commitment ceremony in the city on the couple's tenth anniversary of being together, September 3, 2011.

Scope and Contents

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The first series, Empty the Shelters, contains materials produced while Casarez served as Program Director of the student poverty organization from 1991-1996. Of note are the materials produced for the organization's Summer of Social Action program, 1992-1995. While working for Empty the Shelters, Casarez became involved with the Kensington Welfare Rights Union. Materials from this organization make up the second series and include flyers and brochures as well as news clippings about the organization, 1993-1996.

The third series, GALAEI, is the largest, and includes a variety of materials related to her work as Youth Program Coordinator and Executive Director. There is material concerning the organization's Alternative Prom program, the Trans-Information Health Program (TIP), as well as grant applications in support of the organization's Reaching Adolescents Via Education (RAVE), PhillySafe Internet, and Midnight Cowboy initiatives. There are also flyers and brochures for a number of programs, as well as photographs of the staff and the organization's participation in the Philadelphia Pride Parade.

The miscellaneous materials series includes a range of materials that do not fit into the preceding categories, among them clippings, articles, brochures and flyers on LGBT youth/education and other issues; transgender materials; as well as documentation of awards from the National Campaign for Tolerance, and Casarez's inclusion in Out Magazine's Top 100 of the Millennium issue (2000). This file also includes a copy of Casarez's resume from that time.

The News media series includes articles about Casarez or the many organizations, programs, and initiatives she was involved in. Except in a few cases where only clippings were retained, most of these are in the form of complete issues of magazines, newsletters, or newspapers, from LGBT, Hispanic, and mainstream news sources. While not exhaustive, this is a significant accounting of the wide recognition accorded Casarez during her working years.

The series, Trophies, awards, and artifacts, includes a near complete collection of the many awards given to Casarez over the years. These are arranged in three boxes by size and material, but are listed in the finding aid in chronological order. Also in this series is a pair of figure skates signed "With love to Gloria, Johnny Weir" probably from the Olympic figure skating medalist's visit to the city of Philadelphia in 2010.

The final series, Oversize graphics, includes a framed and matted photograph of Casarez at the first rainbow flag raising at City Hall in 2010. It was posthumously signed for Tricia Dressel by Mayor Michael Nutter in 2014. Also, there are two posters and an original photograph for the GALAEI SexoLatex campaign.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift, Tricia Dressel, 2015

Related Materials

Related Materials

At John J. Wilcox, Jr. Archives of the William Way LGBT Community Center:

GALAEI files in the Ephemera collection.

Gloria Casarez Dyke March records.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Empty the Shelters (organization)
- Gay and Lesbian Latino AIDS Education Initiative (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Kensington Welfare Rights Union (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Form/Genre(s)

- Ephemera
- Newspaper clippings
- Photographs
- Records

Geographic Name(s)

- Awards
- HIV/AIDS awareness

Personal Name(s)

- Casarez, Gloria

Subject(s)

- Breast -- Cancer -- Patients
- Civic leaders
- Gay youth
- Hispanic Americans
- Homelessness
- Lesbian activists
- Sexual minorities -- Youth

Empty the Shelters

Collection Inventory

Empty the Shelters.

	Box	Folder
Brochures, 1991, undated.	1	1
"The 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta: Urban Renewal and the Criminalization of the Poor," by Gloria Casarez, 1992.	1	2
Carpogonium: The Somewhat Monthly Newsletter of Empty the Shelters, 1994 June.	1	3
Empty the Shelters Philadelphia, Summer of Social Action, Information and Application, 1992.	1	4
Empty the Shelters Philadelphia, Summer of Social Action, Application, 1994.	1	5
Empty the Shelters Philadelphia, Summer of Social Action, binder, 1994.	1	6
Empty the Shelters Philadelphia, Summer of Social Action, binder, 1995.	1	7
Empty the Shelters Philadelphia, Summer of Social Action, binder contents, 1995.	1	8
Harvey Finkel, photographer, Urban Nomads: A Poor People's Movement (Philadelphia: Temple University), 1997.	1	9

Kensington Welfare Rights Union

Kensington Welfare Rights Union.

	Box	Folder
Flyers and brochures, 1993-1997, undated.	1	10
"...and since the March For Our Lives...: A Collection of Articles of Kensington Welfare Right Union's Tent City at the Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA", 1996.	1	11
Media coverage (clippings), 1993-1996, undated.	1	12
Media coverage, oversize (clippings), 1995-1996.	5	1

Gay and Lesbian Latino AIDS Education Initiative (GALAEI).

	Box	Folder
Executive Director position material, 1997-2001.	1	13
Letterhead, envelopes, business cards, undated.	1	14
Alternative Prom/Take Back the Night media coverage, 1998-1999.	1	15
Alternative Prom, programs, 1999-2001.	1	16
Alternative Prom photographs, matted, 2006-2008.	1	17
Trans-Health Information Project (TIP) flyers and brochures, undated.	1	18
David Acosta material, 1996-1997, undated.	1	19
David Acosta Revolutionary Leadership Award (DARLA) presentation speech and program (given to Louie Artiz), 2014.	1	20

Gay and Lesbian Latino AIDS Education Initiative (GALAEI)

Reaching Adolescents Via Education application to Public Welfare Foundation, 1998-1999.	2	1
Public Welfare Foundation, Youth on the Rise, conference, 1999.	2	2
PhillySafe Internet proposal to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Program, 2001.	2	3-5
Midnight Cowboy Project application to HIV Prevention Services 2008, City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health, AIDS Activities Coordinating Office, 2008.	2	6
Brochures and flyers, 1990-2009, undated.	2	7
News and events clippings (binder contents), 1998-2000.	2	8
Media coverage (clippings), 1998-2010.	2	9
CD-ROMs: Webcast of February Dreams event and staff video on programs and services; Prom photos, 2007, undated.	3	1
The GALAEI Project, Women's Health Project t-shirt [HOUSE IN TSHIRTS], 1995.		
	Box	Folder
Photos of GALAEI staff, 2005-2007, undated.	3	2
Photos of GALAEI Pride March float, undated.	3	3
Miscellaneous materials, 1999-2007, undated.	3	4

Miscellaneous materials

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	Box	Folder
LGBT youth/education issues (clippings and articles), 1987-1998, undated.	3	5
Transgender materials, 1998-2011, undated.	3	6
Black and white photograph (8 in. x 10 in.) of Jose Demarco, ACT UP, photographer unknown, undated.	3	7
Lambda Award Nomination Committee, 1999.	3	8
National Campaign for Tolerance, Wall of Tolerance award, 2002.	3	9
Out Magazine, Top 100 of the Millennium issue (2000) and correspondence (includes Casarez's resume), 1999-2000.	3	10
Miscellaneous magazines, brochures and flyers, 1998-2011.	3	11

Media coverage.

	Box	Folder
Al Dia 3, no. 16 (January 19, 1994) [BOX 1 STARTS].	4	1
Al Dia 17, no. 12 (January 4-10, 2009): 2.5 ("Resumen '08, Local").	4	1
Al Dia 18, no. 28 (April 25-May 1, 2010): 2.17 ("Hay quienes todavia piensan que ser gay es vestirse de mujer").	4	1
Al Dia 21, no. 28 (April 14-20, 2013).	4	1
Au Courant 2, no. 7 (November 11-17, 1997).	4	2

Media coverage

Au Courant 2, no. 17 (January 20-26, 1998).	4	2
Au Courant 2, no. 37 (June 9-15, 1998).	4	2
Au Courant 2, no. 38 (June 16-22, 1998): 3 ("Gay youth kick off prom with procession").	4	2
Au Courant 2, no. 39 (June 23-29, 1998): 5 ("1998 Alternative Prom - Stars, Statements, and Legends").	4	2
Au Courant 2, no. 41 (July 7-13, 1998).	4	2
Au Courant 3, no. 8 (November 17-23, 1998).	4	2
Au Courant 3, no. 52 (September 21-27, 1999): cover, 10 ("GALAEI's executive director Gloria Casarez talks about transitions" and "Passing to the new guard").	4	2
Au Courant 4, no. 13/14 (December 21, 1999-January 3, 2000): 13 ("Special Feature: The Year in Pictures").	4	2
Au Courant 4, no. 36 (Special Edition).	4	2
Labyrinth 16, no. 5 (June 1998): 1 ("Dyke March Planning in Home Stretch").	4	3
Metro Philadelphia (April 29, 2008): 2 ("Nutter picks liaison to GLBT community").	4	3
Metro Philadelphia (May 1, 2008): 1 ("Slavery metaphor eclipses gay rights: Focus on marriage debate lost").	4	3
New York Times Magazine (September 26, 1999).	4	3

Media coverage

New York Times Magazine (August 3, 2003).	4	3
Out (August 1988).	4	3
Philadelphia 99, no. 3 (March 2008).	4	4
Philadelphia 101, no. 1 (January 2010): 108 ("Gay Old Times").	4	4
Philadelphia City Paper (October 21-28, 2010).	4	4
Philadelphia Daily News 84, no. 25 (April 29, 2008): 6 ("Nutter names liaison for LGBT communities").	4	4
Philadelphia Daily News 89, no. 19 (April 22, 2013).	4	4
Philadelphia Daily News 90, no. 168 (October 20, 2014): 20 ("Gloria Casarez, 42, mayor's LGBT liaison" [obituary]).	4	4
Philadelphia Inquirer no. 104 (September 12, 2001).	4	5
Philadelphia Inquirer (August 26, 1999): D4 ("Latinos in the Limelight").	4	5
Philadelphia Inquirer (April 29, 2008): B5 ("Nutter appoints city gay liaison").	4	5
Philadelphia Inquirer (October 17, 2012): B7 ("Obituary: Cameraman H. Rodriquez" [Gloria's uncle]).	4	5
Philadelphia Inquirer (October 20, 2014): B1 ("Gloria Casarez, 1971-2014: 'Was a fighter to the end'" [obituary]).	4	5
Philadelphia Weekly 30, no. 51 (December 19, 2001): 28 ("Girls' Night Out: Drag kings held court in Philly last weekend").	4	6

Media coverage

Philadelphia Weekly (April 29-May 5, 2009): 16 ("Gay AgENDA: What are Pennsylvania's priorities").	4	6
Philadelphia Weekly (October 6-12, 2010): 21 ("Queer Sighted: Gloria Casarez puts the air in LGBT affairs").	4	6
Philadelphia Weekly (November 3-9, 2010): 13, 17 ("Purple Reign: LGBT kids fight back").	4	6
Philadelphia Weekly (December 15-21, 2010): 12 ("Noisemakers of the Year: The People Who Gave Us Something to Talk About this Year").	4	6
WayGay: The William Way LGBT Community Center Newsletter (August 2012): 2 ("Greetings From the Executive Director").	4	6
Philadelphia Gay News 22, no. 34 (June 12-18, 1998): 3 ("Events announced for Dyke March") [box 2 STARTS].		5
Philadelphia Gay News 23, no. 31 (May 21-27, 2009): 3 ("Acosta will leave GALAEI").		5
Philadelphia Gay News 23, no. 32 (May 28-June 3, 1999): 3 ("Dyke March set for June 12").		5
Philadelphia Gay News 23, no. 35 (June 18-24, 1999): 3 ("Dyke March draws crowd").		5
Philadelphia Gay News 23, no. 42 (August 6-12, 1999): 3 ("GALAEI leader keeps commitment").		5
Philadelphia Gay News 24, no. 13 (January 14-20, 2000): 3 ("OUT magazine honors GALAEI director").		5
Philadelphia Gay News 25, no. 23 (June 8-14, 2001): 20 ("Anger, fear spawns organizing, activism").		5

Media coverage

Philadelphia Gay News 25, no. 24 (June 15-21, 2001): 1 ("Thousands come out for Pride").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 27, no. 23 (June 6-12, 2003): 3 ("Pride events, Dyke March set").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 28, no. 7 (February 13-19, 2004).	5
Philadelphia Gay News 28, no. 43 (October 22-28, 2004).	5
Philadelphia Gay News 31, no. 32 (August 10-16, 2007): 27 ("Insight: Philadelphia's GLBT service leaders").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 32, no. 17 (April 25-May 1, 2008): 1 ("LGBT People of Color Forum brings unity, diversity").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 32, no. 18 (May 2-8, 2008): 1 ("GALAIE director named new LGBT liaison").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 32, no. 40 (October 3-9, 2008): 1 ("Mayor creates LGBT advisory committee").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 32, no. 45 (November 7-13, 2008): ("HIV researcher, school administrator heads up GALAEI").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 32, no. 52 (December 26, 2008-January 1, 2009).	5
Philadelphia Gay News 33, no. 1 (January 2-8, 2009): 9 ("Person of the Year: Runners up").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 33, no. 41 (October 9-15, 2009): 14 ("The Word: A breast-cancer blog").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 33, no. 45 (November 6-12, 2009): 8 ("The Word: A breast-cancer blog").	5

Media coverage

Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 8 (February 19-25, 2010): 1 ("GALAEI marks 20 years of dedicated service, leadership").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 15 (April 9-15, 2010): 26 ("Family Portraits").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 17 (April 23-29, 2010): 1 ("Generations of GALAEI").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 22 (May 28-June 3, 2010): 5 ("Decade of Balls"): 12 ("Dyke March gears up for growth").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 24 (June 11-17, 2010): 5 ("Input sought from LGBT seniors").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 26 (June 25-July 1, 2010): 5 ("Input sought from LGBT seniors").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 32 (August 6-12, 2010): 1 ("CDC awards local HIV prevention funding").	5
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 35 (August 27-September 2, 2010): 1 ("Rainbow Meets Red") [BOBX 3 STARTS].	6
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 38 (September 17-23, 2010).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 43 (October 22-28, 2010).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 47 (November 26-October 2, 2010).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 34, no. 53 (December 31, 2010-January 6, 2011): 1 ("Decade notables").	6
Philadelphia Gay News 35, no. 5 (February 4-10, 2011).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 35, no. 11 (March 18-24, 2011).	6

Media coverage

Philadelphia Gay News 35, no. 12 (March 25-31).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 35, no. 13 (April 1-7, 2011).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 35, no. 15 (April 15-21, 2011).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 35, no. 35 (September 2-8, 2011): 1 ("Gay journos see jump in attendance for Philly event").	6
Philadelphia Gay News 35, no. 50 (December 16-22, 2011): 1 ("A signed Contract").	6
Philadelphia Gay News 35, no. 52 (December 30, 2011-January 5, 2012).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 36, no. 4 (January 27-February 2, 2012).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 36, no. 26 (June 29-July 5, 2012): 1 ("AIDS in America").	6
Philadelphia Gay News 36, no. 32 (August 10-16, 2012).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 36, no. 40 (October 5-11, 2012).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 36, no. 44 (November 2-8, 2012).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 37, no. 18 (May 3-9, 2013): 5 ("City leader honored for community work").	6
Philadelphia Gay News 37, no. 19 (May 10-16, 2013).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 37, no. 20 (May 17-23, 2013): ("Revolutionary Generations").	6
Philadelphia Gay News 37, no. 26 (June 28-July 4, 2013).	6
Philadelphia Gay News 37, no. 30 (July 26-August 1, 2013): 1 ("Rallying for Respect").	6
Philadelphia Gay News 37, no. 31 (August 2-8, 2013).	6

Media coverage

Philadelphia Gay News 37, no. 38 (September 20-26, 2013).		6
Philadelphia Gay News 37, no. 52 (December 27, 2013-January 2, 2014): 1 (Moving Forward: City adopts groundbreaking LGBT-reform law").		6
Philadelphia Gay News 38, no. 8 (February 21-27, 2014).		6
Philadelphia Gay News 38, no. 24 (June 13-19, 2014).		6
Philadelphia Gay News 38, no. 41 (October 10-16, 2014): 1 ("Flying High").		6
Philadelphia Gay News 38, no. 39 (September 26-October 2, 2014).		6
Philadelphia Gay News 38, no. 43 (October 24-30, 2014): 1 ("City mourns LGBT director Gloria Casarez" [obituary]).		6
Philadelphia Gay News 39, no. 1 (January 2-8, 2015): 1 ("Person of the Year: Gloria Casarez").		6
Philadelphia Gay News clipping (May 18-24, 2001): 4 ("Dyke March set for June 9").	6	1
Philadelphia Gay News clipping (June 22-28, 2001): 16 ("Letters: Dyke March coverage criticized").	6	1
Philadelphia Gay News clipping (March 13-19, 2009): 1 ("Week of Opportunities").	6	1
Philadelphia Gay News clipping (June 5-11, 2009): 1 ("Awarding an Artist").	6	1
Philadelphia Gay News clipping (June 12-18, 2009): 1 ("2nd Celebration of Culture").	6	1

Trophies, awards, and artifacts

Philadelphia Gay News clipping (October 23-29, 2009): 15-16 ("The Word: A breast-cancer blog"). 6 1

Trophies, awards, and artifacts.

	Box
Out Proud Award, Gloria Casarez, Outfest 2001.	7
Community Service Award, "An Individual who has displayed tireless Activism, Advocacy, and Commitment to the Health and Empowerment of the Ballroom Community." This Award is presented to Gloria A. Casarez, Your work has opened the eyes of many that were blind and the hearts of others that didn't care. House of Manolo Blahnik, October 23, 2004.	9
In Recognition of your loyalty, Hard Work and Commitment, 2004, The House of Manolo Blahnik.	7
Leadership Award presented to Gloria Casarez, for your appreciation and commitment to the Alternative Prom and youth staff members, Your wisdom, your tact and honestly it's true, We are guaranteed excellence following you. Alternative Prom 2007.	8
God Father Mike Blahnik, The Glamorous Life 2008, Leadership Award, Presented to Gloria Casarez In Recognition of your Hard Work and Dedication for the past 10 Years to The Gay and Lesbian Latino AIDS Education Initiative also known as GALAEI.	8
Delaware Valley Legacy Fund, Heroes 2009, Outstanding Community Leader of the Year, Gloria Casarez.	8
Community Service Award, Gloria Casarez, Outstanding Volunteer NAACP Freedom Fund Gala, October 8, 2010.	7

Trophies, awards, and artifacts

DIA Internacional de la Mujer, a la distinguida Gloria Casares [sic], en reconocimiento honorable a su positivo trabajo de tantos años que dignifica a la mujer, y a la comunidad hispana de Filadelfia. Sammy's Place House, Iris Melendez, Brenda Torres, Marzo 21, 2010, Filadelfio, PA. 9

Dignity/Philadelphia Community Service Award, Presented to Gloria A. Casarez, In Recognition of Outstanding Service to the L/G/B/T Community, May 2010. 9

Prestige 20th Anniversary, Humanitarian Award, Presented to Gloria Casarez, 2010. 8

AIDS Education Month 2011, Kiyoshi Kuromiya Award for Justice, presented to Gloria Casarez, June 1, 2011, Philadelphia FIGHT. 8

City of Brotherly Love Softball League Community Service Award 2012, CBLSL proudly presents this award to Gloria Casarez, For her tireless efforts in advocating for the rights of the LGBT citizens, as well as all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania while upholding the highest standards and ethics in our community. 9

Philadelphia Bar Association, LGBT Rights Committee, presents to Cheryl Ingram Advocate for Justice Award to Gloria Casarez, For her extraordinary contributions to the LGBT legal community, December 19, 2012. 9

Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Philadelphia, 16th Annual Survivors Celebration! April 22, 2012, Gloria Casarez, Mazzoni Center. 7

GALAEI, David Acosta Revolutionary Leader Award, Presented to Gloria Casarez, May 9, 2013. 8

The Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition, 2014, The Keystone Award, Presented to a government official in Pennsylvania who has demonstrated great courage, strength, and resilience in advancing the visibility and welfare of LGBT youth in the Commonwealth, Gloria Casarez. 7

Philly Pride Presents, Pride Day 2014, Grand Marshall, Gloria Casarez. 7

Oversize graphics

Diabolique Ball honors Gloria Casarez for her revolutionary activism in the struggle for sexual freedom and gender equality, 2014, Community Service Award. 9

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Anonymous gift, 2018

You Make a Difference, Gloria Casarez, Humanity Award, 1st Annual LGBT Youth Conference, Concert & Awards, undated. 8

Philly Pride, Pride Day Judge, 2009-2013. 9

Ice Skates signed by Olympic figure skater Johnny Weir, "With love to Gloria, Johnny Weir", probably 2010. 9

Oversize graphics.

	Oversize- Folder
Framed photograph (22 x 18 in.) by Mitch Leff of Gloria Casarez at the first LGBT flag raising at City Hall, with mat signed in October 2014: "Tricia, This is how we will always remember our Gloria, Michael A. Nutter", 2010 October 7.	1
Two posters (24 x 18 in.) and one original photograph (20 x 18 in.) by Peter Lien for GALAEI's SexoLatex campaign, 1992.	2