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Dear Peggy,

On behalf of the Equality Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, VA (UUCA) and People of Faith for Equality in VA (POF-EV), I'm writing to thank you for helping us promote LGBT acceptance in Virginia with the *We Have Faith* and *Love Makes a Family* photo exhibits. In addition, I want to encourage funders to support your efforts because you provide a unique and compelling message of acceptance.

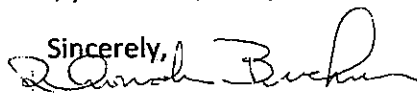
Equality UUCA arranged for *Love Makes a Family* to be displayed in the Arlington Central Library for the month of June to celebrate Pride Month. Not having the money ourselves for the Family Diversity Project, we engaged other congregations by offering opportunities to display an exhibit and or be recognized at the opening reception at the library, hosted by POF-EV. The response was very positive. 7 additional congregations are participating – 2 other Unitarian, 2 Jewish, 1 United Church of Christ, 1 Science of Mind, and 1 Episcopal.

The response has been so positive that our Northern VA People of Faith network would like to continue to offer the opportunity to display the photo exhibits to other congregations that are looking for ways to expand their congregations' awareness and acceptance and demonstrate their support to the wider community.

Right now, we are scheduled to display *Love Makes a Family* at Christ Church, Alexandria (George Washington's church) in July. We hope that will get a lot of visibility because it attracts tourists, as well as being an active congregation. We are also hoping to have a reception with the Washington area exhibit participants in attendance at some point.

These exhibits offer an excellent opportunity for us to reach out to a wider group of congregations that may not be ready to march in gay pride parades, but are ready to take the next step in their journey towards accepting equality and becoming a welcoming congregation.

Thank you for your inspiration, your work, and your flexibility!

Sincerely,  


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