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Touring Family Diversity Projects Exhibit LOVE MAKES A FAMILY: Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and their Families visits: <insert location>.

At a time in history when GLBT people continue to fight for basic human rights including the right to legally marry, the right to lead a Boy Scout troop, the right to have access to partner health benefits, and the right to be adoptive and foster parents, LOVE MAKES A FAMILY: Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and their Families helps cut through all the political arguments right to the heart of the issue by showing the love, caring, and connection that are so basic to all families. By allowing viewers to come face-to-face with GLBT people, Love Makes a Family makes visible in a positive way, the love and caring in these families. This exhibit contributes to the process of dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and intolerance, thus making the world a safer place for all people.

An exhibition of LOVE MAKES A FAMILY: Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and their Families, a touring photo-text display created by the award-winning Family Diversity Projects of Amherst, Massachusetts is scheduled to be featured at <insert event information>.

Photographs by Gigi Kaeser depict a variety of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their families of all races in familiar family settings. The photos are accompanied by text edited by Peggy Gillespie from in-depth interviews she conducted with each family member — including children like Liza—who speak candidly about their lives, their relationships, and the ways in which they cope with the realities of prejudice, bias, and intolerance on a day-to-day basis.

Family Diversity Projects of Amherst, MA, a non-profit educational organization, created Love Makes a Family as a way of helping to combat homophobia. Since it began touring in 1996, the exhibit has traveled to over 1000 communities. Ten copies of Love Makes a Family tour nationwide throughout the year to universities, schools, public libraries, corporate headquarters, statehouses, and houses of worship, supporting the grassroots efforts of activists, friends, and allies who are working in their communities to combat the cycle of ignorance and bigotry toward GLBT people. It serves as a divining rod for informed dialogue in communities where GLBT issues are emerging onto the public agenda.

Love Makes a Family is also available in a beautiful coffee table book published by the University of Massachusetts Press.

Internet browsers can view images, interviews, and other information about the LOVE MAKES A FAMILY exhibit and book at www.familydiv.org.

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