

Guide to the Sin Sity Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence
Title:	Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Records
ID:	MS-00873
Date [inclusive]:	2005-2012
Physical Description:	0.74 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description:	0.83 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains organizational records (2005-2012) of the Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, an LGBTQ charity and advocacy organization in Las Vegas, Nevada. The records include agendas and meeting minutes, financial records, press material, awards, and certificates of appreciation for the organization. Also included are financial records for the organization's annual Red Dress charity fundraiser and the Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP), the grant fund that provides financial assistance to AIDS/HIV patients.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Sin City Sisters are the Las Vegas, Nevada chapter of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, an LGBTQ charity and advocacy group that uses drag and religious imagery to call attention to sexual intolerance. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were founded in San Francisco, California in 1979 and the Holy Order Sin Sister Sisters were founded in Las Vegas in June 2005. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have over thirty chapters in the United States and they participate in issues such as AIDS education, political activism, and protest for the LGBTQ community.

A main mission of the Sin City Sisters is to raise money for the Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP), which offers financial assistance to HIV/AIDS patients. The group advocates for LGBTQ rights and visibility, and safer sex outreach to the Las Vegas community. The Sin City Sisters have become

well-known in the Las Vegas community for their "bar ministry," where they hand out "safe sin sacks" with packets of materials for safer sex. The Sisters attend HIV/AIDS events and fundraisers and generate awareness for AIDS/HIV education and advocacy. Their primary fundraisers, which raise money for the drug assistance program, are the annual Project Nunway fashion show and the annual Red Dress event.

Sources:

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were transferred from the Nevada State Museum and Library in 2017; accession number 2017-159.

Processing Note

Front matter was written by Tammi Kim in 2018. Dennis McBride's original descriptions of collection contents have been retained. No additional work has been done to collection materials.

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Names and Subjects

- Charity organization
- Social advocacy
- Safe sex in AIDS prevention
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Gay community
- Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Database printout index of all Sin City Sisters mentions in Las Vegas press, 2006-2011	box 01
Agendas and minutes, 2005	box 01
Financial records, 2005	box 01
Financial records: disbursements, 2005-2007	box 01

Agendas and minutes, 2006	box 01
Financial records, 2007	box 01
Financial records: events, 2007	box 01
Agendas and minutes, 2008	box 01
Financial records, 2008	box 01
Financial records: events, 2008	box 01
Financial records: Red Dress, 2008	box 01
Financial records: Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP), 2008	box 01
Agendas and minutes, 2009	box 01
Agendas and minutes: United Nuns Privy Council, 2009	box 01
Financial records, 2009	box 01
Financial records: Red Dress, 2009	box 01
Financial records: SADAP, 2009	box 01
Agendas and minutes, 2010	box 02
Agendas and minutes: community forums, 2010	box 02
Financial records, 2010	box 02
Financial records: Red Dress, 2010	box 02
Financial records: SADAP, 2010	box 02
Agendas and minutes, 2011	box 02
Financial records, 2011	box 02
Financial records: Red Dress, 2011	box 02
Financial records: SADAP, 2011	box 02
International Drag Day proposal, 2011 July 13	box 02
Agendas and minutes, 2012	box 02
Financial records, 2012	box 02
Financial records: Red Dress, 2012	box 02
Financial records: SADAP, 2012	box 02
Awards and certificates, 2006-2011	box 02
Awards and certificates with presentation folders, 2007-2012	box 02
Reno's Biggest Little Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence: exequatur celebration, 2010 October 8-10	box 02
Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN): solicitation press kit for the 17th annual AIDS walk, 2007 April 15	box 02

