

Finding Aid to Diane Hugs papers

(#2001-26)

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Diane Hugs papers

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Physical Description: 1.25 linear feet (one carton)

Creator: Hugs, Diane

Date (inclusive): 1982-2001

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Diane Hugaert, known in her activist and literary life as Diane Hugs, was a prominent early member of the Wry Crips, a disabled women's theater group with close ties to the disability rights movement. Much of the collection consists of Hugs' detailed and emotional diaries (kept from 1982 to 2001), which chronicle her relationships, her activism, the progression of her illness, and her work to recover from childhood trauma.

Preferred Citation:

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Conditions Governing Access:

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Acquisition Information:

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Processing Information:

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: Diane Hugaert, known in her activist and literary life as Diane Hugs, was a prominent early member of the Wry Crips, a disabled women's theater group with close ties to the disability rights movement. Hugs, who had multiple sclerosis (MS) and experienced dissociative episodes as a result of childhood sexual abuse, was the first coordinator and a board member of the group. She had worked with and advocated for people with disabilities before becoming disabled herself.

Scope and Content: Much of the collection consists of Hugs' detailed and emotional diaries (kept from 1982 to 2001), which chronicle her relationships, her activism, the progression of her illness, and her work to recover from childhood trauma. It also includes other personal writing, such as essays, poetry, correspondence, and fiction, as well as a trophy from the National Wheelchair Women's Basketball Tournament and Hugs' purple-banded hat. There are also materials related to the Wry Crips, including extensive writing by members, as well as meeting minutes, production notes, and the group's by-laws, procedures and guidelines (1989), which Hugs co-wrote with Cheryl Marie Wade.

Indexing Terms:

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