

Finding Aid to ABLE-TOGETHER Records

(#2002-33)

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: ABLE-TOGETHER records

Collection Number: 2002-33

Physical Description: 5 linear feet (4 cartons)

Creator: ABLE-TOGETHER

Date (inclusive): 1993-2000

Language of Material: English

Abstract: ABLE-TOGETHER was a gay and bisexual men's disability advocacy organization; it published a magazine, also called ABLE-TOGETHER, in which subscribers could connect via personal ads. The collection contains organizational records and correspondence, the latter largely with readers about their ads, though some of it is more detailed and revealing.

Preferred Citation:

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Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Isaac Fellman in 2019, based partly on earlier catalog records.

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: ABLE-TOGETHER (legally organized as Able Together Incorporated) was a gay and bisexual men's disability advocacy organization; it published a magazine, also called ABLE-TOGETHER, in which subscribers could connect via personal ads. The organization also ran an online discussion list called Disgaytalk, maintained an early website, and hosted monthly get-togethers.

Scope and Content: The collection contains organizational records and correspondence -- the latter largely with readers about personal ads, though some of it is more detailed and revealing. Some ads were placed by men with disabilities, others by abled men who were actively seeking disabled partners. Organizational records include board materials, financial and legal documents, materials related to the magazine, subject files, and related materials.

Indexing Terms:

Gays with disabilities

Sexual minorities with disabilities

Gay men

Bisexual men

Container Listing

Cartons 1-3: Correspondence, 1993-2000

Carton 4: Organizational records

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