

# **ACT UP Philadelphia records**

**1995-2000, 0.25 linear feet**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives, William Way LGBT Community Center
<b>Creator</b>	ACT UP Philadelphia (Organization).
<b>Title</b>	ACT UP Philadelphia records
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1995-2000
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Linear feet
<b>General Physical Description note</b>	Several folders
<b>Location Note</b>	Collections 15
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) is an activist group working to end the HIV/AIDS crisis through direct action. The ACT UP Philadelphia records, 1995-2000, consist of correspondence, meeting notes, and ephemera.

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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"ACT UP stands for the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power. [It is] a diverse, non-partisan group, united in anger, and committed to ending the AIDS crisis through direct action. Since its inception, ACT UP has used a diversity of direct action tactics to address social inequities that threaten people living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk of infection, both in Philadelphia and around the world. The AIDS pandemic closely follows the fault lines of broader social injustice. [They] continue to strive to end the AIDS crisis within the context/through a lens of ending health disparities that are a clear result of inequality and injustice."

ACT UP was founded in New York City in March of 1987. ACT UP Philadelphia, founded in 1988, was the second chapter. The organization is still active as of 2012.

### Bibliography:

Quoted text from: ACT UP Philadelphia. "About ACT UP." Accessed June 26, 2012. <http://www.actupphilly.org/about.html>.

J. de Marco, Y. Speaker, B. Green, C. Gossett, S. Sitrin, V. Parks, V. Sowell, S. McGill, J. Barbieri. "Does the AIDS Movement Still Need ACT UP? Lessons from ACT UP Philadelphia on Changing Tactics for a Changing Epidemic." Poster presented at AIDS 2012 (Washington, D.C.) Accessed July 2, 2012. <http://actupphilly.blogspot.com/2012/06/act-up-philly-at-iac-w-sneak-peek-of.html>

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## Scope and Content Note

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This small collection contains email correspondence, notes from meetings with experts and persons with HIV/AIDS, and some flyers related to HIV/AIDS and ACT UP events.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives, William Way LGBT Community Center

### Conditions Governing Access Note

Contact John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives of Philadelphia for information about accessing this collection.

### **Processing Information Note**

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This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was done in the HCI-PSAR project.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- ACT UP (Organization).
- ACT UP Philadelphia (Organization).

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Philadelphia (Pa.)

### **Subject(s)**

- AIDS (Disease)
- Gay activists
- HIV infections