

GLAD and Adult Family Care Homes of Maine (AFCH) Announce Voluntary Resolution of Claims Brought by Marie King, a 79-year-old Transgender Woman

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GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) and Adult Family Care Homes of Maine (AFCH), which operates Sunrise Assisted Living in Jonesport, are pleased to announce that they have voluntarily agreed to resolve the claims brought on behalf of Marie King, a 79-year-old transgender woman. AFCH affirms its intention to provide a welcoming environment for everyone in the LGBTQ community and in particular commits to treating transgender individuals in accordance with their gender identity in admissions, placement, and programming. AFCH has adopted a transgender nondiscrimination policy that will be supported by staff training. The parties hope that the positive resolution of this matter will lead long-term care facilities across the country to adopt policies that ensure that transgender older adults, indeed all older adults, will be treated with dignity and respect.