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CARRIE JACOBS, PHD, LCSW Founder of The Attic Youth Center

Carrie Jacobs, PhD, LCSW, is the Founder of The Attic Youth Center, a nonprofit organization that has provided free services to almost 20,000 youth since its inception nearly three decades ago and is Philadelphia's only agency exclusively dedicated to LGBTQ youth.

Dr. Jacobs has worked with adolescents for over 40 years as a social worker, psychologist, researcher, mentor, and community leader. She received her Doctorate in Psychology from Union and her Master of Social Service degree from Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. She's worked extensively and intensively with adolescents in several capacities: providing psychotherapy in her private practice for 18 years; conducting research; tutoring; mentoring; and developing and implementing educational, social service, and psycho-educational programs. Carrie has worked in a variety of youth programs in New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.

Since 1993, she has focused on the creation and development of The Attic, which she envisioned and piloted with a graduate student, recognizing the crucial need for LGBTQ youth programming. Through

the efforts of Carrie and a group of dedicated volunteers, The Attic grew from a weekly support group to a comprehensive, multi-service youth agency. She is a pioneer in developing programs and services for LGBTQ youth, and The Attic is known nationwide for modeling youth empowerment, first-rate clinical services, and lifesaving and life-changing programs.

Dr. Jacobs has provided numerous professional trainings in the tri-state area for social workers and child welfare professionals on the needs and experiences of LGBTQ youth. She also served on Mayor Michael Nutter's Advisory Board on LGBT Affairs, where she chaired the Education Committee. Additionally, Carrie was also instrumental in creating and developing a coalition of Philadelphia housing providers that expanded housing options and supportive services for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia.

Throughout the years, she has received numerous honors and awards for her advocacy, including the Lambda Award for Distinguished Service by an Individual Woman, and has been recognized by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) for her outstanding work on behalf of LGBTQ youth. Dr. Jacobs was selected by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force as one of 100 women leaders in the movement for equality. Additionally, Carrie was recognized by the Philadelphia Business Journal as one of the top LGBT Advocates in the Philadelphia region and awarded the Alumni Achievement Award for Exceptional Leadership from Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

Dr. Jacobs is committed to creating social change through education, training, and outreach as well as developing LGBTQ youth into leaders who contribute to a better future for all.

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