



The Amancio Project needs our support

Transgendered man brutally murdered in apparent hate crime

On May 6 Amancio Corrales, a 23 year old gay man who performed as a female impersonator was found murdered in the Colorado River in Yuma, Arizona. The incident has galvanized the local LGBTQ community who have formed *The Amancio Project* to:

- Ensure that the perpetrators of this crime are brought to justice
- Create a permanent coalition in southwestern Arizona of activists willing to fight for equal rights and justice for all LGBTQ people
- Raise awareness among the people of southwestern Arizona of the unique character of bias related crimes and why we must all work together to stop them
- Increase awareness among southwestern Arizona law enforcement officials of the unique character of hate crimes, and enlisting their commitment to aggressively prosecute such crimes
- Honor the memory of Amancio Corrales
- Support Amancio's family and respond to their needs

Organizers from the Arizona Leadership Institute have been working for the past several weeks to secure media attention and help build the coalition that will carry this work forward. They helped organize a candlelight vigil last week attended by more than 100 people, the largest such gather ever in Yuma. They are planning a much larger vigil in Phoenix in the coming weeks. In order to be able to continue this work, they need our tax deductible donations. If you would like to contribute, please send your check to:

The Arizona Leadership Institute
2701 North 16th St. #110
Phoenix, AZ 85006
Attention: Amancio Project