

## DADDY & PAPA

### CAST OF CHARACTERS/INTERVIEWEES

**Kelly Wallace** is the executive director of Marin AIDS Project in San Rafael, California. He has been involved in AIDS related work and gay community activism for over a decade. A native of Walnut Creek, CA, Kelly joined the Peace Corps in 1984 and has worked and studied in Guatemala, England and Italy, and traveled in Ecuador and throughout Eastern and Western Europe. In the early fall of 1997, he started investigating the possibility of starting a family as a single dad. A little over one year later he became the father of Jesse and Ray, then 2 and 3 years old. They are full biological brothers who had been living in separate foster homes their entire lives. He lives in San Francisco's Castro District, a predominately gay neighborhood, with his two sons and their dog and a goldfish.

**Nancy Wallace**, Kelly's mom, is a devout Catholic who has 6 children and more than 10 grandchildren. She and her husband Ed live in Walnut Creek and regularly spend time with their extensive extended family.

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**Doug Houghton** is a nurse practitioner at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. He presently works in trauma intensive care, but in 1995 was director of a pediatric outpatient clinic, where he met his son Oscar. An accomplished pianist and avid music lover, Doug has been Oscar's legal guardian and "soccer dad" for 6 years. He is currently a plaintiff, together with the American Civil Liberties Union, in a suit against the state of Florida to overturn the ban on gay adoption. He and the other plaintiffs in the case were recently chosen to receive the "Maurice Rosen Act of Courage" award by the Miami chapter of the ACLU for their public efforts in support of the case.

**Jim and Fannie Williams**, Oscar's biological grandparents, have 4 children and several grandchildren. They live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and are currently raising Oscar's two twin brothers.

**Steven Kozlowski** is a Miami based attorney in the American Civil Liberties Union's suit against the state of Florida to reverse the 25 year old ban on gay adoption.

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**Philip Himberg** has worked as a theatre director and producer for over 20 years and is currently the Artistic Director of the Sundance Institute's Theatre Program. He was born and raised outside New Haven, Connecticut where as a teenager he met and dated Cathy Smith, his daughter Fanny's birthmother. Nearly 25 years later, Cathy offered to act as a surrogate for Philip and his then-partner, Jim Ballantine. In 1991, Philip became a father.

**Jim Ballantine** is a veteran of the Southern California entertainment industry and is currently working as an animation producer in Los Angeles. He and his ex-partner Philip Himberg spent 13 years together and continue to co-parent their daughter Fanny.

**Cathy Smith**, Fanny's biological mother, went to high school with Philip Himberg and has known Jim Ballantine since he and Philip met in 1984. She sees her daughter about 4 times a year, both in California where Fanny lives and at her own home in Falmouth, Massachusetts. She has a 20 year old son and manages an art cinema on Cape Cod.

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**William Rogers**, director Johnny Symons' partner of 8 years, is the Director of Policy, Administration, and Program Development for the City of Berkeley Public Health Department. He grew up in a bi-racial family in Los Angeles and moved to the Bay Area in 1987. Rogers has a master's degree in Organizational Development and Human Resources from the University of San Francisco and is the father of Zachary and his two-month-old brother.

**Sharon Anderson** is a social worker and adoption specialist working in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has extensive experience with gay adoption.

**Dora Dean Bradley**, Zachary's foster mother, has cared for 6 different children during her 7 years as a registered foster parent. She is an active member of the Mingleton Temple of God in Christ Church in Oakland, California, and lives in Richmond near her daughter and granddaughter.

**Helen Williams**, Dora Bradley's friend, was Dora's confidant during what proved to be a difficult decision-making process surrounding Zachary's adoption to two gay men. She is an evangelist and has attended Getsemane Church of God in Christ in Richmond, California for 17 years.

**Susie Symons**, Johnny's mother, lives in Farmington Hills, Michigan. In the years since her son came out to her, she has become a strong advocate for gay issues and a large part of her private psychology practice now consists of gay and lesbian clients.

**Ginnie Potsubay**, Johnny's maternal grandmother, lives in South Hadley, Massachusetts with her husband Dr. Sam Potsubay. Before she retired, she worked as the Director of Admissions at Hampshire College. Johnny's son, Zachary, is her first great-grandchild.