Ordinary People Leading Extrordinary Lives: Making History Interviews with Fritzie Fritzshall and Art Johnston

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Abstract
Few migrants to Chicago have overcome as many discriminatory obstacles in their lives as Fritzie Fritzshall and Art Johnston. For more than thirty years, Johnston has made his mark on Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) communities. He was among the first to advocate for a LGBTQ community center, and today, the Center on Halsted is the largest such facility in the Midwest. Fritzshall of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, is a longtime community activist. Responding to the proposed neo-Nazi march in Skokie in 1977, Fritzshall, a Holocaust survivor, proved an instrumental figure in the creation of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and, for many years, served as its president. Through her influential activism with the Illinois Holocaust and Genocide Commission, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, she continues to promote antidiscriminatory and educational programs to combat genocide.

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Fritzie Weiss Fritzshall. Born: 1929, Klucarky, Czechoslovakia. Describes receiving help from a prisoner in the "Kanada" detail upon arrival at Auschwitz [Interview: 1990]. To view this video please enable JavaScript, and consider upgrading to a web browser that supports HTML5 video. — US Holocaust Memorial Museum - Collections. Transcript. Fritzie survived by pretending to be older than her age and thus a stronger worker. On a death march from Auschwitz, Fritzie ran into a forest, where she was later liberated. Previous. $25,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE Join our #GivingTuesday challenge to make your tax-deductible gift go twice as far. Help us teach about the consequences of unchecked hate and antisemitism. Give today. John 1:41-42 ordinary people leading extraordinary lives: making history - ordinary people leading extraordinary lives: making history interviews with fritzie fritzshall and art johnston timothy j. gilfoyle Loyola University Chicago, tgilfoy@luc this article is brought to you for free and open access by the faculty publications at Loyola Ecommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in history: faculty publications and other works by an authorized administrator of ordinary lives -Amazon S3 - we hope you enjoy ordinary lives extraordinary mission and pray this study guide is a useful