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Title Interview with Josh Rozovsky and Kim Adamski

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Description (a) Interview with two staff members at the Hartford Gay and

Lesbian Health Collective (HGLHC): Josh Rozovsky and Kim Adamski.

Interviewed by Samariya Smith on November 16, 2022 in Hartford, Connecticut.

(b) Photograph of Josh Rozovsky. He was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community History Project discussing his experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the time of the interview Josh and Kim were both staff members at the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective (HGLHC). Josh was a recent graduate with his master's in public health and he had an interest in pandemics. He recalls during the spring of 2020 wondering what he could do to protect his family and the community. He recalls the hatred directed at public health officials. The first disruption to Kim's life was when her roommate asked her not to go to the gym so that the roommate could see an ailing family member. One of the major disruptions to Josh's life was when he attended his brother's wedding in Texas and everything was starting to close. Josh and Kim both received the vaccine as soon as they could. Kim recalled the joy that people expressed after they received their vaccines. They both agreed with mask mandates. They both discussed how difficult it was to keep up with frequently-changing information and that many people didn't seem to understand that "science is always changing." HGLHC acquired protective suits and respirators

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for staff so that they could still care for their patients, which helped patients feel

safe. They continued to provide services for their patients throughout the

pandemic. Kim attended Black Lives Matter rallies. She commented that many

people were quick to lash out at protestors and say that there were bigger

concerns. She disagreed noting, “We could be concerned about more than one

thing at the same time.”

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