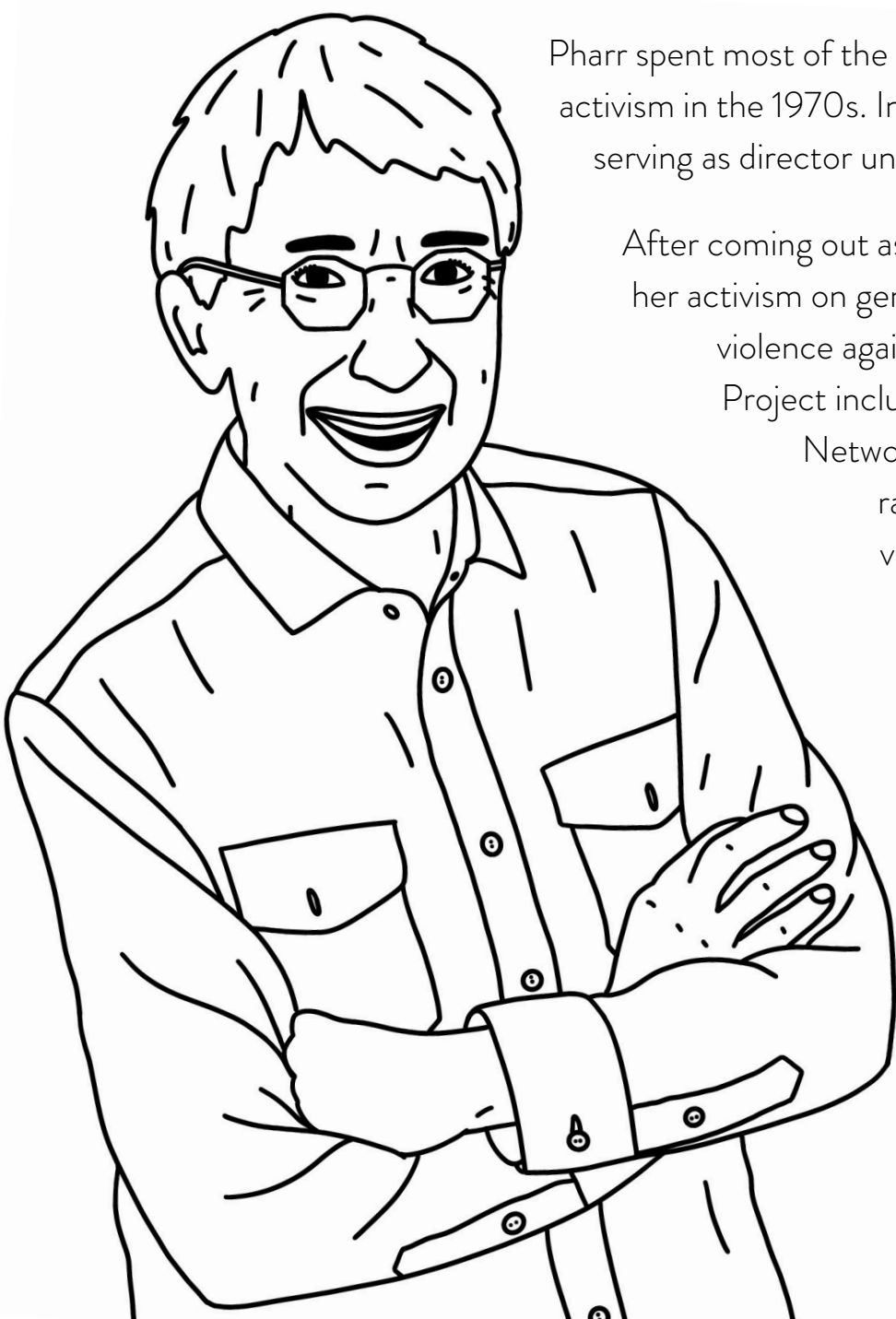




Suzanne Pharr

(1939-)

Suzanne Pharr is a longtime activist for social justice. As an author, organizer, and strategist, she has led numerous campaigns aimed at ensuring equality and justice. Pharr founded the Women's Project, a feminist, anti-racist organization based in Little Rock, and worked with women in small towns throughout Arkansas.



Pharr spent most of the 1960s teaching before moving into social activism in the 1970s. In 1981 she founded the Women's Project, serving as director until 1991 and remaining on staff until 1999.

After coming out as a lesbian, Pharr began focusing much of her activism on gender and sexuality issues, and in particular violence against women. Pharr's work at the Women's Project included developing the Women's Watchcare Network, a group that monitors and documents racist, religious-based, sexist, and anti-gay violence. Pharr was the co-founder of one of the first domestic-violence shelters in Arkansas.

Among her many accolades are the Harvey Milk Award presented in 1997; the Jeanette Rankin Award for Lifelong Activism in 1995; the Ms. Foundation's Gloria Steinem Award in 1993; and the Stonewall Foundation's Stonewall Award for National Gay and Lesbian Leadership in 1993.

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