



American Family Association steals and uses copyrighted pictures as part of its boycott against Kraft Foods

(JACKSON, MS – June 8, 2005) – Tupelo, Mississippi based American Family Association sent out an email this evening containing a link to pictures it said shows exactly what Kraft Foods is supporting as a sponsor of the 2005 Gay Games in Chicago.

The pictures come from the web site ChrisGeary.com. After further investigation, we have come to the conclusion that the AFA stole the pictures from the web site

ChrisGeary.com representatives say they weren't informed of the AFA's plan nor did they give, or were ever asked for, permission to use the photos.

Equality Mississippi has encouraged ChrisGeary.com to file suit against the AFA for their theft and violation of copyright and says that it will support the suit 100 percent.

"It's time these right-wing zealot organizations who are the true perpetrators of the supposed gay agenda learn that the law applies to them too. Stealing pictures and using them in their anti-gay campaigns must stop! This isn't the first incident of this in America," said Jody Renaldo, Equality Mississippi executive director. "The gay agenda, as these Christian organizations call it, is of their own making because it is their largest fund raiser. Not 'save the souls' campaigns or 'feed the children' campaigns, but 'fight the gays' campaigns that make these organizations millions of dollars. That's your gay agenda."

As of this writing, the location of the photos on the AFA web site is at:

<http://www.afa.net/activism/gaygamesproof.html>

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