

*In the Life Winner of Seigenthaler
Excellence in Network Television Award*

The National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) awarded *In the Life* with its Excellence in Journalism Award. The national public television newsmagazine show received second place in the NLGJA category of “Excellence in Network Television.” The award is recognition of *In the Life*’s powerful segment “I’m Still Emily,” featured in the January 2006 episode, “Principals of Youth.”

“I’m Still Emily,” tells the story of 17-year-old Emily Frerichs, the only person to publicly come out in her rural town in Iowa. Her battle to start a Gay-Straight-Alliance in her school, and her personal journey to find acceptance within her church, offered a window into what it means to be young, gay, and a devout Christian in America’s heartland.

According to former Board Trustee and long time supporter of *In the Life*, Michael Leppen, who planned to accept the honor at the ceremony held this November in Chicago: “It’s a tremendous honor for me to receive this award on behalf of this groundbreaking series which has just kicked off its fifteenth season on public television. *In the Life* would like to dedicate this award to Emily Frerichs, the teenager who shared her remarkable story with us.” Leppen said.

Currently in its 15th season on public television, *In the Life* airs monthly on 246 stations nationwide, reaching 70 million US households. Encore episodes of *In the Life* can be seen on gay cable channel Logo, reaching 23 million viewers. Additionally, *In the Life* can also be seen via the web at www.inthelifetv.org.

NLGJA’s “Excellence in Journalism Awards” recognize and reward excellence in journalism on issues related to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. Winners are chosen by 40 distinguished journalists from across the country that volunteer their time to serve as judges.