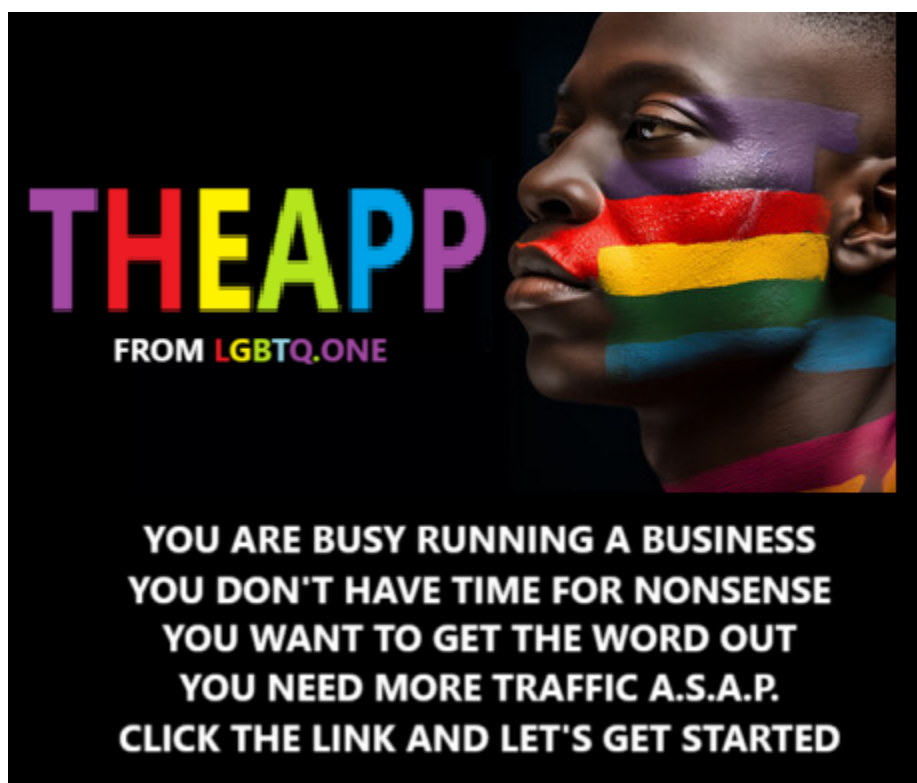


# THEAPP.ONE: A Legacy of Love, A Future of Safety

## From the Desert to a Digital Movement — A Phoenix-Born Story of Innovation, Inclusion, and Hope

In the sun-drenched city of Phoenix, Arizona, two brothers set out on a journey that would eventually span decades, industries, and communities. Bill and Scott Thompson didn't just build infrastructure—they built connection. And long before “connectivity” was a buzzword, they were already laying the groundwork, quite literally, to bring people together.

This is not only a story of innovation and enterprise—it's a story of loss, love, and a promise fulfilled.



### The Builders: Bill & Scott Thompson

In the 1970s, the Thompson brothers arrived in Phoenix from rural Kentucky, armed with nothing but cable construction skills, determination, and a belief in hard work. They founded **Thompson**



**Communications**, and soon became a foundational force in Arizona's cable television landscape.

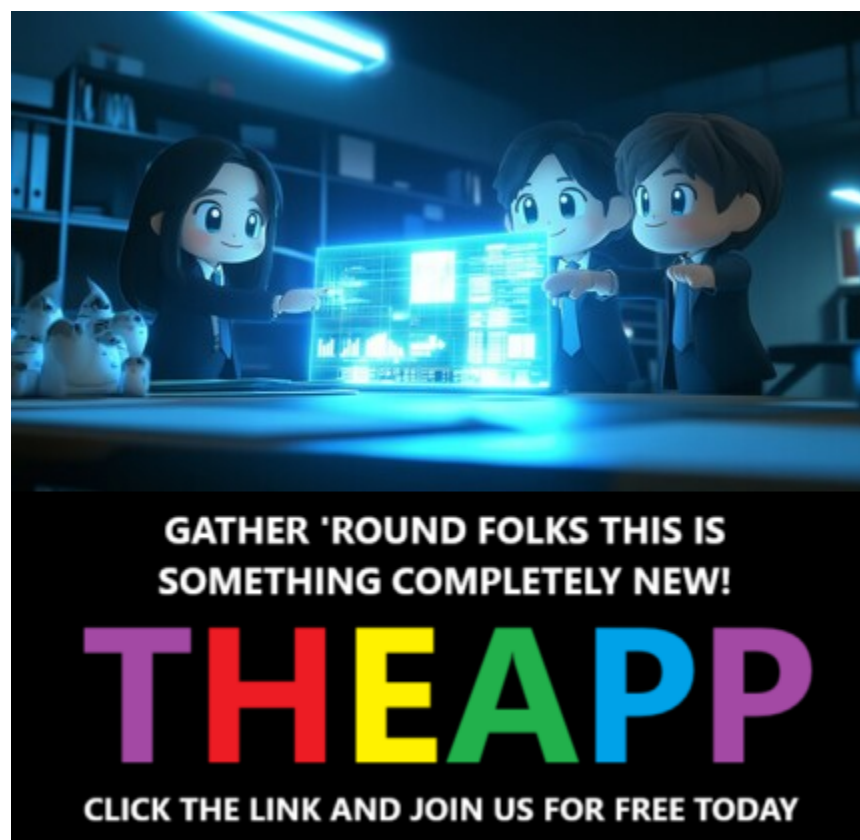
They worked with major providers like Storer, American Cable, and later Cox Communications. By the time their boots left the trenches, they had helped install nearly **2,000 miles of coaxial and fiber optic cable** across the state—connecting families, businesses, and entire communities.

But what they were really building—beyond the cable lines—was something much more profound: **access, inclusion, and the possibility of connection in even the most remote corners of Arizona.**

## **A Quiet Pain, A Public Promise**

While their professional success grew, Scott Thompson carried with him a quieter, more painful reality—growing up as a gay man in a world that often met his identity with intolerance and judgment.

His strength, like that of many LGBTQ+ individuals, was tested by discrimination and silence. And though he lived and worked with resilience and grace, those early wounds never fully healed.





In 2023, Scott passed away unexpectedly at just 52 years old.

Bill was devastated. But through the grief, a purpose emerged. In Scott's honor, Bill made a vow—not just to remember his brother, but to **protect others like him**. To create something that could ensure the next generation of LGBTQ+ individuals never had to wonder where it was safe to be themselves.

## From Cable Lines to Lifelines: Introducing THEAPP.ONE

Out of this promise came **LGBTQ.ONE**, a nonprofit platform founded in Scott's memory.

Its flagship tool? [THEAPP.ONE](#)—a free, no-download, privacy-first web application designed to help LGBTQ+ individuals and allies **identify safe, inclusive spaces** wherever they go. From friendly businesses and affirming professionals to welcoming events and vital community resources, THEAPP.ONE provides real-time information that can be accessed on any device—without requiring an account, login, or any personal data.

 **THEAPP.ONE empowers users to make informed choices—quickly, easily, and privately—so they can feel confident and safe in any city.**

What began as an Arizona initiative is now expanding nationwide, with communities across the U.S. adopting the tool to promote local inclusivity and support LGBTQ+ residents, travelers, and youth.

## Phoenix: Ground Zero for Connection and Change

It's no coincidence that this platform was born in Phoenix—a city known for its resilience, reinvention, and radical sunshine.

Just as the Thompsons laid cable through the desert to bring entertainment and information to rural towns, **THEAPP.ONE is now laying a new kind of network**: one of care, compassion, and community.

In the same spirit that built Phoenix into the thriving metropolis it is today, **THEAPP.ONE is pushing forward a vision where no one feels alone, unsafe, or unwelcome**—no matter where they are.

## More Than an App—It's a Movement

This is more than a tech tool—it's a memorial, a movement, and a message:

That **connection saves lives**.

That **inclusion isn't optional—it's essential**.

That **love is a legacy worth building**.



## Join the Journey

We believe stories like this deserve to be heard—and shared.

By telling the story of THEAPP.ONE, you're helping to amplify a mission rooted in lived experience, grief, and love. You're showing your audience that innovation can come from heartbreak, and that even in a world that can feel divided, **we still have the power to build something better—together.**

Phoenix was the beginning.

The nation is the next step.

And with your help, [THEAPP.ONE](#) can reach everyone who needs to know where they are **safe, seen, and supported.**