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The Pride in Philanthropy Awards *Celebrating 35 Years of Funders for LGBTQ Issues*

Funders for LGBTQ Issues was founded 35 years ago in 1982 at the annual conference of the National Network of Grantmakers, when a small group of funders met to discuss how philanthropy could better support lesbian and gay issues. Since that pivotal moment, we have come into our own as a fully staffed organization with a committed board of directors and staff, a history of successful initiatives, and an annual convening of grantmakers which has reflected both our growth and the growth of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) philanthropic sector. We are now a network of more than 80 foundations, corporations, and funding institutions that collectively award more than one billion dollars annually, including more than \$100 million specifically devoted to LGBTQ issues. Our mission is to increase the scale and impact of philanthropic resources aimed at enhancing the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities, promoting equity, and advancing racial, economic and gender justice.

For our 35th anniversary, we want to celebrate and acknowledge the philanthropic leadership that has brought LGBTQ funding to this moment. We are thrilled to announce our inaugural 2017 Pride in Philanthropy Awards, celebrating 35 years of Funders for LGBTQ Issues and honoring four individuals and institutions that have led the way in funding the advancement of equality, social justice, and better lives for LGBTQ communities.

Call for Nominations *The Inaugural Pride in Philanthropy Awards*

With this call for nominations, Funders for LGBTQ Issues asks its members to nominate candidates for the inaugural Pride in Philanthropy Awards. Online submission forms are now available (see links below). Note that the application deadline is **Wednesday, July 12, 2017**. Please review and share this notice with eligible colleagues. Submissions will be accepted for the following categories:

Pride in Philanthropy Awards for Institutions

The Out for Impact Award is for a philanthropic institution that has been a trailblazer for impactful grantmaking addressing urgent needs in LGBTQ communities and for bold strategies to advance social change in LGBTQ communities. This award will be presented at our 35th Anniversary Celebration in New York City on November 2nd, 2017.

Eligibility Requirements

- Nominees must demonstrate significant impact in grantmaking for LGBTQ equality and justice.
- Awarded nominee must agree to provide a short statement on why strategic funding of LGBTQ issues is essential for philanthropic impact.

The Out in the South Leadership Award is for a philanthropic institution that has demonstrated significant leadership on grantmaking for LGBTQ communities in the U.S. South. This award will be presented at the 2017 Unity Summit in New Orleans, Sept. 18th – 22nd.

Eligibility Requirements

- Only grantmaking institutions are eligible for nomination.
- Nominees must demonstrate commitment to impactful grantmaking and thought leadership for improving the lived experience of LGBTQ communities in the U.S. South.
- Awarded nominee must agree to provide a short statement on why LGBTQ-specific funding is important to the well-being of Southern communities and why they are committed to this work.

Pride in Philanthropy Awards for Individuals

The Lifetime Achievement Award in LGBTQ Philanthropy is for an LGBTQ philanthropist who has made a difference in the lives of LGBTQ communities over the course of their lifetime. The awardee will have demonstrated a long commitment to improving the wellbeing of LGBTQ communities, advancing social justice, and strengthening LGBTQ philanthropy. This award will be presented at our 35th Anniversary Celebration in New York City on November 2nd, 2017.

Eligibility Requirements

- Only individuals are eligible for nomination; current Funders for LGBTQ Issues staff and board members are ineligible.
- Nominees must exhibit vision, creative leadership, and inspiration to others in the philanthropic sector.
- Nominees must demonstrate an established history of philanthropic service and a lasting legacy for LGBTQ equality and social justice.
- Awarded nominee must agree to provide a short statement on why philanthropy is essential for LGBTQ equality and justice and why they are committed to this work.

The Reed Erickson Award for Trailblazing Leadership is for a philanthropic professional who has demonstrated trailblazing leadership for LGBTQ philanthropy. The recipient of this award has helped communities envision the future and trailblazed innovative strategies for philanthropy to effect lasting change in LGBTQ communities. This award will be presented at our 35th Anniversary Celebration in New York City on November 2nd, 2017.

Eligibility Requirements

- Only individuals are eligible for nomination; current Funders for LGBTQ Issues staff and board members are ineligible.
- Nominees must demonstrate a passion for advancing LGBTQ equality and social justice through philanthropy.
- Awarded nominee must agree to provide a short statement on why philanthropy has a unique and invaluable role to play in the advancement of human rights and social justice.

Submissions may be submitted by any member of Funders for LGBTQ Issues. Funders for LGBTQ Issues encourages nominations of individuals and institutions that share a commitment to promoting equity and advancing racial, economic, and gender justice within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities.

Funders for LGBTQ Issues encourages nominations of individuals who represent the full diversity of LGBTQ and allied communities in terms of race, creed, color, gender, gender identity and expression, age, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, HIV serostatus, disability, marital status, or immigration status.

Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines and eligibility requirements. **All completed nomination forms must be received by Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 8:00PM (EST).**

For more information about the Funders for LGBTQ Issues, please visit www.lgbtfunders.org. Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to receiving your nominations.

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