

# FRIENDS OF PROJECT 10

## Holiday UPDATE 2013

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### A THANK YOU TO ALL



Gail Rolf and Dr. Virginia Uribe

Once again another year has passed, and all of us involved in Friends of Project 10 extend our warmest greetings and thanks for your support. Our community has seen many successes this past year, most notably the repeal of DOMA and the increasing number of states (15 as of this writing) recognizing same-sex marriages. On the student front, a growing number of resources are being made available to LGBT youth from books and school Gay Straight Alliances to adult school advocates, including both teachers and administrators.

It isn't all rosy. There are still places where prejudice and homophobia is so entrenched that young people live in the daily fear of being discovered. It is for this reason that Friends of Project 10 exists.

The harsh rhetoric of some politicians and religious leaders sends conflicting, and often destructive messages to LGBT youth. Friends of Project 10 counters these messages by focusing entirely on supporting positive events for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth, many of whom are isolated and unable to learn about themselves and their community. Further, our organization provides education for schools and parents involving LGBT youth issues and keeping our schools safe for all students.

We receive no state or federal funding. You, the donors and volunteers, are a special group of individuals who share in the vision of a better future for our young people.

Thank you, and happy holidays to you and your families.

Dr. Virginia Uribe, Founder Executive Director  
Gail Rolf, Education Director

### SAVE THE DATE—Invite Friends!

Join Us for an evening of  
FUN, COMMUNITY-BUILDING &  
FUNDRAISING

### LEGENDARY BINGO

Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
6:30 PM (come early—reservations suggested)  
Bingo begins at 7pm and ends at 9pm

**Hamburger Mary's**  
8288 Santa Monica Blvd  
West Hollywood 90046  
323.654.8275

Proceeds benefit the

**Models of Excellence scholarship program**  
\$20 suggested donation (includes all game cards)

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 @ 6:30PM**

FRIENDS OF PROJECT 10 INC. hosts

**Legendary BINGO**

starring **BINGO-BOY AND HIS DRAG QUEEN BINGO HOSTESS**

**\$20** suggested donation at door includes 10 regular Bingo Game Cards!

- ★ 10 GAMES OF LEGENDARY BINGO
- ★ GREAT DOOR PRIZES
- ★ FULL MENU & BAR
- ★ FUN, COMMUNITY-BUILDING & FUNDRAISING

Proceeds of this event go to support Friends of Project 10 Inc.'s **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**HAMBURGER MARY'S**  
In West Hollywood  
8288 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Reservations: 323.654.8275  
Valet parking in restaurant lot

facebook.com/Friends-of-Project-10  
LegendaryBingo.com  
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## NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Los Angeles Unified School District continues to be a national leader in providing services for LGBTQ youth. On October 10, National Coming Out Day was celebrated at Miguel Contreras High School by inviting students and adults to join together to learn about how NCOD was started in 1987, and how important the message of “coming out” has been in the rapid changes the LGBT community has witnessed in the past few years. Nearly 50 Los Angeles Unified School District staff and students filmed “I’m coming Out for Safe Schools.” The superintendent, school police chief, teachers, students, parents, grandparents, bus drivers, and many more gave heartfelt messages of love and support for their LGBTQ students and allies.



This was part of the LAUSD partnership with the LA Gay & Lesbian Center called Project SPIN (Suicide Prevention Intervention Now). SPIN is a coalition of organizations designed to provide comprehensive support for youth who attend school within the LAUSD. Specifically, the coalition works together to bring change to the LAUSD that will positively impact students and end the conditions that contribute to bullying and homophobia, LGBTQ youth suicide and suicidal ideation.

## GAY LA: THEN AND NOW

KLCS, the television station of the Los Angeles Unified School District, in partnership with the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center and ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, aired a 90-minute special, **Gay L.A.: Then and Now**, featured a number of LGBT activists, including **Dr. Virginia Uribe**, founder of the nation’s first school-based program (**Project 10**) to address antigay harassment and discrimination in public schools.

The program chronicled the history of the LGBT movement in Los Angeles and it explored the challenges and successes of the movement. LGBT students discussed the future they envision for our schools.

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