

FRIENDS OF PROJECT 10

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FRIENDS OF PROJECT 10 MAKING SOME CHANGES FOR 2011

Greetings to all of our supporters and new “friends” of Friends of Project 10. We are very busy making some major changes to our organization and its programs. As result of the increasing size and costs of the annual Models of Pride conference, we have turned over its production to the capable hands of LifeWorks, a youth development program of the LA Gay & Lesbian Center. Nearly 1,000 people participated in the conference in 2010, and numbers are expected to increase in 2011. We shall continue our strong support of the conference, but the actual administration of it will be with LifeWorks. Visit www.ModelsofPride.org for more information.

As a result of this major program shift, we are expanding our Models of Excellence scholarship program with the goal of raising \$20,000 to \$30,000 and giving awards of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000 to Southern California senior high school students who have demonstrated a commitment to LGBT civil rights issues.

We will continue to produce the annual LGBTQ Youth Prom for middle school and senior high school students, as this continues to be a very popular event, and it is considered to be “the prom” in town.

Additionally, we collaborate with community groups and schools/school districts to help enact the laws and policies that address anti-gay harassment and discrimination within our public schools and schools receiving public funding.

These programs could not be made possible without your support. schools. Your generous donations help us to achieve these goals.

PROJECT 10 MATERIAL DONATED TO ONE GAY & LESBIAN ARCHIVES

On January 16, 2011, Dr. Virginia Uribe and her partner, Gail Rolf, spoke at the One Gay & Lesbian Archives and reviewed the Project 10 program from its inception in 1984, including the religious right and conservative attacks, to the formation of the nonprofit arm, Friends of Project 10 Inc. At the end of the talk, Dr. Uribe gifted all historical material to the One Gay & Lesbian Archives where it will be stored and available for public view. Of all the news clippings and letters, Dr. Uribe said that the most difficult to part with was the original letter from then Archbishop Roger Mahoney condemning the Program and refusing to meet with Dr. Uribe to discuss Project 10. We thank the One Institute for supporting our work and allowing us to share with the community. Visit their web site at <<http://www.onearchives.org>> for more information about programs and events.

LGBTQ YOUTH PROM

The annual LGBTQ Youth Prom will be held on Friday evening, May 13, 2011, at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., LA, from 8pm to 12 midnight. This prom is for middle school and high school aged youth—all are welcome! Friends of Project 10 is currently seeking individuals, couples, businesses, and community groups who would like to sponsor student tickets to the prom, as many young people are unable to afford the cost of the ticket. The full ticket cost is \$60 per person. Students who prepay by Monday, May 9, 2011, pay the reduced cost ticket of \$40, and \$50 at the door. Adults who chaperone youth pay the full ticket cost. The ticket application is on our web site at <www.FriendsofProject10.org>. Visit our web site or contact our office at 626.577.4553 or <project10@hotmail.com> for donation information.



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**CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE FUNDRAISER
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH—SUNDAY—MARCH 27, 2011—11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM—PALMS SPRINGS**

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1100 Murray Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

▼ CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH ▼ SILENT AUCTION ON ORIGINAL ART ITEMS ▼
▼ VIP GIFT ▼ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ▼

All proceeds will benefit our **Models of Excellence** scholarship program

\$60 individual \$100 couple
\$100 VIP individual \$150 VIP couple

Host Committee

(at the time of this printing)

Cathedral City Councilmember Greg Petis
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Robert StGenis and Harold "Mac" McCarthy

Max Manuel
Gail Rolf and Virginia Uribe
Elva Miller
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To purchase tickets, visit our web site at <http://www.FriendsofProject10.org> and click on "Latest News"—or, contact our office at 626.577.4553 or <project10@hotmail.com>. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Once again it is time for graduating senior high school students who have demonstrated a commitment to LGBT civil rights and who attend Southern California schools to apply for the Models of Excellence scholarship. Students will need to show evidence of being accepted to an institution of higher education. Applications are due on Saturday, May 14, 2011 (no exceptions). Awards of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000 will be given at a scholarship ceremony on Saturday, June 25, 2011, from 3 to 5 pm, at Camilo's Bistro Café in Eagle Rock. Winners must be present to receive their award. Applications can be downloaded from our web site at <<http://www.FriendsofProject10.org>> and click on the Models of Excellence Scholarship link.

We are currently seeking scholarship sponsors. Individuals, couples, community groups and businesses are invited to sponsor scholarships. Sponsors will be invited to the scholarship ceremony in June. To contribute visit our web site at <<http://www.FriendsofProject10.org>>, click on the "Donate Today" tab, and scroll down to "Models of Excellence Scholarship Sponsor." Or, contact our office at 626.577.4553 or <project10@hotmail.com>. All sponsors who donate \$1,000 or more will become Project 10 Millennium Trustees.

A NEW LGBT CHURCH IN PASADENA

We welcome the Good Shepard Church Pasadena and Rev. Rick Eisenlord to the LGBT community. Friends of Project 10 has been working closely with Rev. Rick to help establish a LGBT scholarship fund and a Pasadena Pride Center (a separate 501c3) that will serve the San Gabriel Valley. To learn more about the wonderful work being done, visit their web site at www.goodshepardpasadena.com.

A SUCCESSFUL SOIREE!



Thanks to all of you who attended the Long Beach "Couple Soiree & Future Couples Entree" on February 5, 2011, at the lovely home of Drs. Lydia Vaias and Susan Melvin. Over 70 people enjoyed an evening of food, fun, live music, Q2DSpeeddating, and laughter. Two students, Jack Cummings and Chris Murphy, spoke of their school experiences and of the necessity of support for LGBT youth on school campuses. The Soiree was a fundraiser for the Models of Excellence Scholarship program, and in addition to the money raised at the event, three people

contributed an additional \$1,000 each toward the scholarship fund. Additional appreciation goes out to Robert StGenis who organized the event, the Southern California Edison professionals who volunteered for the evening, and to all of the merchants who donated to the silent auction. And special thanks to the wonderful violinist, Dayren Santamaria, who provided such beautiful music throughout the evening!



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