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Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride Announces 2009 Grant Recipients at Grantee Reception

Long Beach, CA - August 20, 2009 - Yesterday, Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride (LBLGP) announced that it had awarded more than \$40,000 in Pride Grants to ten other nonprofit organizations. Each year, LBLGP awards Pride Grants based on a competitive application process. The LBLGP Grants and Scholarship Volunteer Committee evaluates and scores each funding request, and makes recommendations to the organization's Board of Directors with the following funding priorities in mind: Health and Wellness; Education, HIV/AIDS & STD Prevention & Treatment; Cultural Arts; Social and Human Services; and, Social Justice/Human Rights.

Representatives from the 2009 recipient organizations attended a special Grantee Reception at the LBLGP office where grant checks were distributed. The organizational names of each nonprofit grantee and their funded project are listed below.

In addition to the 2009 Pride Grants, LBLGP also recently disbursed an additional \$65,000 as a part of its Volunteer Grant Program. LBLGP is the volunteer driven organization that is responsible for planning and executing the annual Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride Festival Celebration each year. Individuals and groups that volunteer at the festival may do so on behalf of a nonprofit charity of their choice. Individuals that join LBLGP as a "member" and volunteer year-round for festival planning activities may also identify a charity to receive a Member Designated Grant. "Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride is very much a service driven organization. The kinds of people that are drawn to LBLGP unselfishly give of their time and talent and the various Grant Programs are simply an added incentive to help motivate people who are already givers," said Carl Highshaw, Administrative Director.



Mission Statement

To engage in and support bridge building activities that educate, encourage, and celebrate LGBT inclusion and pride.

**Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride
2009 PRIDE GRANTEES**

Bikerstaff Pediatric & Family HIV Center at Miller Children's Hospital

Funded Project: *Laboratory services for HIV positive individuals*

Beacon House

Funded Project: *Clean and sober festival*

St. Mary's CARE Program

Funded Project: *HIV Counseling & Testing and Peer Treatment Support*

The Center Long Beach

Funded Project: *HIV Counseling and Testing Room conversion*

Freedom Band Foundation of L.A.

Funded Project: *Pride Season Concert in the Park*

In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.

Funded Project: *Wellness for Life Health Conference*

LGBT Resource Center at CSULB

Funded Project: *LGBT Lavender Graduation Ceremony at CSULB*

The SERRA Project

Funded Project: *HIV/AIDS homeless services*

South Coast Chorale

Funded Project: *A Dream is a Wish" Concert*

Strength for the Journey -California Pacific

Conference of United Methodist Church

Funded Project: *Strength for the Journey camp*

The Life Group LA

Funded Project: *The POZ Life Weekend Seminars*

SNAP SHOTS FROM GRANTEE RECEPTION



Various LBLGP Grantees and LBLGP Board Members



Kimberlee Woods, Executive Director of The Center Long Beach (left) receives Pride Grant check from LBLGP Co-Presidents Sergio Macias & Julie Brown



LBLGP Pride Grantees participate in discussions about their funded projects

L.B.L.G.P. is the 3rd largest pride organization in California (5th in the nation) and produces its annual Pride Celebration on the 3rd weekend of May. While the Celebration is the main project of the organization, it operates year-round and sponsors various philanthropic projects, as well as provides grants to other local nonprofits and scholarships to deserving students.