

Our Family Coalition Celebrates 21 Years Advocating for LGBTQ Families at Night Out Gala

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 8, 2017 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – On Friday, May 12, 2017, Our Family Coalition (OFC), California's premier LGBTQ family organization, brings together 400 attendees for a Night Out to celebrate the organization's 21 years of advocacy, education, and community-building. The gala event includes elected officials, corporate sponsors, community partners and major donors, many of whom are LGBT people with children.



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Congresswoman Barbara Lee will receive the Notable Ally Award at the gala. Lee, long one of the Bay Area's fiercest voices in Washington, serves as Vice-Chair and Founding Member of the LGBT Equality Caucus and Co-Founder & Co-Chair of the Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus.

President of AT&T California Ken McNeely will receive the Luminary Award. McNeely, who lives with his husband and two children in San Francisco, is leading the way in the private sector. He was the first openly gay officer of AT&T, and serves on the Officer Advisory Board for AT&T's LGBT and allied Employee Resource Group, the oldest LGBT employee resource group in the nation.

"At 21 years old this year, Our Family Coalition is all grown up," says OFC's

first Executive Director of color, Renata Moreira. “We’re more than ready to meet the challenges facing LGBT families under the Trump administration. This event gives us a chance to celebrate our resilience, take pride in where we’ve been, and generate energy for our next, bold, intersectional steps forward.”

“I am honored Congresswoman Barbara Lee will be there and honored as well—though I am more likely the ‘as well,’” jokes honoree Spiegel. “Michelle Meow is the usually hilarious political comic MC. The work I’m being recognized for has been about helping make sure LGBT couples are included fully in family law settings. That work goes hand-in-hand with the number of LGBT families who OFC has supported in coming and being out, being legally protected, and thereby changing the political landscape for marriage equality. That work is now redoubled by OFC and all of us.”

Now in its 9th year, Night Out has established itself as the only event exclusively supporting LGBT families with children in the Bay Area. The general public is warmly invited to this adults-only event.

Tickets are on sale now at <http://www.ourfamily.org/give-back/night-out>.

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