Reachable Youth

In the course of just three months, Identity has hit the ground running in the youth department. Grayson Mitchell, Identity’s Youth Engagement Specialist, has made it his mission to get his hands in all sorts of work with youth. He has successfully managed to work with five Anchorage GSA programs closely, and in many capacities. He has met with over twenty other youth engaged organizations to collaborate and make youth programming at Identity a much more successful, fun, and imperative endeavor.

In November, Grayson put together an LGBTQ youth and family Thanksgiving dinner, which was a great success, and a much-needed event. Everyone worked so hard to make sure this event was everything it could be and more. He also planned, with incredible help from his committee, the first annual Transgender Day of Remembrance candlelight vigil, which brought in nearly 25 people. He foresees that number doubling for the second annual TDOR.

Grayson has also been working closely with a Youth Pride Prom Committee for the upcoming event on April 20, 2013. The youth are instrumental and very conscious about making their prom a success.

Grayson has big plans for youth involvement at Identity including, but not limited to: weekly youth support groups, quarterly youth events, and ongoing projects to ensure the quality of life and success for LGBTQ youth in Alaska.

Double Rainbow

A double rainbow was visible in the Florida sky when Al Carter-Incontro joined his life partner, Dan, this September. They have honored Identity, Inc. in their wills with a bequest to further Identity’s programs supporting equality for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community and its allies.

Thank you, Dan and Al, your legacy lives on.

Identity, Inc. has been selected to receive a $1,087.00 grant from the Anchorage Democrats’ Community Action Fund. Many, many thanks to the Anchorage Democrats – these funds will be used to support our increased outreach and support of LGBTA youth.
Behind the scenes of PrideFest 2013
By Anne Marie Moylan

You might think that PrideFest planning is akin to a scene from Le Cage Aux Folles, a la applying a little more mascara. Some of the team arrived in sweatpants and T-shirts, others with the always perfect hair. Bottled water and full containers of caffeine products taking their places around the board room tables. After a lengthy brain storm, containers are empty, to-do lists are assigned and the real work begins. Our mission of putting on the best Summer event in Anchorage continues with many more planning days ahead and the continuation of a tradition for a successful LGBT PrideFest.

This year, we have a team of very creative folks from all sectors of the community and we are embarking on ways to reach wider into the community. This year is all about partnerships. As the winter months roll on, watch for details to roll out very soon. We urge you to mark your calendars now for a week of fabulous events from June 8 to 15.

With PrideFest 2013, Identity, Inc. will present a robust, thoughtful, celebratory experience of music, dancing, film, remembering, expanding and encouraging our community to erupt in creative ways to belong, more ways to reach out, and more ways to develop change. So what can you do to get involved? Volunteer and be part of this Summer’s greatest community-wide event! Sponsor PrideFest 2013 and provide a backbone that elevates our community and spotlights all that you and others can make happen! Participate and witness firsthand how you take it upon yourself to commandeer the best PrideFest event ever!

For more information on how to get involved in PrideFest2013, contact info@alaskapride.org

Military Gay and Lesbian

The newly formed Alaska Military Gay/Straight Alliance is meeting at our Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Watch Face Book for meeting announcements.

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Edie Bailey
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Identity has known for a long time that ally Edie is a Woman of Achievement
Alaska Pride Conference Report 2012
By Johnathan Jones, Pride Conference Chair

Pride Conference this year is considered by many to be the best one yet. In addition to our 3 day conference, we were joined by the 2nd annual Pride Conference Youth Summit. Thirty youth from all over the state joined us for Pride Conference. The Youth Summit has doubled in size and brought many a smile of fun and a tear of joy to all attendees. They are always a welcome and integral part of our conference experience.

Our opening social/kick off was held in conjunction with treftpunkt studios. They put on a photo exhibition called “Love is Love”. Over 760 people walked through the studio and had a great time enjoying the photography.

The Saturday event had two guest speakers. Opening speaker was Rev. George Blair of 1st Christian Congregational.

Keynote speaker was Kris Hermanns of the Pride Foundation. Both speakers were well received, with many people telling me they had “tears in their eyes”.

Workshops were well attended and various. We received much positive feedback on workshops. Folks asked for repeats of workshops because they didn’t want to miss out on other workshops. In the future we will endeavor to offer workshops more than once. We were also very lucky to have the NO H8 Campaign hold a photo shoot which drew over 100 attendees. Both the NO H8 Campaign and attendees said it was a successful event.

I consider the conference to be a success and would like to thank all the very hard working volunteers. Without the many hard working volunteers the conference would not have been a success.
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