

GLBT Pride/Twin Cities



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Grand Marshal, Award Nominations Open until November 3

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - GLBT Pride/Twin Cities would like to remind the community that nominations for Pride Grand Marshal 2004 and our 2004 Awards remain open until the November 3 board meeting.

Each year, Pride issues various awards to noteworthy individuals and organizations. In addition to the Grand Marshal, we also offer the following awards: The Everyday Hero Award is awarded to an individual who has volunteered for a GLBT-based group within the past year; the Community Pride Award is awarded to a community-based group or organization in the Twin Cities area. The group does not need to be formally organized; and the Corporate Achievement Award is awarded to a business or corporation that is headquartered in the Twin Cities area. Full qualification details and nomination forms may be obtained on Pride's website, www.tcpride.org, or by calling David W. Hill, VP of Administration, at 952-852-6106.

Jim Kelley, President of GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, said, "The Pride awards are a great way to honor the people and organizations that really benefit our community. Now is the time to get those nominations in. Having your organization recognized by Pride is a wonderful way to let the rest of the community in on the hard work that you do." Kelley continued, "If you know someone that volunteers their time to a GLBT organization, the Everyday Hero Award is a great way to tell them that you've noticed and that you care."

Anyone may submit a nomination for any of the awards or the Grand Marshal by following the instructions on the website. Although not necessary, it is encouraged that nominators attend a Pride Board Meeting to speak for their candidate.

Celebrating its 32nd year in 2004, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, the organizer of the Twin Cities Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) Pride Celebration, began in 1972 with a small group of activists meeting for a picnic in Minneapolis' Loring Park and a short march down Nicollet Mall. Over the intervening years, the Twin Cities Pride Celebration has grown to be the largest GLBT Pride in the region and 3rd largest in the United States, with an

estimated combined attendance in excess of 400,000 people at seven events. GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization.

It is the mission of GLBT Pride/Twin Cities to commemorate and celebrate our diverse heritage, to inspire the achievement of equality and challenge discrimination.

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