

GLBT Pride/Twin Cities



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Twin Cities Pride to Hire First Executive Director

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - Today, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, the organizer of the Twin Cities Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender Pride Celebration, began its search for an Executive Director. This person will lead Twin Cities Pride into an expanded role in providing open and inclusive events that showcase the diversity of our community. This is an opportunity for Pride to increase its visibility in the Twin Cities. For the past 34 years Pride has operated on a completely volunteer basis, this has limited the scope of outreach and support that the organization could provide to developing Pride Celebrations in surrounding communities. It has also limited the variety and number of events that could be produced each year.

The Executive Director will be the public face of the organization, meeting and developing contacts with corporate and civic leaders of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Pride expects that having someone concentrate on Pride year round will create opportunities for partnering with additional cities and corporations to provide events throughout the Metropolitan area.

"As a volunteer organization, Twin Cities Pride has grown to be the third largest in the United States and one of the top ten in the world. This is an amazing accomplishment for a group of volunteers. With the help of an Executive Director Pride expects to be able to continue the growth we've experienced over the past 10 years and provide assistance through education to regional Pride organizers."

"One of my goals for Pride has been to have as many diverse events as the Aquatennial. The GLBT community in Minnesota is as diverse as the straight community and our Pride events should reflect that. It is my hope that by having someone on board to guide and operate the business of Pride that our volunteers will be able to focus on the concept and implementation of Pride."

Complete details, and the full job description, are available on Pride's web site at <http://www.tcpride.org>. Résumés are due no later than Friday, September 22, 2006 and may be sent to President, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, PO Box 2104, Loop Station, Minneapolis, MN 55402 or via email to [president@tcpride.org](mailto:president@tcpride.org).

Celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> year in 2007, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the United States, with an estimated combined attendance in excess of 400,000 people at five events. GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is a nonprofit organization.

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

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