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We need your help to support the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Gay Straight Youth Pride Celebration! Every May the Boston Common fills with thousands of enthusiastic and prideful gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and their allies from all over Massachusetts for the annual Youth Pride celebration. This event is the oldest and largest youth pride event in the country. Youth Pride is a fundamental life-saving program that has carried on for 15 years with the help of The Friends of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth, Inc. ('The Friends'). In fact, The Friends has exclusively financed Youth Pride for six years.

Youth Pride is important in a state where GLB youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than students who don't identify as such (Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey). In order to make Youth Pride possible The Friends is hosting the third annual Sunset Soiree at the Boston University Trustee's Ballroom at 1 Silber Way in Boston on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

The Sunset Soiree will beckon Massachusetts' most prominent scene-stealers to come out for a night of fine food, a dazzling auction and good will. On this very night we are committed to raising \$100,000 to support Youth Pride, and its leadership programs for GLBT youth.

For the Sunset Soiree to be successful, The Friends not only depends upon its loyal donors, but also sponsorships from area businesses and organizations. We would like to invite you to be part of this exciting event by joining us as a sponsor. We have a number of sponsorship opportunities with numerous benefits, including recognition in printed materials. Please refer to the enclosed sheets for sponsorship levels, opportunities and benefits.

All the proceeds raised at the Sunset Soiree will fund Youth Pride and leadership development programming designed to combat GLBT suicide, alleviate isolationism and social stigma and bring information directly to the youth of Massachusetts. For more information on The Friends or Youth Pride (on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009!) please visit our website [www.friendsofGLBTyouth.org](http://www.friendsofGLBTyouth.org). If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [info@friendsofglbtyouth.org](mailto:info@friendsofglbtyouth.org). Your support of The Friends and suicide prevention is greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

The Board of Directors  
Friends of GLBT Youth, Inc.



"These kids are our kids."  
— Former Governor Weld