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Pacific Pride Foundation Announces New Executive Director Welcomes Kristin Flickinger

Santa Barbara, Calif., Jul. 13, 2020 – Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF) currently provides a dynamic range of LGBTQ+ health, prevention and social service programs to more than 10,000 people each year in Santa Barbara County with the goal to build a community where everyone is treated with respect and full equality regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status.

In order to support its mission of creating a thriving and visible LGBTQ+ community and preventing the transmission of HIV and HEP-C, PPF is pleased to announce the selection of Kristin Flickinger as its new Executive Director. Following a four-month, nationwide search, she becomes Executive Director effective July 21, 2020.

Flickinger brings to PPF two decades of work in the LGBTQ+ movement, including seven years with the Los Angeles LGBT center. She served for three years as Director of Programs at the Center, where, in addition to overseeing youth and senior services, she led efforts to coordinate services for both lesbian and bi women, as well as trans and non-binary people. In addition, she developed and implemented the new and highly innovative intergenerational culinary arts training program at the flagship Anita May Rosenstein property. Prior to serving as Director of Programs, she spent four years as the Southern California Director of AIDS/LifeCycle, where she headed up a \$25M fundraising effort over that time. She holds a JD from Willamette University College of Law and a BA in business from Lewis & Clark College.

“PPF is the largest LGBTQ+ center between LA and San Francisco,” said Lynn Cunningham Brown. “Kristin is going to be a key part in achieving our

strategic plan to take the organization to the next level of growth, to make us the recognized leader for issues relevant to the LGBTQ+ population and to broaden our programming to meet the challenging and diverse needs of our community.”

“I’m thrilled to be joining Pacific Pride Foundation at this critical time in our movement,” said Kristin. “And look forward to advancing the organization’s commitment to be a resource where all members of the LGBTQ+ communities of the Central Coast can come for culturally relevant services.”

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Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF) is the largest LGBTQ+ center between Los Angeles and San Francisco, serving all of Santa Barbara County. It partners with 35 other educational and nonprofit agencies to create a thriving and visible LGBTQ+ community and prevent the transmission of HIV and HEP-C. PPF provides diverse and inclusive services and programs to more than 10,000 LGBTQ+ clients each year, including youth programs, elder programs, counseling services, sensitivity trainings, community events, and advocacy on LGBTQ+ issues.

PPF directly prevents the transmission of disease through its HIV/AIDS and HEP-C testing and prevention outreach and education, delivering 1300 free tests in the past year. PPF is the leader in programs for LGBTQ+ youth, serving 300 kids with mental health, suicide prevention, and anti-bullying programs, while providing them with a safe place and leadership opportunities. PPF is also addressing the opioid crisis through the only clean needle exchange program in the county, which collects about 100,000 used needles every year, and by distributing Narcan kits, which have saved more than 300 people from potentially fatal overdoses in the past year.

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