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**Pacific Pride Foundation is Excited to Introduce Its Newest Board Member,
Cristian Arango**

SANTA BARBARA, CA - Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF) today announced Cristian Arango as its newest board member.

"We're excited to welcome Cristian who has been a long-time supporter of our mission and has a great breadth of non-profit knowledge and experience" said PPF Executive Director Kristin Flickinger. "Having such a skilled community member on our board will allow us to further our commitment to creating a thriving, visible, and vibrant LGBTQAI+ community in Santa Barbara County. Welcome Cristian!"

Currently, Cristian Arango serves as a Finance, Operations, and Strategy Subscriptions Management Consultant (SMS) for Procore Technologies. Prior to joining Procore in March, 2021, Cristian served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Miami Beach Community Development Corporation, an affordable housing development organization.

"I am excited to bring my background in finance and non-profit management, to help PPF preserve, maintain and continue its impact in our communities - especially through PPF's PROUD youth, youth of color, and older adult programs. And, to be part of the many ways PPF will receive funding and expand its programming in today's pandemic" said Cristian Arango. "The unprecedented nature of the past two years have brought down many challenges on nonprofits, and I will do my best, along with staff and the rest of the Board of Directors, to help keep PPF's doors open."

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Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF) is the leading LGBTQ+ center between Los Angeles and San Francisco, serving more than 10,000 people each year throughout all of Santa Barbara County. Headquartered in Santa Barbara, it partners with 35 educational and nonprofit agencies to provide a dynamic range of health prevention and social service programs, including programs for LGBTQ+ youth and older adults, counseling services, opioid response services, sensitivity and competency 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 and anonymous tests annually. PPF is the leader in in-school and after-school programs for LGBTQ+ youth, serving 200 kids with mental health, suicide prevention, and anti-bullying programs, while providing them with a safe place for social connection and leadership development. PPF is addressing the opioid crisis through the only syringe exchange program in the county, which collects nearly a quarter of a million used syringes every year, and by distributing the overdose reversing drug Narcan, which resulted in 249 known reversals of potentially fatal overdoses in the past year.

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