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Pacific Pride Foundation Celebrates a Summer of Pride in Community!

Pride Month is finally here, and with it comes a whole month of joy and celebration. But our celebration doesn't have to stop on July 1st, which is why Pacific Pride Foundation is celebrating a Summer of Pride!

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be holding a large, in-person celebration; however, there are plenty of other ways to get involved and celebrate in community!

Throughout June and the rest of the summer, Pacific Pride Foundation will host smaller, "micro-events" (to be announced.) We have also partnered with several local restaurants, brands, bars, and more to bring you amazing ways to celebrate pride all summer long!

Pacific Pride Foundation Summer of Pride Partners include: Acme Hospitality, Alcazar Theater, Corepower Yoga, Deckers Brands, Hook & Press Donuts, Jake & Jones, McConnell's, Sanuk, SeaVees, Toad & Co., and UGG.

Jake & Jones is hosting a community wide "Pride Window" competition with donations benefiting Pacific Pride Foundation. Contact Jake & Jones to find out how to enter!

Additionally, we are hosting our summer Youth Leadership Program for local LGBTQ+ Youth. Youth (aged 12- 18 still enrolled in high school) will have the opportunity to connect in a safe and welcoming environment created by and

for LGBTQ+ people. Our programming creates friendships, builds leadership skills, and encourages youth to engage intentionally with their community. At the end of the summer, youth will be eligible to apply to become Youth Leaders for the 2021-2022 school year. The program runs from June 18th to August 6th at the Santa Barbara Community Arts Workshop and on Zoom. The program is FREE, but registration is required. Register [here](#).

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 services and programs to more than 10,000 clients in the inclusive and diverse LGBTQ+ community 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.

For more information or to make a donation please visit pacificpridefoundation.org.