



Greater Palm Springs Pride

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Palm Springs Pride Announces Recipients for 2017 Pride Honors Awards

August 15, 2017, Palm Springs, CA -- Greater Palm Springs Pride announced today the recipients of its 2017 Pride Honors Awards. The prestigious Pride Honors are presented annually to individuals in order to recognize their efforts in raising awareness and furthering the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and their allies. The awards will be presented at a ceremony on **September 28, at the Hyatt Palm Springs**.

Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Marshall Percy and Douglas Woodmansee, who have raised over \$2 million for charity since their stage debut 37 years ago as Dottie Du Bois and Maude Chapeau. Also recognized will be community organizer, an advocate for LGBTQ individuals and families, and an eighteen-year member of the PFLAG Palm Springs/Desert Communities chapter since 1999, Christine Hammond.

Well in the Desert, a twenty-year grass roots organization that cares for thousands of people annually whose extraordinary efforts help educate the public and humanize the face of the homeless in Palm Springs, is recognized as Advocate of the Year. With over forty years of service advancing the LGBT movement and special recognition for her commitment to raise the visibility of the lesbian community, Louise Minnick is honored as the Volunteer of the Year.

The Transgender Community Coalition, the largest transgender organization in the Inland Empire serving the needs of the local transgender community, is celebrated as the Organization of the Year. Desert Storm Veteran and community leader Kerry Hendrix is presented with the Spirit of Pride Award for advancing equality, promoting diversity and celebrating the strength and talent of the LGBT community.

The 2017 Friend of Pride is a business and community leader who has stalwartly supported the LGBT community Carolyn Caldwell, and the Spirit of Stonewall Community Service Award recognizes retired professor of nursing, DeAnn Young, whose life has been guided by the belief that one should give to others and the community.

"We are proud of all the honorees. At a time when we struggle to promote equality for all individuals, it feels great to stop for a moment, be aware, and recognize the people in our community doing wonderful work demonstrating the powerful force of love conquering hate," said Ron deHarte, president of Palm Springs Pride.

Grand Marshals for the 2017 Pride Parade will be announced in the weeks ahead.

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PRIDE HONORS AWARDS September 28, 2017 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

The prestigious **Palm Springs Pride Honors Awards** are presented annually to individuals to honor the work they have put into furthering the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and their allies. The awards reception will take place September 28, 2017, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Hyatt Palm Springs located at 285 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs. Tickets are available online at <http://bit.ly/pshonors15>. Proceeds from the reception will support the Pride organization's efforts to foster Pride in and respect for the region's LGBT communities.

ABOUT GREATER PALM SPRINGS PRIDE

Greater Palm Springs Pride (www.pspride.org) is a nonprofit community enhancement organization founded to promote the public education and awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and to promote the history, diversity and future prosperity of the Greater Palm Springs LGBT community. Palm Springs Pride has been a tireless advocate for equality and diversity since the first Coachella Valley Pride event was held in 1986.

The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization brings together the skills, talents and vision of our diverse community through its programs which include the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, Pride Honors Awards, OUT PSP a food and drink event, the Pride Parade, Pride Festival, the unique Pet Pride Parade, and the downtown Arenas Rd. Block Party.

For more information about Greater Palm Springs Pride, visit www.pspride.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/palmsprings.pride. The 2017 Palm Springs Pride Week is scheduled for November 3-5, 2017.

PHOTOS FOR GREATER PALM SPRINGS PRIDE HONOREES available at <http://bit.ly/PS17PHOTOS>.

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