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Pacific Pride Foundation Welcomes Development Director First in More Than a Decade

Santa Barbara, Calif., January 15, 2020 – Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF), providing programs and services to more than 10,000 people in Santa Barbara County, proudly announces the launch of a new Development Director position. This full-time position, based in Santa Barbara but engaging with the County as a whole, is the first of its kind at PPF for more than a decade.

“PPF is proud to have reached a particularly sustainable and thriving moment in the organization’s 44-year history,” said Colette Schabram, Executive Director of Pacific Pride Foundation. “With five new full-time hires in the last six months in the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria offices we are able to ensure the delivery of crucial, quality programs and services to community members who need it the most. Whether it is serving the homeless, LGBTQ+, or HIV-impacted communities, PPF’s committed and talented staff, with more than 65 years of combined experience in nonprofit development and leadership is committed to making Santa Barbara County safer and healthier for all.”

The newest addition to this team is Timothy Bigelow, who is stepping into the new Development Director role to expand support and ensure sustainability for PPF’s many programs and services. Previously the Development Director at CASA of Santa Barbara County, Timothy has more than 25 years of investment advisory and capital raising experience, and has a passion for helping the vulnerable and underserved in the community.

“The work PPF does with our LGBTQ+ clients and their families is crucial for the harmony of our community, and our health and prevention services save

lives daily,” said Bigelow. “I am proud to be part of an organization that is making the community a safer place. I hope to bring resources to this wonderful organization to take Pacific Pride Foundation to the next level.”

“This position has been a strategic goal of ours for quite some time, and we are proud to now make it a reality,” continued Schabram. “Our clients deserve the best quality and range of services we can provide, and this role will allow us to explore new and meaningful ways to continue to make a difference in our community for those who need it the most.”

The Development Director not only is tasked with establishing donor relationships across the County, but also assists with grant writing and new development initiatives, in addition to managing planned giving and pursuing an endowment.

“This new role will allow PPF to further establish itself in the community, with new potential to expand programming and reach to continue the amazing work this team does for Santa Barbara County,” said Lynn Cunningham Brown, Board President for PPF. “The Board of Directors are thrilled to have completed this critical milestone from our strategic plan.”

Timothy can be reached at timothy@pacificpridefoundation.org or 805-963-3636 x110 and can answer questions about giving to PPF or getting involved in supporting their mission.

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 200 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 90 people from potentially fatal overdoses in the past year.

For more information or to make a donation please visit <https://pacificpridefoundation.org>.