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# Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> BATON ROUGE PRIDE FEST

**Each year**, we all become more proud of what Baton Rouge has accomplished and the many ways we are finding to embrace and celebrate our pride, as well as to work toward a better sense of unity in our commUNITY.

**Who could have imagined** when we started the first of these gatherings eight years ago that by now Baton Rouge would have a full month of pride celebrations offered by various groups? Even more, who would have imagined this Baton Rouge Pride festival would be attracting thousands of people ... or that it would be one of the largest GLBTQ gatherings in the area and a model for other pride celebrations that have started around our state?

**We hope you're proud** of what you've helped to build because each of you has helped to build it just by being here today – whether it's your first time to attend or your eighth. We also hope you've supported and enjoyed many of the other activities offered this month by Pride 1, the Krewe of Divas, the Gay Men's Chorus and many others.

**Most of all**, we hope you'll feel the year of planning that's gone into this year's Baton Rouge Pride was worth the effort.

**There is so much** for all of us to be proud of:

- We've been blessed with great sponsors for this event. It couldn't happen without them, so be sure to say thanks!
- Our BR Pride planning team has been great (and so have a lot more volunteers who have pitched in to help). They've worked year after year to offer bigger and better events to you each time. Join me in thanking all of them!



*Some of the members of the Baton Rouge Pride planning team.*



- Mayor Kip Holden again proclaimed June 28, 2014, as LGBT Pride Day in the city-parish. It's his fifth consecutive time to honor us that way.
- We've also been graced with a number of entertainers willing to show you a good time. Thanks to all of them for being here today.
- Finally, we're getting to recognize two more great people as our honorary grand marshals.

**Those are just a few** of the things we have to be thankful for. It's been a great year, and all of us on the Pride Fest team are proud about bringing this event to you and excited about its future.

**We hope you leave here motivated and excited** about ways you can play a part in building a sense of commUNITY and making our area an even better place to live. And, of course, we also hope you enjoy the friends, the fun and the entertainment, too.

–Tom Merrill, Chairman, Baton Rouge Pride Inc.

*P.S. Tell us what you thought by taking our online survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRPride](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRPride).*

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# Honorary Grand Marshals Have Offered Years of Service

The Baton Rouge Pride team is proud to honor two individuals who have offered years of service to our community as our 2014 honorary grand marshals.

Both Cami Miller and Joe Traigle are well known in the Baton Rouge GLBTQ community and have played a variety of key roles in it, including leading Capital City Alliance in some of its earliest days.

Miller has been a psychiatric nurse, an interpreter, a ship chandler, a debt collector, a nanny, a trainer and a coach... and once even sold sand to Arabs for about five years. She first became active in GLBTQ affairs in 1998 and along the way served as co-chair of Capital City Alliance, a board member of LAGPAC (the Lesbian and Gay Political Action Committee) and a member of DBR HOPE, a GBLT outreach ministry of the Catholic Baton Rouge Diocese started by Rev. Howard Hall. Miller, who currently coaches entrepreneurs and business leaders, lives with her wife Susan in Baton Rouge and has two children. She says she is inspired by the changes taking place in our country and the world related to LGBTQ rights.



Raised in Belle Chasse, La., Traigle married shortly after college and has two grown children. Early in his career, he moved to Baton Rouge to serve a term as Louisiana's Secretary of Revenue, as well as in a number of other civic and business positions including president of Great American Corp. and American Bank and as chairman of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. At 50 years old, Traigle began living his life in Baton Rouge as an openly gay businessman, and



in the early 1990s he and other individuals founded Capital City Alliance. He has been an active equality activist since – including one of the leaders in the One Baton Rouge initiative, which began in 2007. Traigle and his partner, Carey Long, have been together 20 years.

Join us in congratulating these two extremely deserving members of our community as the 2014 grand marshals of Baton Rouge Pride.

### Previous Grand Marshals:

- Jody Huckaby and Carol Frazier – 2013*
- Daphne MuShatt – 2012*
- Trixxie LaRue (James Chinn) – 2011*
- Larry Fremin – 2010*
- Richard Dykes – 2009*



**BATON ROUGE PRIDE**  
**June 28, 2014** Belle of Baton Rouge Atrium  
**Noon-6 p.m.** [www.BRPrideFest.com](http://www.BRPrideFest.com)

## *Schedule at a Glance*

### **Entertainment, Noon-6 p.m.**

*By Austin Babtist Women, Daphne MuShatt and The Shiz, Krewe of Divas, Michael Foster Project, Princess Kutt, Shawn Thomas .... and more*

### **Resource Fair, Noon-6 p.m.**

*Involving community groups and businesses*

### **Blessing Relationships, 3 p.m.**

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*Including food, fun, cash bar, HIV testing, kid's play area, the Equality March...*

### *On the Atrium 'Rainbow Stage'*

Noon	Welcome / Opening Announcements
12:10 p.m.	Princess Kutt
12:25 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
12:30 p.m.	Daphne MuShatt and The Shiz
1:15 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
1:25 p.m.	Krewe of Divas
2:25 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
2:30 p.m.	Shawn Thomas
2:50 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
3 p.m.	Recognition of Grand Marshals Blessing/Acknowledgement of Relationships Presentation of Cake Announcements/Door Prizes
3:30 p.m.	Austin Babtist Women
4:30 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
4:45 p.m.	Michael Foster Project
5:45 p.m.	Thanks / Final Announcements (Equality March Begins)

### *Around the Atrium*

All Afternoon	Resource Fair
All Afternoon	Children's Gathering and Play Area

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# Mayor Holden proclaims 'Pride Day'

Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Kip Holden once again this year signed a proclamation for Pride Day in the city-parish – declaring June 28, 2014, as Baton Rouge Pride Fest/GLBT Pride Day.

Our thanks to the mayor for recognizing the importance of our community to the area, and special thanks to Tom Merrill of MCCBR and the Pride Team for helping to make this happen.

The mayor's proclamation, which can be seen at right, reads, in part: "Whereas Baton Rouge is a city composed of a great variety of diverse people, cultures, religions, sexual orientations, languages and customs, and whereas the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities have contributed to the City-Parish of East Baton Rouge through active involvement in cultural and economic progress, now, therefore, I, Melvin "Kip" Holden, Mayor-President of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, hereby do proclaim June 28, 2014, as Baton Rouge Pride Fest/GLBT Pride Day."

*The proclamation, at right, signed by Mayor Kip Holden declares June 28, 2014, as Baton Rouge Pride Fest / GLBT Pride Day.*



## 2014 Baton Rouge Pride Fest Resource Fair Participants

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**Capital Area Re-entry Program**  
**Capital City Alliance**  
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**HIV/AIDS Alliance Region Two Inc. (HAART)**  
**Kappa Omega Omicron Fraternity Inc.**  
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**New Orleans Pride**  
**New Venture Theatre**  
**NO AIDS Task Force / AIDS Law of Louisiana**  
**PFLAG of Greater Baton Rouge**  
**Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast**  
**Princess Kutt Entertainment**  
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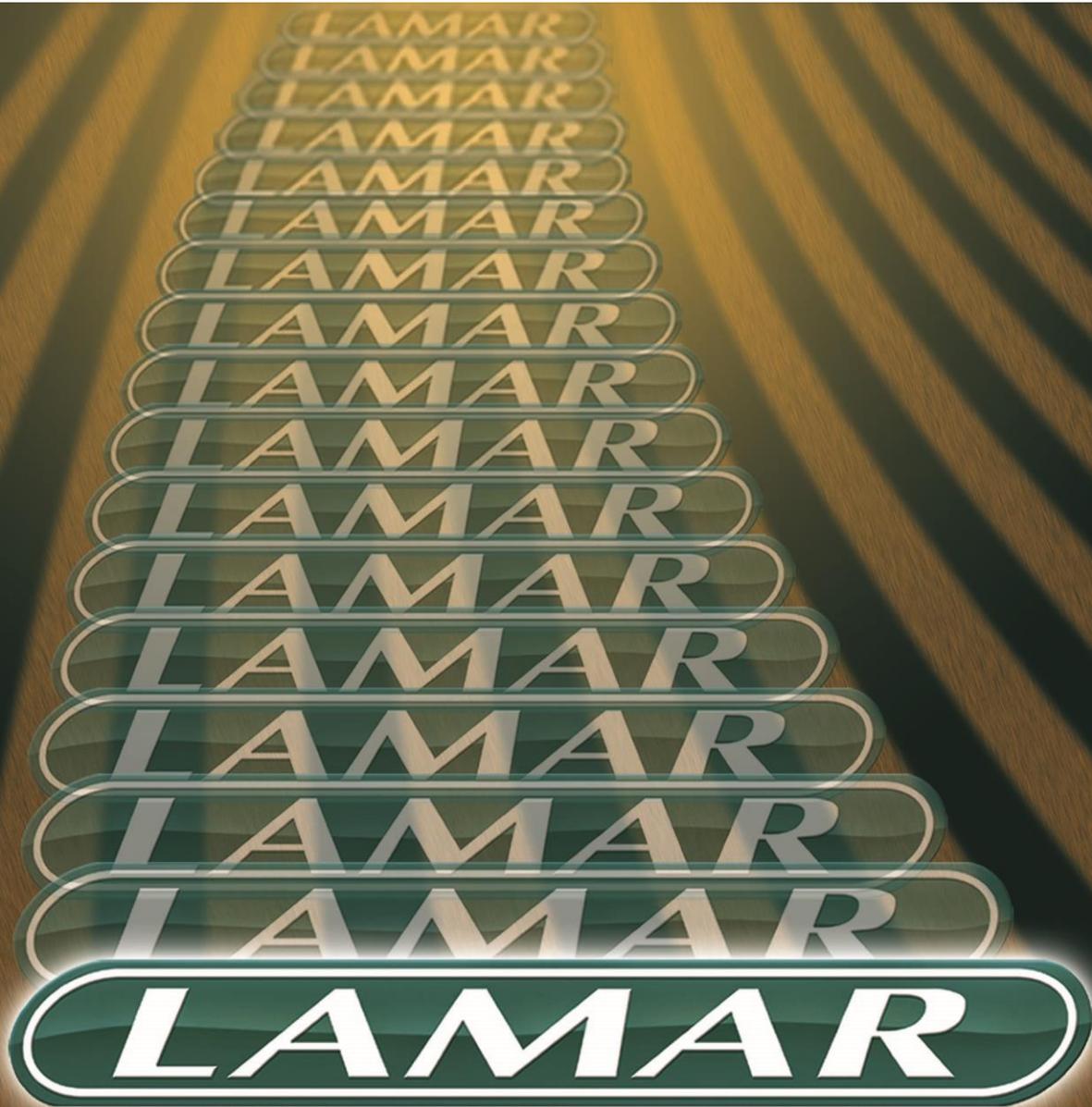


Thanks to our friends, chosen family, the multitude of generous sponsors/donors, all the Pride team members,... and all of you for making this event so successful the past eight years.  
(Yes, it really has been that long!)



We're glad to have played our part in bringing unity to our Community and in giving all of us a reason to celebrate our pride.

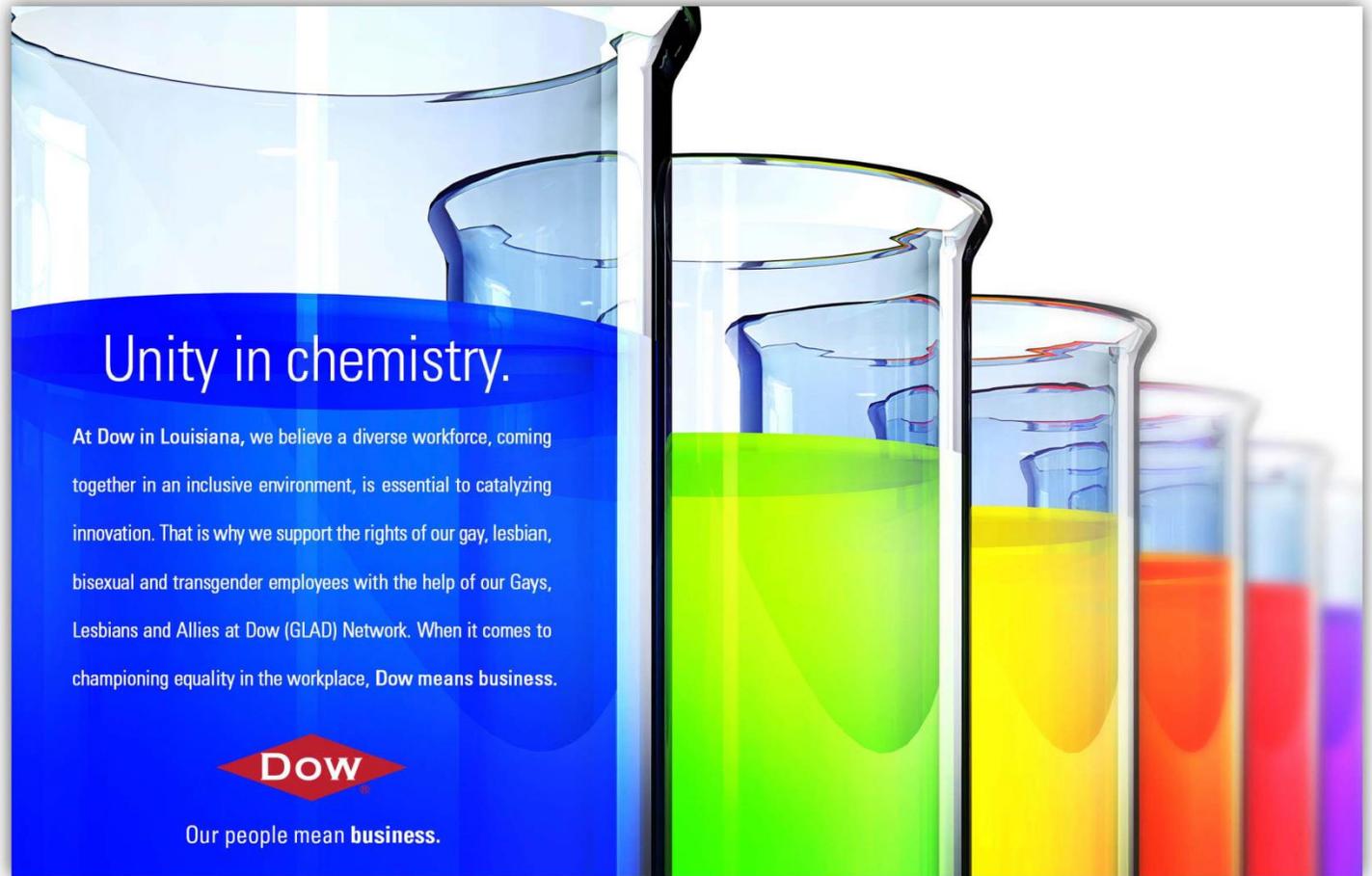




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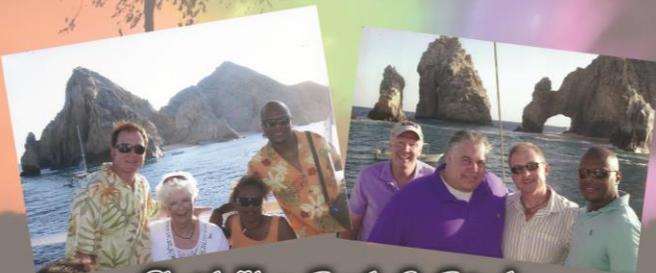
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-1 Corinthians: 13: 4-8a

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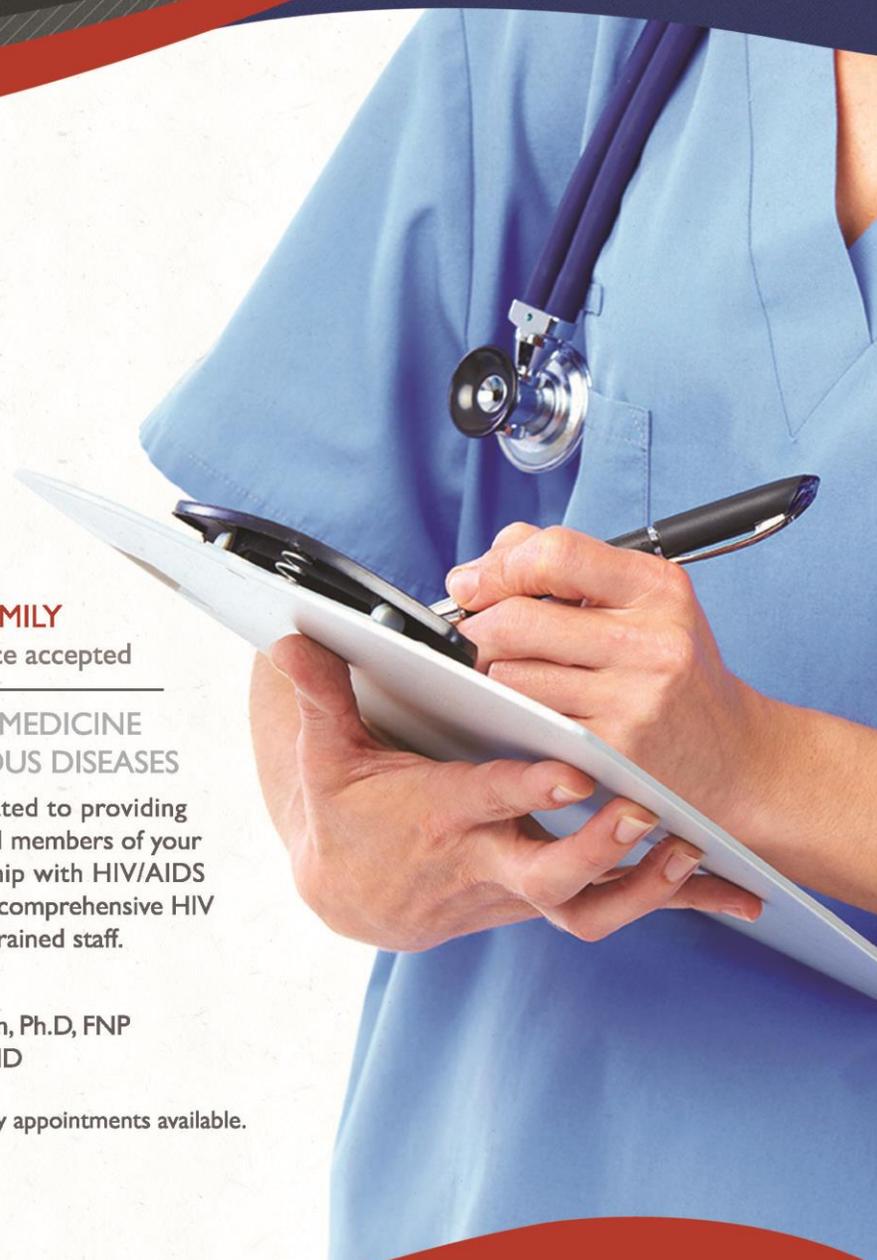
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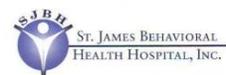
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