

RI PRIDE

Can We Be on Your Holiday List??

As December 31 approaches many individuals consider making an end-of-year donation to support their favorite non-profits and receive a tax deduction. RI Pride depends primarily on contributions from individuals and businesses through direct giving, sponsorships, and event admissions. Pride receives no federal grants, or subsidies.

As you read in the pages of *Options* last month, Pride is endeavoring to raise \$50,000 in its first stage of fundraising for 2008. No donation is too small. The campaign will be seeking some major donations as part of the overall effort and RI Pride. Donors will be listed on the Web site and a goal tally will be provided so that you can track our progress.

Donations can be made online using your credit card through our secured service at www.PrideRI.com and clicking on the DONATIONS button on the top of the Web page or by sending a check to RI Pride, PO Box 1082, Providence, RI 02901. Contributions can also be made through the United Way of Rhode Island Donor Designation Program. The RI Pride Agency # is 8261. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. If your workplace matches donations inform them about your donation.

Triple Crown Pageant 2008

Each year three individuals are selected to the titles of Ms. Gay RI, Miss Lesbian RI and Mr. Gay RI in the Triple Crown Pageant. This is more than a "beauty pageant." The Pageant is an evening where the contestants show the GLBT community their talents and enthusiasm to represent Rhode Island and the RI GLBT community at to both GLBT and non-GLBT events throughout the year. Winners are to hold at least one fundraiser benefiting a community organization. Men, women, drag queens and drag kings interested in running for the 2008 titles are invited to go to the Pride Web site for an application. A contestant orientation meeting will be held prior to the event. Further details will be in the Winter

2008 Kaleidoscope or you can contact Pageant Coordinator Rocky Graziano at splash2399@aol.com or e-mail Pride at Info@prideri.com.

No Time to Hibernate . . . Pride is Looking Ahead...

As winter begins, there are several Pride events and programs to keep those spirits high and cockles warm. Plans are under development for Business After Hours; The Goddess Show: A Celebration of Women in Music; the GLBT Expo in NYC and more. To get more information on these events and more watch for the Winter Kaleidoscope newsletter.

Learn About RI Pride and Volunteer Opportunities

On Jan. 5 (snow date Jan. 12) RI Pride will host an open house and introduction to RI Pride and its programs. This is an opportunity for GLBT community members and friends to learn about Pride, and how they can become involved in its year round programs and events. The open house will be at the RI Pride office located at 58 Seymour St., Providence, at 11 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. Seymour St. is off Eddy, approximately one mile south of RI Hospital. For questions or directions call 467-2130.

The 2008 Pride Theme?

Every year, RI Pride selects a theme to underscore the progress, challenges and achievements of our unique and diverse community. Some of our past themes have been: "Stand Proud, Stand United," "Celebrate Our True Colors" or last year's anniversary theme, "Pride For Life." This year's international theme is "Live, Love, Be." What would you like to see as the 2008 theme here in Rhode Island? Send us your suggestion by Jan. 14, along with an explanation and maybe your theme will be chosen as the 2008 Theme for RI Pride. ▼

