

Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley Donates to Local LGBTQ Organizations

Sunnyvale, Calif. (02/29/16) – The [Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley](#) awarded cash donations to three Bay Area groups who have demonstrated exemplary work in education and outreach for the Silicon Valley LGBTQ community: The **Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center**, **OUTLET** and the **LGBTQ Youth Space**.

The three groups received their awards at a special Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley mixer hosted by RCCSV member Catered Too on February 25, 2016.

“We are delighted to be able to recognize and assist the good work of these organizations and give back to the community. Each group represents effective educational programs that lead to harmony and success for so many people,” said Roark Clayton, Rainbow Chamber of Commerce President. “These donations continue the Rainbow Chamber’s goal to support and strengthen the LGBTQ community.”

About the Community Organizations

The **Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center** is a non-profit organization and a premiere resource hub and recognized leader in promoting health, strength, diversity and inclusiveness. Each year, the DeFrank Center offers hundreds of events bringing the LBGT community together to promote understanding and unity. Each month more than a thousand people of all ages visit their Center located in San Jose. Visit defrankcenter.org for more information.

Founded in 1997, **OUTLET** empowers Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (LGBTQQ+) youth and builds safe and accepting communities through support, education, and advocacy. Outlet envisions a world that embraces, empowers, and celebrates LGBTQQ+ youth. Outlet program staff provide a safe environment that is confidential, inclusive, and non-judgmental. Striving for social justice and engaging youth in achieving freedom, fairness, and equality for all are the core elements of the program. Outlet services support the emotional, physical, and social development of youth as whole individuals. More about OUTLET at www.acs-teens.org.

The **LGBTQ Youth Space** is a Program of Family & Children Services. They are a community drop-in center and mental health program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally youth and young adults ages 13-25 who live in Santa Clara County. More info at youthspace.org.

About the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley

Established in 1999 to give exposure to the LGBT business community, the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley is the largest not-for-profit corporation in Silicon Valley for LGBT businesses comprised of LGBT and LGBT-supportive business owners and professionals. For additional information, visit www.rainbowchamber.org.

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