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Black Tie Dinner Reveals 2017 Beneficiaries
The 36th Annual Dinner Celebrates the Power to Come “Together”

April 24, 2017 (DALLAS) – Black Tie Dinner – the nation’s largest LGBT fundraising dinner – revealed this year’s 19 local beneficiaries today.

“Our Black Tie Dinner Beneficiaries are the heart and soul of this community, and for our 36th Dinner, we are beyond excited to honor 19 local beneficiaries, the largest number we have had in over 10 years,” says Nathan Robbins, Black Tie Dinner Co-Chair. “The increase this year speaks to both the quality and volume of incredible work that so many organizations are doing for the North Texas LGBT community.”

The 2017 Black Tie Dinner local beneficiaries include: AIDS Interfaith Network, AIDS Outreach Center, AIDS Services of Dallas, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Cathedral of Hope, Celebration Community Church, Congregation Beth El Binah, Equality Texas Foundation, Lambda Legal, Legacy Counseling Center, Legal Hospice of Texas, Northaven UMC, Promise House, Rainbow Roundup, Resource Center, Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas (SCCenter), The Trevor Project, Turtle Creek Chorale and Uptown Players. The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is the Dinner’s national beneficiary.

The beneficiary announcement comes just weeks after the organization officially unveiled the theme of its 36th annual dinner – “Together.” A full video announcement of this year’s theme, which is meant to be a reminder that the success of Black Tie Dinner, and the progress of the overall equality movement, relies heavily on communities standing together in a united front, can be found here.

New this year, Black Tie Dinner has announced its first ever Black Tie Spring Brunch, scheduled for Saturday, June 3. The brunch is another sign of the recently rebranded Black Tie Dinner’s evolution as it looks to engage current and potential supporters via new ways and touchpoints.

"Black Tie Dinner is excited to continue bringing the community “Together” with our first ever Spring Brunch,” says David Gifford-Robinson, Black Tie Dinner Co-Chair. "This signature event will continue the momentum and excitement created at our Kick Off event. Proceeds of this event will benefit all of our 2017 beneficiaries. We are grateful to Mindy Berkson and Morgan W. Cox III for their generous underwriting of this event."

Black Tie Dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017. For additional information about the Dinner, visit blacktie.org.
About Black Tie Dinner

Black Tie Dinner is a non-profit organization that raises funds for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) supportive organizations serving North Texas through a premier event of empowerment, education and entertainment that has grown into the nation's largest LGBT fundraising dinner since its inception in 1982. The first dinner produced a $6,000 donation to the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, and has since raised over $21 million for national and local beneficiaries. Black Tie Dinner continues to be the most successful dinner in the country supporting the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, and has the distinction of being the only dinner also benefiting local beneficiaries.

The event has headlined local and national celebrities and leaders such as Maya Angelou, Geena Davis, Lily Tomlin, Martin Sheen, Connie Britton and Dustin Lance Black. In addition to live entertainment, Black Tie Dinner honors outstanding service to the LGBT community with the Elizabeth Birch Equality Award, the Black Tie Dinner Media Award and the Kuchling Humanitarian Award. Recipients have included Debra Messing, Greg Louganis, Elizabeth Birch, Sharon Stone, Judy Shepard, Alan Cumming, Showtime Networks/Robert Greenblatt, Bishop V. Gene Robinson, Cyndi Lauper, Logo Network/Brian Graden, Chely Wright, American Airlines, Chaz Bono, JCPenney and Scouting For All founder Zach Wahl.

For more information about Black Tie Dinner or this year’s event, visit blacktie.org.

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