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*Bisexual Organizing Project Announces 2014 Community Recognition Award Winners*

Minneapolis, MN, USA: Bisexual Organizing Project (BOP) held its annual event for Celebrate Bisexuality Day at the newly opened Nicollet Diner on Tuesday September 23, 2014. This event featured the unveiling of the 2014 recipients of the BOP Community Recognition Awards.

In 2009, BOP developed the Community Recognition Awards (CRA) in response to the lack of other awards specifically recognizing work done by and for bisexual and other non-monosexual communities and their allies in the Upper Midwest. CRA seeks to fill this gap and to inspire more individuals, organizations, and businesses to serve bisexual and non-monosexual communities and include bisexual and non-monosexual issues in their work and organizing. BOP gives up to one award yearly in each of three categories: business, individual, and community organization.

The 2014 Community Recognition Award winner in the category of Community Organization is the PFund Foundation, a solid ally to bisexual communities since the 1990's. Under the recent leadership of Susan Raffo and Kate Eubank, PFund has further deepened its commitment to social justice for bisexual, transgender, lesbian, and gay people with intersectional identities. In recognition of its longtime support of the bisexual community, we are proud to present PFund with the 2014 Community Recognition Award for a Community Organization.

The 2014 Individual Community Recognition Award winner is BOP's own Lou Hoffman, who published the BiFocal zine from 1988 to 1993, began her political bi activism in 1989, set up the first bisexual pride booth in 1992, worked on the original BECAUSE planning committee in 1992, has worked on every BECAUSE since then, and has served as the public face of the bisexual community at Twin Cities Pride for 22 years. Ms Hoffman has been an integral part of most major bisexual events in the Twin Cities, and in 2013 she was invited to participate in the first White House Roundtable for Bisexual Issues in Washington, DC. She has served for many years on the BOP Board of Directors, and is currently the co-chair. In 2011 Ms Hoffman was selected as the Twin Cities Pride Everyday Hero, and in 2013 she won the Lavendar Community Award. In recognition of her commitment and continued efforts on behalf of the bisexual community, Bisexual Organizing Project is extremely proud to announce Lou Hoffman as the 2014 Individual Community Recognition Award winner.

The Community Recognition Awards recipients are nominated by BOP members and selected by the BOP Community Recognition Awards committee. Anyone interested in working with the board or volunteering with BOP should contact [bop@bisexualorganizingproject.org](mailto:bop@bisexualorganizingproject.org) for more information. BOP is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization.

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