Pride in the Park, 2024! Program and Guide!



### 10 am Interfaith Service

Interfaith Service co-hosted by Solano Pride Center and local congregations

### Noon to 3:00 pm Pride Picnic

Food Trucks & Pride Festival with Music, Vendors, Drag Queens/Kings, and family fun! Pride in the Park co-hosted by Solano Pride Center and Vacaville People's Forum

For more information, tabling or presenter info, contact Will McGarvey, Exec. Director of the Solano Pride Center, at 707-200-7916 or will@solanopride.org.







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### Pride in the Park, 2024! Program and Guide!



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## SANDY STELTER

Sept. 19, 1953 — July 13, 2022

Sandy served the LGBTQ community with pride and unique wisdom on Solano Pride Center's Board of Directors for over 25 years. She was treasurer of MCC church of Concord in the 1980s-90s. In 2006, she joined Holy Family Old Catholic Church in Fairfield, recently as national delegate. As her life here ends, her life in Heaven begins.



Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Hey Pride in the Park participants!

Thanks for being here. Thanks for supporting the Queer community in our county, and thanks for making this fourth annual Pride in the Park as wonderful as it is with your presence.

As we look back on the history of our community here in Solano County, we have come a long way from trying to help those being trafficked on I-80 way back in 1998, to creating social support programs, to the full service LGBTQ+ Center with therapists and programming for Youth to Seniors we are today, along with the many wonderful groups we partner with on HIV prevention, serving the Trans Community, and vibrant social networks throughout the county. No one organization can be all things to all people, but we appreciate your help in making today the success it is.

As you look through this guide, I want you to think of those who made today possible, from every member of our board, the Vacaville People's Forum, the many volunteers who came early to set up and the many who will stay afterwards to help clean up, and all of the vendors and community partners here today! Let's celebrate all of who we are, and let us hold our heads high, realizing the amazing elders and Queer ancestors on whose shoulders we all stand to be able to live today, out, safe and here!

Queerly yours,

Will McGarvey Exec. Director of Solano Pride Center



SPC & others receiving the County Proclamation





Andrews Park: Amphitheater SITE MAP

# VENDORS & ORGS

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- . Assm Lori Wilson Free Mom Hugs
- 4. NorthBay
- Herd & Flock
- 6. Opportunity House
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# Program of Entertainment Throughout the Day!

#### 8:00 am – Set up in Andrews Park

- 10:00 Interfaith Service near the stage, all are welcome
- 11:45 Welcome from Board Chairs, ED, Receiving of the Dixon & Vacaville People's Forum Proclamation.
- Noon Opening for Drag Performers
- 12:30 Bliss Dance Company
- **1:00** LiveWire! From the Live Music Center, here in Vacaville!
- 1:30 Sadie Creekwood
- **1:35** More from LiveWire! From the Live Music Center.
- **2:00** Drag performers
- **2:15** Solano Community Theater sharing "Friendship"
- **2:30** Bay Area Dancers Vacaville
- **2:45** Finale Drag performers
- **2:55** Closing CommUNITY Dance on the grass!!
- **3:00** Closing out and thanks, teardown....

### Thanks for being here!

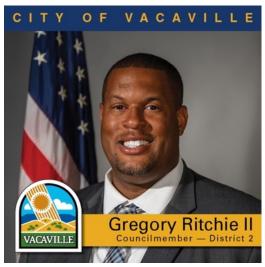
Interfaith service can be found on page 43

# Proud Support from the Vacaville City Council

"Throughout my life I have lived with a couple simple guidelines which are due to others as you want down to you, and treat everyone with respect. We all want the same things in this game called life. We all want to obtain physical safety, financial safety, and opportunities to live a free life without forms of oppression. We all want to be accepted and appreciated in our communities. The acknowledgement of Pride Month and celebrating the LGBTQ+ community helps promote a vibrant community with diversity, and the promotion of equality, acceptance, and respect for all."

Best regards,

Greg Ritchie City of Vacaville Vice Mayor Small Business Owner



# Proud Support from the Dixon City Council

Hello Will,

It was nice to meet you on June 11th at the Dixon Library. Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the celebration this Sunday in Vacaville at Andrews Park due to an unforeseen conflict. Unfortunately, I was unable to get a commitment from the Vice Mayor or other city council member to attend in my absence as they had prior obligations. June has proven to be a very busy month this year for all of us. In any event, our administrative City Clerk, Lupe Ruiz will be reaching out to you in order to have the proclamation from the City of Dixon delivered to you. Again, please accept my apologies for not being able to attend. I hope the event is a great success.



Sincerely, Mayor Steven Bird, City of Dixon. In Service with Honor City of Dixon

roclamation

#### LGBTQ Pride Month 2024

In recognition of LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER PRIDE MONTH, June, 2024:

WHEREAS, fifty-five years ago, in June, 1969, a riot at a Manhattan gay bar, the Stonewall Inn, in retaliation to a police raid, precipitated the modern fight for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) rights, and

WHEREAS, because of acts of courage from those who demanded justice and from those who quietly pushed for progress, our nation has made great strides in recognizing what these brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts – that love is love and no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character, and

WHEREAS, 2015's landmark Supreme Court decision was a historic victory for LGBTQ Americans, guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States, ensuring dignity for same-sex couples and therefore all couples, and

WHEREAS, for every partnership that was not previously recognized under the law and for every American who was denied their basic civil rights, this monumental ruling instilled newfound hope, affirming the belief that we are all freer when we are all treated as equals, and

WHEREAS, despite this extraordinary progress, LGBTQ Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are, and there remains much work to do to extend the promise of our country to every American, and

WHEREAS, in memory of the 49 victims of the 2016 Pulse Nightclub massacre in Orlando, Transgender individuals murdered for who they are, and a history of violence against our community, it is ever more important that we continue to push for equality, protections and acceptance of LGBTQ people everywhere, and

WHEREAS, 2024 is the 26th year of the Solano County's LGBTQ Community coming together to show our pride in Solano County through service and support of the LGBTQ community, in the organization known as Solano Pride Center, and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community was hit harder than most by the COVID-19 pandemic because of healthcare disparities and economic instabilities; and

WHEREAS, during Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Pride Month, as we wave our flags of Pride high and march boldly forward in parades and demonstrations, let us celebrate how far we have come and reaffirm our steadfast belief in the equal dignity of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, the City of Dixon; proudly stands with the LGBTQ community of Solano County, and with all communities who struggle for human rights, acceptance, visibility, safety, and in the quest for full equality under law.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I, Steven Bird, Dixon's Mayor, and the Dixon Council; do hereby proclaim June 2024 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month in the city of Dixon to remind everyone to work together to advance the principles upon great nation was founded and to celebrate the great diversity of Dixon.

Steven C. Bird, Mayor

Date: June 23, 2024



# **Meet the Sponsors!**



# LORI D. WILSON Assemblywoman, District 11

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As your representative, I am deeply honored to join you in celebrating this years Vacaville Pride in the Park event. This day is a celebration of love, freedom, and a testament to the strength and diversity of our community.

I am committed to protecting and uplifting our LGBTQ+ family, ensuring every individual is respected and cherished. As an ally, I will continue advocating for inclusivity and equality at every opportunity.

This Pride celebration reflects our shared values and the inclusive spirit of Assembly District 11. I am proud to represent such an extraordinary community and stand with you in solidarity and pride.

Today and every day, let us embrace the beauty of our diversity with love and resilience. This event is one I will forever treasure, and I am excited to support and attend each year as we grow stronger together.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Lori D. Wilson Assemblywoman, 11th Assembly District



#### NorthBay Health

At NorthBay Health, we are committed to fostering a compassionate, inclusive and diverse environment where everyone feels respected and valued. Let's create a world where



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#### **Episcopal Church of the Epiphany**





Church of the Epiphany 300 West St., Vacaville, CA 95688 707-448-2275 Email: <u>epiphany.admin@gmail.com</u> www.epiphanychurchvacaville.org The Rev. John Heidel, Priest in Charge Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

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#### **Opportunity House**

Opportunity House provides life-changing advocacy and services focused on housing stability for all in Solano County. Our mission is to break the cycles of homelessness, poverty, and economic and housing insecurities through



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collaborative efforts that provide support, essential resources and shelter.

Ashley Banta (she/her), Executive Director, Vacaville Solano Services Corporation 267 Bennett Hill Ct. Vacaville, CA 95688 • <u>https://vsscorp.org/shelter.php</u> • 707-447-1988

#### Herd & Flock Animal Sanctuary

Founded in 2019, Herd & Flock Animal Sanctuary has been a beacon of hope for neglected and abused farm animals, providing them with sanctuary and a second chance at life. To date, we've rescued and cared for over 850 animals, offering them either temporary rehabilitation or permanent homes where they can thrive.

At our sanctuary, we go beyond mere rescue; we aim to educate and inspire our community. Through tours and volunteer events, we foster meaningful connections between visitors and our animal residents. These encounters serve as powerful educational tools, revealing the



Vacaville, California

intricate lives of our farm animal ambassadors and raising awareness about the harsh realities of factory farming. Many who visit us leave questioning their consumption choices, leading to a shift towards more compassionate lifestyles, including reduced meat and dairy consumption.

This shift is not only a win for animal welfare but also for our planet. By choosing plant-based diets, individuals contribute positively to environmental conservation, mitigating deforestation driven by agriculture and reducing the carbon footprint associated with animal agriculture. The benefits extend to personal health as well; plant-based eating has been linked to lower risks of various chronic diseases, including cancer, heart disease, and diabetes.

At Herd & Flock Animal Sanctuary, we believe in the transformative power of compassionate living. By supporting our sanctuary and embracing plant-based choices, each person can make a meaningful impact, promoting wellness for animals, the environment, and themselves.

#### SPC Partners serving the LGBTQIA+ Community



Solano County Behavioral Health assists over 7,000 children, youth and adults each year who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis, substance use or misuse, or who have significant mental and emotional disabilities. Services include: crisis supports, integrated care clinics that offer brief therapy, case management, psychiatric assessments and medication, outpatient treatment; Full Service Partnerships, foster care supports, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams, IPS supported employment, peer support, and a range of community support services, including various contracted community based organizations and wellness centers.

For more information please visit https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/bh/home/aboutbh/default.asp

# **Meet the Performers!**

#### Sadie Creekwood, hostess

Bio: 'The Wicked Beauty', always glamorous with a shot of horror. Constantly showcasing different shades of black. Looks deadly but sweet as a gremlin before midnight.

IG: @sadiecreekwood





#### Tsunomi Punoni

**Bio:** A trans Filipina drag performer, the sensual dancing diva of the Bay Area. Even when she's not on stage she's constantly working on her craft, but also loves anime and playing video games in her spare time.

IG: @tsunomipunoni

#### Ling Ling

Bio: Local Vacaville resident, regular performer with Pride Night Productions monthly Drag Shows at The Hide-a-Way Lounge & Grill, was crowned Miss Congeniality in the Sacramento based Drag Competition called 'Maxx Drag', I love making people laugh from my performances more than anything.

IG: @the1lingling



#### **Billy Freak**

Bio: This Pride Month mark's Billy's 1 year in Drag, recently won the 2024 Mx Nightcape Drag Cabaret Pageant in Sacramento, Billy's favorite performances unfortunately involve ruining his own outfits on stage, when not showing off his silicone abs on stage he loves being a homebody and playing Stardew Valley with his partner.

IG: @billyfreakdrag

# Meet more of the Performers!



#### **Bliss Urban Arts Center**

Our mission at Bliss Urban Arts Center is to provide Solano County (and beyond) with high-quality programs to serve our community! We strive to bring people together through dance, theatre, fitness, poetry, music and more. We at BUAC are honored to have such artistic educators on our staff & happy to have you join our network of artists, mentors and students! #BlissLife

Bliss Urban Arts Center, 3777 Vaca Valley Pkwy Ste. A-1 Vacaville CA 95688, (650) 580-3345

Live Wire! From Live Music Center, here in Vacaville!

Live Music Center, nestled in the heart of Vacaville, California, has been a cherished hub for music enthusiasts and performers alike since opening in 1987. Founded with a passion for fostering musical talent and community spirit, this iconic institution has served as a pillar of support for local artists and aspiring musicians for over three decades. Live Music Center offers a diverse



range of lessons in various instruments, including piano, bass, guitar and drums, as well as band and orchestra instruments, ensuring that students of all ages and skill levels can explore their musical potential under the guidance of professional and caring instructors. Beyond private lessons, Live Music Center also gives students the opportunity to play together in ensembles, with multiple rock bands, and a jazz combo meeting for weekly rehearsals.

Driven by a mission to inspire creativity, inclusivity, and appreciation for music, Live Music Center has continually evolved, creating an oasis for those who want to explore music in a supportive environment. In addition to lessons, LMC features instrument sales, rentals, and repairs, making it a vital resource and gathering place for musicians and music lovers throughout Vacaville and neighboring communities. Whether nurturing the next generation of virtuosos or simply helping you on your musical journey, Live Music Center strives to continue being a place where music is for everyone.

Located at 874 Alamo Drive, Vacaville 707-448-1511



#### Solano Community Theater sharing "Friendship"

#### **Bay Area Dancers (Vacaville)**

Creating a network of trained dancers who want to have fun while performing together!

Bay Area Dancers is a fun, new dance company encompassing a variety of dance styles for the working professional who still wants to perform! We welcome advanced-level dancers who have a passion for the stage.



For more information please email us at info@bayareadancers.org

IG: @bayareadancers\_415

# **Meet the Food Vendors!**

#### Located at the bottom of School Street (below the playground)!

#### Taste of Tuscany Pizza!





By Chef Daniel Tasteoftuscany.pizza @taste\_oftuscany 707 815 5090

#### Jenny's Lemonade Stand!



Jenny Garcia, jennygavid@gmail.com



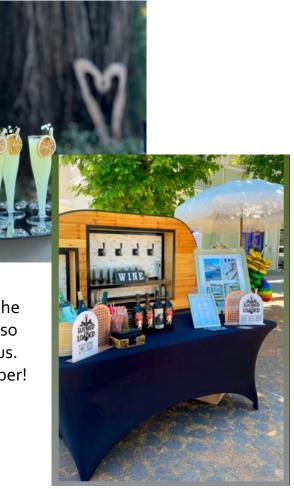
We're **Lushed and Loaded,** your premier mobile bartending service, ready to make your celebration unforgettable. As we come together to honor inclusivity, love, and diversity, we're excited to bring our unique and vibrant bar experience right to the heart of the festivities.

Our eye-catching bar setup is hard to miss, and we invite everyone to stop by and enjoy a refreshing beverage. Our skilled bartenders are passionate about creating drinks that not only taste amazing but also celebrate the spirit of Pride.

Join us as we raise a glass to the beauty of diversity and the power of love. We're located next to the sports building, so make sure to swing by, say hello, and enjoy a drink with us. Let's make this Pride in the Park a celebration to remember!

Cheers, The Lushed and Loaded Team

info@lushedandloaded.com



#### **Freeze Wheels**



Freeze Wheels, Shaved Ice Vendor, <u>perrychalk@gmail.com</u> – 458-265-8277.

# Meet the Other Vendors and

## **Merchants!**

**Umbrella of Hope Rescue** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in East Contra Costa County, California, which is funded, in large part, by donations from members of the community. Our main focus is on the rescue, rehabilitation, and placement in forever homes, of animals who are in danger of losing their lives in shelters.



#### Our Goals

- To reduce the euthanasia of adoptable

animals through increased adoptions of those animals already born - To increase public awareness of homeless pets, encourage spay and neuter of companion animals, and promote adoption for the acquisition of family pets

Located in the heart of downtown Vacaville, **Majiik Glam Salon** is a safe space for all, for the misfit stylists & clients alike, we don't play by the conventional rules, and we're most certainly not your average salon! Specializing in Vivid colors, luxury extensions, and festival looks! We have some of the most creative stylists, and we strive to give you the best salon experience from the moment you walk

> PELVIC HEALTH



in! We love connecting with our community, and can't wait to meet you at Pride.

#### **Bloom Health**



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FOR ALL AGES & GENDERS

#### Tommy's Firehouse Bakery for pets





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#### Solano Pride Center has some merchandise at our table as well!



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# Non-Profit Vendors!

The families and members of **NAMI Solano County** are here to help! Our organization offers understanding to anyone concerned about mental illnesses and the treatment



Solano County of mental illness.

NAMI Solano County is a grassroots organization, incorporated in 1985, as a support group helping families and individuals affected by mental illness. Our mission encompasses education, support, outreach and advocacy through our many programs and community involvement, led by those who have experiences with mental illness. Together, we can support each other and end the stigma around mental illness!

**CASA of Solano County** speaks for the best interest of abused and neglected children and youth in the foster care system by training adult volunteers to advocate for their safety and well-being through the courts, in schools, and in our community. We recruit, screen and train a diverse community of volunteers to act as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA's) in order to be an impactful voice and meet the needs of the youth population we serve. Be the person that makes a difference in their life- visit us to register for one of our information sessions!



Free Mom Hugs	Gay Writer's Association
Glamazon	Greenbelt Alliance
Nature of Sound, Inc.	Orangetheory Fitness Vacaville
Pacific Clinics Mobile Crisis	Solano County Library
Vacaville Police Department	Unique Deezigns

**Partnership HealthPlan of California** is a non-profit community-based health care organization. Partnership contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits through local providers to ensure our members have access to high-quality health care. Beginning in Solano County in 1994, Partnership now provides services in 24 Northern California counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba.



Northern Solano County Democratic Club

### WHO WE ARE

The Northern Solano Democratic Club began as the Young Democrats for Adlai Stevenson in 1952. The NSDC has since evolved into an active force in our community in response to the current political climate.

### Northern Solano Democratic Club



Keeping Solano Blue Since 1952!

### **OUR MISSION**

We work to uphold progressive democratic values, actively engage the community and support Democratic candidates who are in-line with our values.





Visit our website: northernsolanodems.com

### CANDIDATE SUPPORT







### **FUNDRAISING**



### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT









# The Vacaville People's Forum Rocks!

### LGBTQIA+ Pride Month 2024

**IN RECOGNITION** that June is a time for those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual and other gender or sexual expressions to celebrate their long quest for human rights, **THE PEOPLE OF VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA**, do declare as follows:

WHEREAS, fifty-five years ago, in June 1969, a riot at a Manhattan gay bar, the Stonewall Inn, in reaction to a police raid, precipitated the modern fight for LGBTQIA+ rights; and

**WHEREAS**, because of acts of courage by those who demanded justice and those who quietly pushed for progress, our nation has made great strides in recognizing what these brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts: that love is love and no person should be judged by anything other than the content of their character; and

WHEREAS, 2015's landmark Supreme Court decision was a historic victory for LGBTQIA+ Americans, guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States, ensuring dignity for same-sex couples and, therefore, all couples; and

WHEREAS, for every partnership that was not previously recognized under the law and for every American who was denied basic civil rights, this monumental ruling instilled newfound hope, affirming the belief that we are all freer when we are all treated as equals; and

WHEREAS, despite this extraordinary progress, LGBTQIA+ Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are, and there remains much work to be done to extend the promise of our country to every American; and

WHEREAS, in memory of the 49 victims of the 2016 Pulse Nightclub massacre in Orlando, Florida; the 5 victims of the 2022 mass shooting at the Club Q gay bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado; the countless transgender individuals murdered for who they are; and a history of violence against the LGBTQIA+ community, it is ever more important that we continue to push for equality, protections and acceptance of people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community was hit harder than most by the COVID-19 pandemic because of healthcare disparities and economic instabilities; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks 26 years since Solano County began serving and supporting the LGBTQIA+ community through the organization known as the Solano Pride Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vacaville is located within the greater San Francisco Bay Area, which has been a leader in the fight for LGBTQIA+ rights, yet has a mayor who, in this the 21st century, is the only Bay Area mayor unwilling to officially acknowledge the LGBTQIA+ community's struggle or celebrate its victories, bringing shame and dishonor to our city;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, we **THE PEOPLE OF VACAVILLE** proudly stand with the LGBTQIA+ community of Solano County, and with all communities who struggle for human rights, acceptance, visibility, safety, and in the quest for full equality under law;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we do hereby recognize June 2024 as **LGBTQIA**+ **Pride Month**, during which we will wave our Pride flags high and march boldly in parades and demonstrations as we celebrate how far we have come, and reaffirm our steadfast belief in the equal dignity of all Americans.

IN WITNESS WEREOF, we hereunto set our hands this 23rd day of June, 2024.





# Vacaville People's Forum





Vacaville People's Forum's was founded in 2020 with the original goal to create a community-driven political candidate forum where Vacaville citizens could ask questions that mattered to them. Seeing a continued need for Vacaville's underrepresented voices to be heard, VPF expanded its efforts.

In addition to candidate forums, VPF organizes the MLK Celebration in January; Be You, a celebration of the special needs community in April; and Vacaville's Pride in the Park Festival to recognize Pride Month. VPF's "Inspiring Women of Vacaville'' campaign highlights women whose contributions to our city are often overlooked.





VPF's mission is to provide a forum for underrepresented voices in Vacaville by promoting dialogue and engagement with the greater community. We see a Vacaville where empathy and diversity are embraced, historical underrepresentation is acknowledged and addressed, and everyone has a seat at the table.

### GET INVOLVED:

vvpeoplesforum@gmail.comfacebook.com/vvpeoplesforum

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST



# Meet the DJ! DJ Rene Ortiz!



DJ Rene Ortiz is an open format DJ for over 25 years serving the greater Bay Area. No event is too big or too small! DJ Rene is experienced with private and public events. Rene prides himself in going above and beyond to make your event a memorable one. Bilingual Experienced & Professionalism. A DJ you Can trust. Licensed & Insured.

DJ Rene is excited to be DJ'ing Vacaville Pride in the Park 2024 for a third time.

Looking for a DJ for your special event? Contact Rene.



415.571.0548 Djreneortiz@hotmail.com Instagram@djreneortiz707 Facebook@djreneortiz



# Solano Pride Center Programs

Free & Confidential counseling and psychotherapy services for the queer community, allies and families. Individual, family, partner, and youth counseling provided.

and youth counseling provided. CENTER COUNSELING

Contact Colin at our Confidential Counseling line at 707.389.4520 or colin@solanopride.org

SERVICES

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the LGBTQ+ community in Solano County. We welcome any that wish to work with us toward an inclusive community for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

> 1234 Empire St., Suite 1560, Fairfield, CA 94533 707.207.3430 <u>info@solanopride.org</u> Confidential Counseling 707.389.4520 <u>http://solanopride.org</u>

### SOLANO PRIDE

For Questioning Or Trans Identifying, Non Binary, Gender Non Conforming Spectrums

> SOLANO PRIDE CENTER 1234 EMPIRE ST. FAIRFIELD, CA. FRIDAY, JUNE 21 5:30-7PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:KACEN@SOLANOPRIDE.ORG OR

CRISTINA@SOLANOPRIDE.ORG



# Youth & TAY Programs







## 2024 SPC Board Members

#### Brigid Reilly, Co-Chair

#### Retired Workforce Development Coach

Brigid resides in Fairfield with her wife Karen. She works for the Workforce Development Board of Solano County. She is passionate about collective impact and ensuring that the LGBTQ+ community in Solano County, and Solano Pride Center will have a sustainable future for generations to come.

#### Vincent Tanciongco, Co-Chair

#### Attorney

Vincent resides in Suisun City. He is an attorney, and he is passionate about LGBTQ+ youth and the arts. He and his husband are active in giving back to the local community through arts philanthropy in addition to their support of LGBTQ causes and Solano Pride Center.

#### Stephan Clifford, Treasurer

#### Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Stephan lives in Benicia with his Wife and son. He works as a therapist with primarily transgender/non-binary youth collaboratively with a collective of LGBTQ+ Clinicians called <u>707LGBT.com</u>, and is a Clinical Supervisor for Buckelew Programs in the North Bay. Stephan also works with the Solano County Office of Educations conducting trainings about the LGBTQ+ community to help clinicians and educators in the school system better handle the cultural impact of being LGBTQ+. Stephan also enjoys travel, has two English Bulldogs and enjoys creative pursuits in whatever time he may have left every week.

#### **Donna Harris, Secretary**

#### Retired Educator

Donna resides in Fairfield. She is a retired educator, talented artist, and ASL interpreter. She helped develop our Rainbow Seniors program, and serves on the oversight advisory board for the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging.

#### **Trish Abbatiello, Director**

#### Retired Counselor

I'm a proud transplant from Long Island, N.Y., moving here after receiving my Master's Degree in Counseling and Psychology from Montclair State University in N.J. Here since 1976, I feel the move to California was one of my best decisions. It gave me the opportunity to live my life as a proud open lesbian. Retired now, much of my professional work has been in community mental health, working for non-profit organizations in Solano and Napa. In 1999 I opened and operated Sunset Bay Kayaks, offering rentals and tours of the Suisun Estuary. The business was a rewarding and healthy way to add balance to my life and work in mental health. Three years ago I became involved with the Solano Pride Center, attending the Senior Luncheons. I enjoy the great lunches, the info and resources and making great new friendships. Now as a board member, I look forward to the growth of our Pride Center and getting to know all of you.

#### Audra Orr, Director

#### Retired Special Agent, Retired US Air Force Reserve Officer

Audra lives in rural Solano County with her wife Heather and their youngest daughter on their small farm where she raises dairy goats. Audra has always been passionate about public service, equality, and creating a better world for future generations. At the SPC, she is combining her passions and experience to help us better serve our LGTBQIA + community.

#### **Charlotte Richardson, Director**

#### Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Charlotte resides in Vacaville. She is employed at Kaiser Permanente as a Clinical Practice Consultant (KP Northern California Region Risk Management and Patient Safety Department). She is a Doctorate of Social Work candidate at USC. Her capstone project is focusing on building strong relationships within Black families with youth who identify as LGBTQ+. She serves Solano County community as a member of the local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

#### Lawrence Shine, Director

#### Small Business Owner

Lawrence resides in Vallejo. He is a founding member of the Bayard Rustin Coalition and has worked with the LGBTQ community in Uganda. He is passionate about serving LGBTQ+ seniors, HIV prevention, and connecting Solano County's Black community.

#### Will McGarvey

#### Executive Director, ex officio member

Will resides in Benicia. He has served on the Board of Rainbow Community Center in Concord, the Coalition of Welcoming Congregations in Berkeley, and the national board of More Light Presbyterians. He last served as ED at the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. He has long served the LGBTQ+ community in the Bay Area and is excited to expand SPC services throughout the county.

# After Party!!!!

SOLANO PRIDE CENTER PRESENTS



### Many thanks to DJ Pocket for helping us find today's drag performers and putting together the afterparty!

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### Pride 101: HOMO-factuals

**First Pride Parade:** The first official Pride Parade was held on June 28, 1970, in New York City, commemorating the first anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which are considered a pivotal event in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement.

**LGBTQIA+ Youth Support:** The Trevor Project, founded in 1998, is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQIA+ young people under 25.

**Non-Binary Recognition:** Some countries, like Australia, Germany, and Nepal, officially recognize non-binary or third-gender options on legal documents, reflecting greater acknowledgment of gender diversity.

**International Recognition:** As of 2024, same-sex marriage is legal in over 30 countries worldwide, with the Netherlands being the first to legalize it in 2001.

**Origins of the Rainbow Flag:** The rainbow flag, a symbol of LGBTQIA+ pride, was designed by artist Gilbert Baker in 1978. Each color represents a different aspect: red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, blue for harmony, and violet for spirit.

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### What does LGBTQIA+ stand for?

LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual or Aromantic, and the "+" includes other sexual orientations and gender identities not specifically covered by these terms, such as 2-S for Two Spirit, which is a term Indigenous folks have used to describe both sexual orientation and gender identity and expression since 1990.

#### What is the difference between sex, gender, and sexual orientation?

- Sex refers to biological attributes such as anatomy and chromosomes.
- Gender refers to roles, behaviors, and identities that a society considers appropriate for men, women, and non-binary people.
- Sexual orientation is about who you are attracted to romantically or sexually.

#### What does it mean to be non-binary?

Non-binary is a gender identity that doesn't fit strictly within the categories of male or female. Non-binary people may identify as having aspects of both genders, neither, or as a different gender entirely.

#### How can I be an ally to the LGBTQIA+ community?

Listen and educate yourself about LGBTQIA+ issues, use inclusive language, support LGBTQIA+ rights and organizations, and stand against discrimination and prejudice.

#### What are pronouns and why are they important?

Pronouns (like he, she, they) are used to refer to someone ni the third person. Using the correct pronouns is important as it respects and affirms a person's gender identity

#### Are there any legal protections for LGBTQIA+ individuals?

Legal protections vary by country and region. Many places have laws against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and some have legalized same-sex marriage. However, there are still regions with limited or no protections.

#### What is the significance of Pride Month?

Pride Month, celebrated in June, honors the Stonewall Riots of 1969, which were a turning point in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement. It's a time to celebrate diversity, promote self-affirmation, and advocate for equal rights.

#### What does it mean to be intersex?

Intersex refers to individuals born with physical sex characteristics that don't fit typical definitions of male or female. This can include variations in chromosomes, gonads, or genitalia.

#### What resources are available for LGBTQIA+ youth?

There are many resources, including organizations like the Trevor Project, GLSEN, and PFLAG, which provide support, education, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ youth and their families.

#### What's there to be proud about?

personal pride; community and culture; social progress and activism; solidarity and support; positive role models; and future generations.



### Myths

**Myth:** LGBTQIA+ people are more likely to be pedophiles.

**Fact:** There is no evidence to support this harmful and false stereotype. Sexual orientation is not related to pedophilia, which is a psychiatric disorder. Most child abuse is perpetrated by heterosexual individuals.

#### **Myth:** Being LGBTQIA+ is unnatural.

**Fact:** Same-sex relationships and gender diversity have been documented throughout history and in various cultures worldwide. Additionally, homosexual behavior has been observed in many animal species, indicating that it is a natural variation of sexuality.

#### **Myth:** LGBTQIA+ parents will negatively affect their children.

**Fact:** Research shows that children raised by LGBTQIA+ parents are just as well-adjusted as those raised by heterosexual parents. What matters most is the presence of love, stability, and support in the household.

Myth: Transgender people are mentally ill.

**Fact:** Being transgender is not a mental illness. Gender dysphoria, the distress experienced due to a mismatch between one's gender identity and assigned sex at birth, is recognized and treated with gender- affirming care, not as a mental illness.

**Myth:** Bisexual people are just confused or going through a phase. **Fact:** Bisexuality is a valid sexual orientation. Bisexual individuals are attracted to more than one gender, and their identity is not indicative of confusion or indecisiveness.

#### **Myth:** Being LGBTQIA+ is just a phase.

**Fact:** Sexual orientation and gender identity are deeply ingrained aspects of who a person is. While some individuals may take time to fully understand and accept their identity, being LGBTQIA+ is not a temporary or transient experience.

Myth: AI LGBTQIA+ people fit stereotypes.

Fact: The LGBTQIA +community is diverse, and individuals express their identities in a multitude of ways. Stereotypes are oversimplified and often inaccurate representations of any group.

**Myth:** LGBTQIA+ rights threaten traditional family values.

**Fact:** LGBTQIA+ rights seek to ensure equality and non-discrimination. Supporting LGBTQIA+ rights promote acceptance and inclusivity, which strengthen communities and families by upholding the dignity and rights of all individuals.

**Myth:** Asexual people are just afraid of sex or haven't found the right person.

**Fact:** Asexuality is a legitimate sexual orientation characterized by a lack of sexual attraction to others. It is not caused by fear, trauma, or an inability to find a partner. Asexual people can have fulfilling relationships and lead happy, content lives.

#### Myth: LGBTQIA+ people are grooming children

**Facts:** This is a harmful and unfounded stereotype that perpetuates fear and misunderstanding. No Evidence Supporting the Myth; Major Organizations Denounce the Myth: American Psychological Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National Association of Social Workers; Predatory Behavior Is About Power, Not Orientation; Harmful Impact of the myth perpetuates stigma and discrimination against LGBTQIA+ people.

#### "Pride events separates us!"

Pride events create a sense of community and belonging for LGBTQIA + individuals who might feel isolated. They offer a space where people can be themselves and find support; Allies and Inclusion; Celebration of Diversity; Comparisons to Other Cultural Events: "Think of Pride as similar to other cultural celebrations like Black History Month or International Women's Day. These events highlight specific experiences and contributions, fostering respect and unity."

#### "LGBTQIA+ identities or relationships are against my religion!"

Many religions teach the values of love, kindness, and respect for others. Supporting LGBTQIA+ individuals align with these core values by promoting dignity and respect for all people. Religious texts can be interpreted in many ways. There are religious leaders and communities that support LGBTQIA+ rights and inclusivity based on their understanding of these texts. LGBTQIA+ people, like everyone else, seek love, happiness, and acceptance. Rejection from religious communities can have severe mental health impacts on LGBTQIA+ individuals. Emphasizing love and acceptance can help prevent this harm. There are many faith communities that are fully inclusive of LGBTQIA+ individuals, such as certain denominations within Christianity, Judaism, and other religions. These communities show that faith and LGBTQIA+ acceptance can coexist. Prominent religious leaders, like Bishop Desmond Tutu and Pope Francis, have made statements in support of LGBTQIA+ individuals, emphasizing love and inclusivity.

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### Black Embrace: A Podcast Supporting Black Families Navigating LGBTQIA+ Challenges

#### By Charlotte Richardson, DSW-C, LCSW

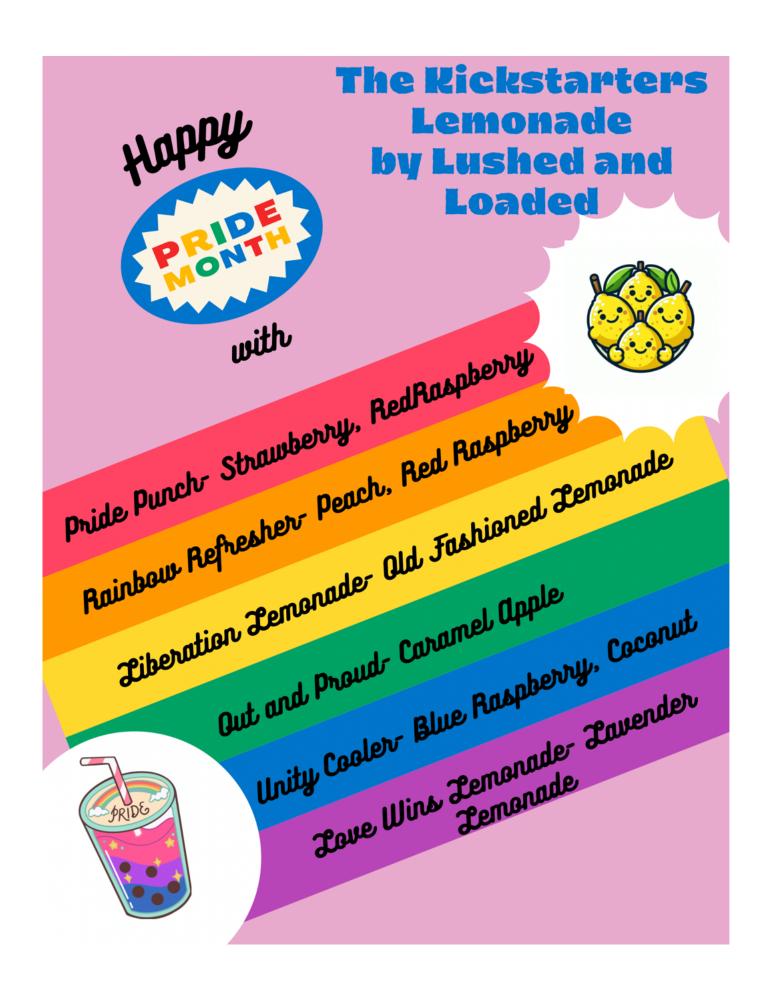
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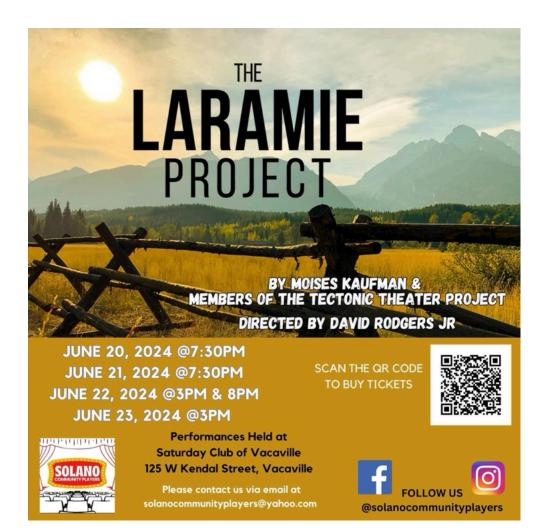
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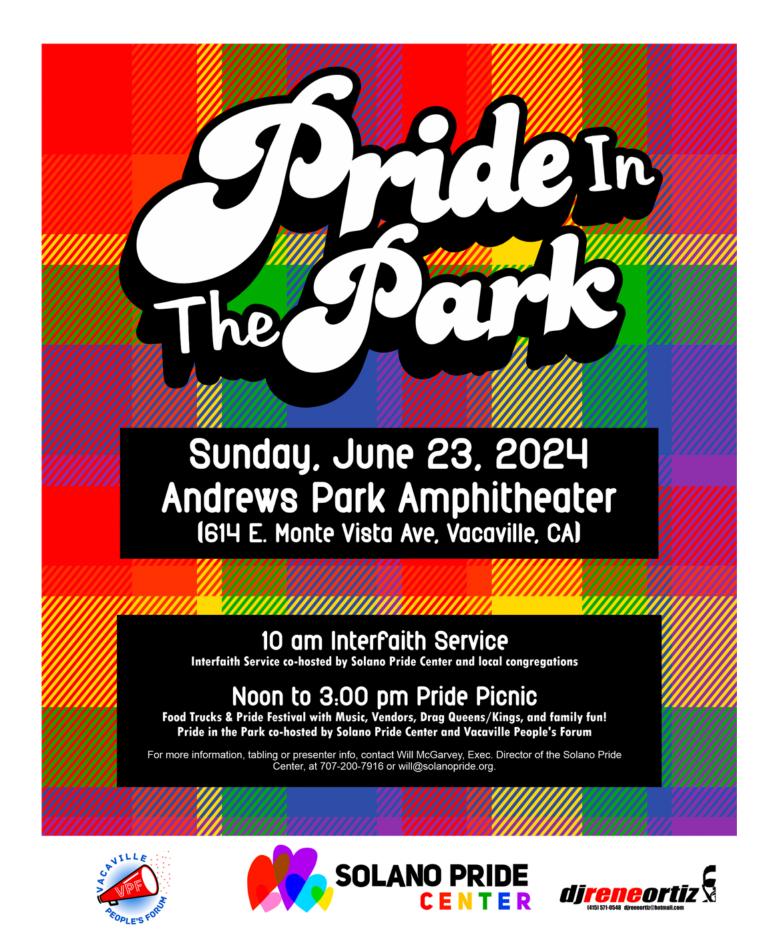
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### Thanks for attending Pride in the Park, 2024!





#### Interfaith Worship Service Program Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am in Andrews Park, Vacaville



**OPENING MUSIC** "For Everyone Born"

by Shirley Erena Murray, Brain R. Mann, UMC

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread; a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain:

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes God will delight when we are creators of justice.... justice and joy.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share; with wisdom and grace dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. *(Refrain)* 

3. For gay and for straight, a place at the table, transgender and queer in one family tree, engaging each gift and blessing each covenant, for gay and for straight, a new way to be. *(Refrain)* 

"Olam Chesed Yibaneh"

by Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Olam che-sed yib-ba-neh – yai dai dai, dai dai, dai dai dai dai. (repeat four times)

I will build this world from love... yai dai dai... And you must build this world from love... yai dai dai... And if we build this world from love... yai dai dai... The God will build this world from love... yai dai dai...

#### "Singing for Our Lives"

by Holly Near

(Sing each line twice)

1. We are a gentle, angry people.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.

2. We are peace and justice siblings.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.

- 3. We are women and men together.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.
- 4. We are gay and straight together.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.
- 5. We are a gentle, loving people.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.

#### WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP by Rev. Ann B. Day, UCC

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

All: Day to day and night to night, unending is their silent speech of beauty and wonder.

One: How shall we join their joyful witness?

Karen Nolan, Epiphany Church

The Rev. Will McGarvey, Solano Pride Center

All: With words that proclaim God's inclusive love, with works that bring forth God's powerful justice, with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence, now and always. Amen!

UNISON PRAYER by Rev. Dr. Sally Harris, United Church of Canada

Karen Nolan

Gathered in this sacred space, O Creator, in the multicolored company of Your people on earth and in heaven, We celebrate Your creation and invite Your presence into our midst. We know, Creator Spirit, that eternity cannot hold You, Nor can our little words describe the breadth of Your faithfulness to us. Yet in the space of our small heart and in silence, Come close and repair us.

(Silence)

**MUSIC** "O For a World"

by Miriam Therese Winter, the tune of Azmon

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, Where time and tears will be no more and all but love will cease.

#### STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Representatives of various faith traditions and life philosophies will share statements about their tradition's perspective on 2S/LGBTQIA+ participation.

Rev. Colin Amato: Swedenborgian Rev. David Deerfeeder: Old Catholic Rev. John Heidel: Episcopalian Will McGarvey: Presbyterian USA and Celtic Pagan Rev. Micah Murdock: Unity Open for others to share, regardless of your tradition....

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Universe be with you.... And also with you...

#### MUSIC

"Peace I Am; Peace I Give; Peace I Will Be" by the Revs. David Deerfeeder & Micah Murdock

#### Peace I am; peace I give; peace I shall be; peace unto you; peace unto me.

MESSAGE OF HOPE

Wanda Cook and David Deerfeeder

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & FOR THE WORLD**The Revs. John Heidel and Colin AmatoIn the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either<br/>silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for spiritual people throughout the world; for our faith leaders; for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for our faith communities.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are attacked in this and every country because of their true gender as it has been revealed to them.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are attacked in this and every country because of who they love.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for the family members and loved ones of those who are attacked because of their sexual orientation or gender identity; may they be comforted and strengthened in their resolve for justice.

#### Silence

I ask for your strength and comfort for children who suffer prejudice from their parents.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for those who have died.

#### Silence

Are there other prayers? (Members of the gathering may ask prayers or offer thanksgivings, aloud or silently.)

#### **UNISON PRAYER**

Wondrous God, lover of lion and lizard, cedar and cactus, raindrop and river, we praise You for the splendor of the world! We thank You, that woven throughout the tapestry of earth are the varied threads of human diversity. Created in Your image, we are of many colors and cultures, ages and classes, gender and sexual identities. Different and alike, we are Your beloved people. Free us, we pray, from fears of difference that divide and wound us. Move us to dismantle our attitudes and systems of prejudice. Renew our commitment to make this a household of faith for all people – gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, and straight – that all who worship and minister here may know the grace and challenge of faith. In our life together, grant us minds and hearts eager to learn, reluctant to judge, and responsive to the leading of Your loving Spirit. We ask in your many names, Amen.

#### MUSIC

"The Dove Will Fly on Mended Wing"

by Tim Reaburn, to the tune of O Waly Waly

1 & 5. Religion, culture, creed and race, each human spirit and each face We celebrate, we dance and sing the talents here each one might bring.

2. And take away a new found song, a new found voice to act on wrongs. To trust, to heal, to help us cope, to stand as one, renewing hope.

3. A people stand, a people call: Come gather here and welcome all. Diversify and celebrate that hopelessness is not our fate.

4. And chains will fall, the shackles break, the earth will rise, and powers quake, Justice will roll, and freedom sing, the dove will fly on mended wing.

#### **CLOSING BLESSINGS AND BENEDICTIONS**

(Please move into a circle so we can hear each other)

Those who shared statements of faith will offer a blessing/benediction from their faith traditions. As we go around the circle, others in the circle may share a word or phrase in response to our time together as their turn comes, or they may pass.

#### **CLOSING MUSIC**

"O Spirit Sing in Me"

by the Revs. David Deerfeeder & Micah Murdock

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of love. O Spirit, sing in me.

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of joy. O Spirit, sing in me.

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of peace. O Spirit, sing in me.

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of faith. O Spirit, sing in me.

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of hope. O Spirit, sing in me.

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of love. O Spirit, sing in me. O Spirit, sing in me. O Spirit, sing in me.

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