



## **The LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida Announces The Many Sides of Pride Film Festival**

*The four-day event will take place June 11-14, 2020 at MOCA Jacksonville*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – January 30, 2020 — The LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida will underwrite Jacksonville’s first annual LGBTQ Film Festival in downtown Jacksonville, to take place at MOCA Jacksonville June 11-14, 2020. The Many Sides of Pride Film will feature the best in LGBTQ film as well as films directed by members of the LGBTQ community to celebrate their diverse impact on the world of cinema.

“We are eager to bring to Northeast Florida a high caliber selection of films with timely topics for those in the LGBTQ community and their allies,” said Joe Barton, chair of the advisory board of the LGBTQ Community Fund. “There is a wealth of talent creating films for and by the LGBTQ community, and my fellow board members feel strongly that this is a special opportunity for our city.”

The LGBTQ Community Fund has made a grant of \$36,700 to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Jacksonville, a Cultural Institute of UNF, to create this inaugural event. Over the course of four days, MOCA Jacksonville will present eight films, including documentaries and shorts, highlighting the diversity of LGBTQ stories and storytellers. Programming will include presentations from filmmakers, panel discussions with members of Jacksonville’s LGBTQ community, and moderated post-film conversations.

One of the many films to be featured is executive producer Patrick Dempsey’s newest project, *Hurley*, a film about the legendary sports-car racing driver Hurley Haywood. Haywood, who lives in St. Augustine, is expected to attend The Many Sides of Pride Film Festival.

“The Many Sides of Pride Film Festival will be an opportunity for all to explore the many powerful stories of the LGBTQ community through the lens of film,” says MOCA Director Caitlín Doherty. “MOCA Jacksonville is grateful to partner with the LGBTQ Community Fund in creating this exciting cultural program for our city.”

As part of its annual grantmaking, the LGBTQ Community Fund also made three additional grants: \$25,000 to OneJax Institute, an interfaith organization, to implement OUTLook, a leadership development program for LGBTQ youth ages 14-19; \$20,000 to the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida to support the launch of the LGBTQIA+ Emerging Leaders Program to invest in and develop the next generation of nonprofit leaders; and \$4,000 to PFLAG for administrative support and community outreach as a bridge grant.

The LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida, housed at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, has awarded \$725,000 since it began making grants in 2014—including substantial grants to organizations representing LGBTQ Youth, LGBTQ elders and LGBTQ on-campus services—which were areas identified by research as significant opportunities for assistance. The Fund has also invested \$168,000 in local [research](#) and convenings to improve the lives of those in the LGBTQ community.



**About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida** [www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (Florida's oldest and one of its largest community foundations, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Created in 1964, the Foundation has assets of \$450 million and has made more than \$500 million in grants since inception.

**About MOCA Jacksonville** [mocajacksonville.unf.edu](http://mocajacksonville.unf.edu)

Founded in 1924 as the Jacksonville Fine Arts Society, MOCA Jacksonville is a private nonprofit visual arts educational institution and cultural institute of the University of North Florida located in the historic Western Union Telegraph building in the heart of downtown. MOCA Jacksonville serves the community and its visitors through its mission to promote the discovery, knowledge and advancement of the art, artists and ideas of our time.

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