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Paula Ettelbrick Appointed as Next Executive Director of NYC's Stonewall Community Foundation

The LGBT Civil Rights Veteran Brings 25-Year History to the Job

NEW YORK, NY (July 9, 2010) – The Stonewall Community Foundation (SCF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Paula L. Ettelbrick to the position of Executive Director. Stonewall is New York City's LGBTQ community foundation whose mission is to provide financial support to the full range of our community's organizations, train emerging leaders on all aspects of Board governance, organizational capacity, and community values, and encourage donors to provide financial resources to support the LGBTQ community well into the future.

Ms. Ettelbrick is a highly regarded and longstanding leader in the LGBT community, with over 25 years experience in leadership positions within LGBT advocacy, human rights and legal organizations.

Paula's proven track record in fundraising, program development, management and leadership was seen most recently when she served as Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, doubling their revenues and tripling their staff. In addition, Paula is an accomplished lawyer, law professor, writer and speaker.

Stonewall Community Foundation was drawn to Ms. Ettelbrick's extensive and deep experience, her reputation in the field, her passion for the community and belief in the need for and role of an LGBT community foundation. Paula's experience positions her to be a highly effective leader to preserve the legacy of our organization and grow the Foundation exponentially. She is well known in the LGBT community as both a visionary who can lead our investors and supporters in developing a long-term strategy for Stonewall and an experienced leader who is not afraid to roll up her sleeves to get the job done.

"The essential of social change for LGBT people lies in developing our vision of a world we want to live in, building strong and creative community leadership to forge the path, and ensuring that the financial resources are there consistently for the long haul," Ettelbrick said. "Stonewall's role in all three is central to the LGBT community's future, and I am so very thrilled to have been chosen to lead the future growth and work of this gem in our midst."

"Stonewall's future lies in building the resources and programs that will support our movement for future generations," said Board Member and Vice President Matthew Ryan. "During our search, Paula was identified as a passionate and talented leader to build upon Stonewall's rich legacy, raising its visibility and leveraging the strong connections that exist in the LGBT community."

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Over the years, Stonewall has provided financial support to the full range of New York City's rich community, from well established LGBTQ groups like Lambda Legal, Lavender Light Gospel Choir, The Audre Lorde Project, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, The Pride Agenda, AIDS Walk NY, and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, to emerging community grassroots and cultural groups like FIERCE and BAAD! Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance. Through its Racial Equity Initiative, Out in Front Program, QuarterShare Giving, and Donor Advised giving programs, Stonewall works closely with younger, diverse generations of activists and donors as well as long-standing donors and advocates to build the financial foundation for our community's cultural, legal, and social well-being.

A lawyer by profession, Paula has a 25-year history in leadership positions within LGBT advocacy non-profits in the United States. From 2003 to 2009, she was the Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), a US-based non-profit headquartered in New York with regional offices in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Cape Town, South Africa and Quezon City, Philippines. IGLHRC, also a recipient of Stonewall funding, partners with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender groups around the world to challenge human rights abuse and discrimination and advocate for global policies and laws that respect the rights of LGBT people everywhere.

She has also served as the legal director at Lambda Legal, policy director at the National Center for Lesbian Rights, legislative counsel for the Empire State Pride Agenda, and family policy director at the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Paula has written and spoken extensively about civil, constitutional and human rights issues related to sexuality, gender and sexual orientation. She is an adjunct professor of law at New York University Law School where she teaches Sexuality and the Law, and a lecturer in the Women's Studies Department at Barnard College. She has also taught in the law schools of the University of Michigan, Columbia University, Wayne State University, Whittier Law School's Amsterdam Summer Program, as well as New York Law School.

Since its inception in 1990, Stonewall Community Foundation has provided inspired and thoughtful giving; leadership and community development; and legacy development through endowments, scholarships, trusts and funds. The Foundation has awarded more than \$15 million in grants to more than 400 organizations. These organizations are New York City community-based not-for-profit organizations, projects and programs whose missions are of benefit to the LGBTQ community in the areas of health care, mental health, social service, substance abuse, community organizing, advocacy, arts, culture and the media.

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About Stonewall Community Foundation:

Stonewall Community Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization, is the public charity for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) New York. Since its founding in 1990, Stonewall has awarded more than \$15 million in grants to more than 450 LGBT organizations, many of whom are new or emerging groups that do not have the resources to reach potential donors. Our mission is to strengthen the LGBTQ community from within, empower donors, support community leadership and build dynamic organizations. we do this by: inspired and thoughtful giving; leadership and community development; legacy development through endowments, scholarships, trusts and funds.

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