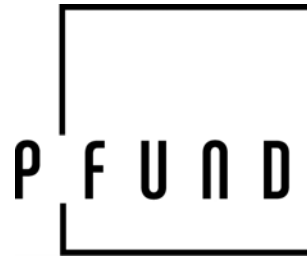


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LGBT ORGANIZATIONS MEET WITH SEN. FRANKEN *Upper Midwest LGBT foundation hosts meeting with U.S. Senator Al Franken*

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 18, 2010 – PFund, the only Minnesota foundation dedicated exclusively to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality, today hosted a meeting with U.S. Senator Al Franken and sixteen leaders from LGBT organizations.

PFund grantees met with Sen. Franken and shared the work each organization does to benefit LGBT and allied people in Minnesota. The meeting included representatives from Avenues for Homeless Youth, Bisexual Empowerment Conference, Family & Children’s Service, Minnesota GLBTA Campus Alliance, OutFront Minnesota, Rainbow Health Initiative and Rainbow Rumpus.

“PFund works to provide opportunities for our grantees to raise the visibility of their work,” said Greg Grinley, PFund executive director. “We are incredibly grateful to Sen. Franken for his support and for taking time to hear about the critical issues our grantees are working on.”

Senator Franken highlighted his long-term and unwavering support of LGBT communities. He shared his work to repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”, his support of the Student Non-Discrimination Act (SNDA) and the Employment Nondiscrimination Act (ENDA) among other things.

“Senator Franken enjoyed the honest conversation with PFund’s grantees,” said Bethany Snyder, Director of Field Operations, Office of Senator Franken, “he left the meeting more aware of the great and needed work of the organizations present. He is energized to continue to work hard for the LGBT community.”

Organizations present applauded Senator Franken’s commitment to LGBT equality and urged the Senator to remember that LGBT people are affected by the same issues that affect all Americans – quality and affordable healthcare, immigration, economic stability and safe schools.

“I appreciated the opportunity to share our work with Senator Franken,” said Joan Higinbotham, board member, Rainbow Rumpus. “The conversation was valuable for us as well as the Senator.”

About PFund

Established in 1987 as Philanthrofund Foundation in Minneapolis when four friends pooled \$2,000, PFund is now supported by thousands of individuals in dozens of states who have created a vibrant and vital community foundation that is a catalyst for equality. PFund is one of only a handful of foundations in the nation created specifically by and for LGBT communities. PFund Foundation is a community foundation that advances equality for LGBT communities in the Upper Midwest by assisting organizations in being successful, funding systems change work, developing leaders, inspiring giving, and convening & reporting on issues of importance for our communities. Today PFund manages \$1 million in assets, enjoying the support of committed donors and dedicated volunteers from LGBT and allied communities.

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