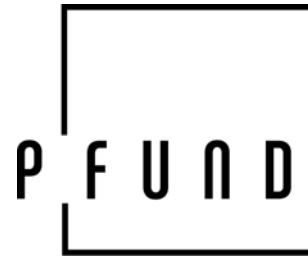


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PFund Brings Together 60 People to Discuss LGBT Seniors' Issues *LGBT community is disconnected from current seniors' services*

MINNEAPOLIS, March 8, 2010 – PFund, the only Minnesota foundation dedicated exclusively to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality, hosted a community forum on Wednesday, March 3, to explore issues facing LGBT seniors -- such as employment, retirement, health care and housing -- and how these issues are currently being addressed by policymakers, key service providers and stakeholder groups.

The forum included a presentation by Laurie Young, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, on the task force's recently issued report, "Outing Age 2010: Public Policy Issues Affecting LGBT Elders." The goal of PFund's community forum was to build upon the information gathered by the task force's report and identify gaps that exist between current needs and available resources in Minnesota communities.

“There is the potential for local momentum for advancing policy and services for LGBT seniors,” said Young. “One of the gaps mentioned by the group is a database of services. Actually one does exist, but is not well known: MinnesotaHelp.info. This is evidence of the need for more communications about LGBT seniors’ needs.” The LGBT community is disconnected from the system set up to support seniors.

Attendees included community members and representatives from Minnesota seniors and aging services/agencies as well as LGBT community organizations and individuals.

The task force report can be viewed at: [Outing Age 2010: Public Policy Issues Affecting LGBT Elders](#)

About PFund

PFund envisions a time when LGBT people experience the world as a place of safety and our media, policy makers, families and popular culture reject any form of violence against them. 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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