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PFund Foundation Announces Promotions, Open Position Following Three Month Planning

Kroening and Wenker Promoted, Program Officer Position Posted

MINNEAPOLIS (Apr. 4, 2011) –PFund Foundation, the only Minnesota foundation dedicated exclusively to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality, today announced the promotions of Ryan Kroening and Alfonso Wenker, and the posting of a new Program Officer position. Kroening and Wenker will take their new posts along with the new-hire effective June 1.

Kroening will step into the role of Events and Outreach Coordinator. In this role he will oversee all foundation events and community outreach as well as daily office operations. He is a 2009 graduate of the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, earned a Bachelor of Individualized Studies in cultural anthropology, design & family social science, along with a minor in GLBT studies. An active volunteer with PFund since 2007, he joined the staff in July 2010. Most recently he was on the staff of Project 515 and active with the Minnesota GLBTA Campus Alliance.

“We are thrilled that Ryan will be taking on this new role,” said Kate Eubank, executive director. “With his strong community connections and event experience he will bring the necessary skills we need to increase our impact and reach in the Upper Midwest.”

“I’m honored to be increasing my responsibilities with PFund and look forward to engaging with our constituents across the region,” said Kroening.

Wenker will be promoted to Director of Development & Communications where he will focus on increasing and diversifying the foundations revenue and visibility. He has been at PFund since August of 2007 and has developed the foundation’s current grantmaking procedures and technical assistance programs. Wenker holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of St. Thomas – Minnesota in public relations. Previous to PFund, he worked on the development staff of OutFront Minnesota. Wenker was recently a co-chair for the 2011 National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change.

“PFund has been my home for nearly four years and I am excited to take on this new role,” said Wenker. “I am looking forward to working more closely with our donor community as PFund continues to grow.”

“Alfonso’s leadership has been instrumental during this time of transition,” said Susan Raffo, executive director. “This new role was a natural next step as we continue to strengthen relationships across all of our stakeholder groups. We’re looking forward to what Alfonso will bring to PFund through this new role. ”

The promotions of Kroening and Wenker come after the hiring of Kate Eubank and Susan Raffo as executive director in a job share structure. Following the hiring of Eubank and Raffo, the staff and Board underwent three months of restructuring conversations leading up to these promotions. Today, the Foundation also posted for a Program Officer with an expected hire date of late May. All changes will take effect June 1. Details on the Program Officer search process can be found at PFund's website, www.pfundonline.org.

"I am incredibly proud of the work Ryan and Alfonso have done to strengthen PFund," said Lupe Castillo, board president. "With these two in their new roles, we can enter the next chapter of PFund with a strong, well-equipped staff team to bring us to the next level."

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About PFund

PFund Foundation is a community foundation that advances social justice for LGBT communities in the Upper Midwest by providing hands on assistance to organizations, funding systems change work, developing leaders, inspiring giving, and convening & reporting on issues of importance for our communities. 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 celebrates and strengthens our communities. PFund is one of only a handful of foundations in the nation created specifically by and for LGBT communities. PFund envisions a time when LGBT people are celebrated and live free from discrimination, violence, invisibility and isolation. Today, PFund manages nearly \$1 million in assets, enjoying the support of committed donors and dedicated volunteers from LGBT and allied communities. More at PFundOnline.org.