

Come Out for OUR FAMILIES!

We believe that all of our families have so much in common: we are all working hard to ensure our loved ones have access to healthy food, quality education, affordable healthcare, and housing. As families of color, we experience unique challenges as we work to keep our homes, our jobs, and our health. Many of our families face discrimination that prevents us from thriving in our workplaces and our neighborhoods. These struggles affect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families of color in very unique ways. LGBT families of color are part of the fabric of our communities and members of our own families. Unfortunately, some of our LGBT family members do not feel our communities' full support. So, in honor of National Coming Out Day, we are coming out as friends, family and public allies of LGBT families of color. We believe our communities are strongest when all families – extended families, multi-generational families, single parent families and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families – have the resources, respect and love needed to thrive.

We believe it is time to come out in support of all of our families. Join us!



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"The beauty and the importance of family is that it is always there to support each of us as our lives unfold and we seek to find our unique meaning in it. Our families are our bedrock and we need to do all we can to insure that they continue to embrace all who our creator has placed in them. Nothing in life is more important"

Michael Alexander, CEO, Urban League of Portland

"I support 'Come Out for Our Families' because LGBTQ folks are an integral part of our community and I defend their rights to live a life free from discrimination, hate and indifference. An attack on one sector of our community is an attack on all. Si Se Puede!"

Ramon Ramirez, President, Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)

"I believe in fairness, justice, and dignity for all people. It's important for all of us to stand up for and be visible in our support for each other."

June Arima Schumann



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