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**BOSTON PRIDE JOINS FORCES WITH THE FRIENDS OF GLBT YOUTH
AND SOMOS LATIN@S LGBT COALITION OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Boston, Ma. (April 10, 2011) Boston Pride is extremely proud to announce that they have come together with The Friends of GLBT Youth Inc. and Somos Latin@s LGBT Coalition of Massachusetts to bring the state's Youth and Latino Pride Celebrations under one organizational umbrella.

Says Keri Aulita, Deputy Director of Boston Pride, "Latino Pride is now a program of Boston Pride and we are excited to host our first meeting and build a Latino Pride Advisory Committee into our organization."

Youth Pride will move from the hands of The Friends of GLBT Youth to Boston Pride's growing list of programs over a three-year period, with full ownership taking place in 2012. Continues Aulita, "We think it's important to work together over the next few years to ensure a smooth transition for our LGBT youth. We are collaborating on this year's May 14th event and learning from each other as we go."

The Friends of GLBT Youth is a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating homophobia and transphobia in order to allow all young gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people the opportunity to reach their full potential. The organization works with youth and teens to provide them with knowledge and courage to be who they are in today's society.

"Our three organizations have a common goal of bringing people together in the name of visibility, acceptance and equality. Now we will also have the shared resources and infrastructure to grow and increase the impact of our work and mission."

Boston Pride produces events and activities to achieve inclusivity, equality, respect, and awareness in Greater Boston and beyond. Fostering diversity, unity, visibility, and dignity, we educate, communicate, and advocate by building and strengthening community connections.

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