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**OUR FAMILY COALITION CELEBRATES 21 YEARS
ADVOCATING FOR LGBTQ FAMILIES AT NIGHT OUT GALA**

*Congresswoman Barbara Lee, AT&T CA President Ken McNeely,
and Noe Valley Attorney Charlie Spiegel to be honored*

SAN FRANCISCO - On **Friday, May 12, 2017**, Our Family Coalition (OFC), California's premier LGBTQ family organization, brings together 400 attendees to celebrate the organization's 21 years of advocacy, education, and community-building. The gala event brings together elected officials, corporate sponsors, community partners, and major donors, many of whom are LGBT people with children.

Congresswoman **Barbara Lee** will receive the Notable Ally Award at the gala, and President of AT&T California **Ken McNeely** will receive the Luminary Award.

Noe Valley neighbor and attorney **Charlie Spiegel** will receive the Groundbreaker Award. His legal practice includes prenuptial planning, divorce and custody mediation, adoption, surrogacy and real estate matters. His lifelong advocacy on behalf of LGBTQ families—much of which stems from his practice, and much of which is above and beyond it—will be recognized at the gala.

Charlie helped co-found Our Family Coalition, which emerged as a single non-profit serving the Bay Area from a merger of San Francisco-based All Our Families Coalition and Berkeley-based Our Family. Charlie has also served as Co-Chair of the National Board of Lambda Legal, and has been a longtime organizer of Gay Future Dads, a Northern California group supporting prospective and current gay fathers. Over the course of several decades, he has helped countless LGBTQ people on their family-building journeys.

"I am honored Congresswoman Barbara Lee will be there and honored as well—though I am more likely the 'as well,'" jokes Spiegel. "Michelle Meow is the usually hilarious political comic MC. The work I'm being recognized for has been about helping make sure LGBT couples are included fully in family law settings. That work goes hand-in-hand with the number of LGBT families who OFC has supported in coming and being out, being legally protected, and thereby

changing the political landscape for marriage equality. That work is now redoubled by OFC and all of us.”

Now in its 9th year, Night Out has established itself as the only event exclusively supporting LGBT families with children in the Bay Area. The general public is warmly invited to this adults only event. Tickets are on sale now at ourfamily.org/give-back/night-out.

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Our Family Coalition advances equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) families with children through support, education, and advocacy. We seek to create an inclusive and just world where all LGBTQ families with children have visibility and opportunities to thrive as valued participants in our schools, institutions, and communities.

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