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FLoatarama Awards $120,000 in Grants Through Nonprofit's 2026 LGBTQ Youth Fund

Eight South Florida Organizations Receive Funding to Support LGBTQ Youth

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1. FLoatarama board of directors with the 2026 FLoatarama Youth Fund grant recipients
2. Florida Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Shultz
3. Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood Dancers
4. The Humanity Project team
5. Chris Busby, Ted Bertagi and George Kowlaksi, FLoatarama board member and Director of Fun
6. Erick Eldrige, Director of Special Events Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood and Diego Alonso, Hunters Wilton Manors
7. Dr. Joe Donnelley and Noel Mesis
8. David Jobin, president & CEO, The Our Fund Foundation with Noel Mitchell, Legacy Officer and Angel Burgos
9. Scott Schramm, president of FLoatarama
10. Christoph Babka with SAVE LGBTQ
11. Michael Raj-Henry, Michael Narain, Richard Santiago and Boris Rueda With Out My Closet
12. Scott Schramm, Alexander Puga, Content Creation Director at PRISM and Chris Busby
13. Kathy Lopez and William Campos, CEO Equality Empowerment Center
14. Malena Mendez and Jocelyn Cadrentey with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County
15. Mario DePedro and Dom Hernandez with SunServe
16. Members of the South Florida Pride Concert Band
17. Don Donahue, Scott Schramm, Tony Lima and Roger Hicks
18. Diana Hanford and JP Price

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WILTON MANORS, Fla. (October 5, 2026) – FLoatarama awarded $120,000 in grants through its FLoatarama LGBTQ Youth Fund to eight South Florida nonprofit organizations providing critical programs and services for LGBTQ youth.

Presented by Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, the FLoatarama Youth Fund Awards celebration welcomed more than 200 guests to Hunters Wilton Manors on Thursday, October 1. The evening celebrated philanthropy, community and the collective commitment to supporting LGBTQ youth, featuring lively entertainment and dazzling performances by the Hard Rock Dancers.

"At FLoatarama, we believe every young person deserves to feel supported, valued and empowered to reach their full potential," said **Scott Schramm,** president of FLoatarama. "These grants represent more than financial support. They are an investment in the organizations showing up for LGBTQ youth every day, providing mentorship, safe spaces, creative opportunities and the resources to help them thrive. As these organizations navigate growing needs and fewer funding resources, our community's generosity makes an even greater difference. We're proud to bring people together to have fun, do good and create meaningful, lasting impact."

The grants, ranging from $10,000 to $20,000, will support the following organizations and programs:

1. **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County**, BIG Pride: GSA Group Mentoring
2. **Equality Empower Center,** EmpowerU: LGBTQ+ Youth Care & Advocacy Program
3. **The Humanity Project**, Abuse & Anti-Bullying Program
4. **Out My Closet,** "THE SPOT" A Creative Resource & Empowerment Hub for LGBTQ+ Youth
5. **PRISM Florida,** Content Creation Task Force
6. **SAVE LGBTQ**, SAVE Young Leaders Program
7. **South Florida Pride Bands,** Pride Youth Band, Pride Youth Jazz Band and the 5th annual FLoatarama Soloist Competition
8. **SunServe,** Youth Peer Support and Resilience Group

FLoatarama's Grant Review Committee, comprised of dedicated community volunteers, evaluated a record 30 applications, underscoring both the growing need for LGBTQ youth services and the breadth of organizations working to meet those needs across South Florida.

Collectively, applicants requested $557,700 in funding, of which approximately 22% could be awarded. The committee faced a challenging selection process, with an exceptionally strong pool of applicants and many worthy programs competing for limited resources.

Since its founding six years ago, FLoatarama has awarded $532,000 through its LGBTQ Youth Fund, managed by its philanthropic partner, The Our Fund Foundation.

FLoatarama is an all-volunteer nonprofit that brings the community together through a series of vibrant events and fundraising initiatives. Its signature Pride-on-Water celebration takes place each June during Pride Month, complemented by annual contributions from its Founder's Club members. Guided by its mantra, **#HaveFunDoGood**, FLoatarama combines celebration and philanthropy to create meaningful opportunities for the community to support LGBTQ youth.

About FLoatarama

FLoatarama, Inc. is a South Florida 501(c)(3) all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds to support LGBTQ+ youth. Funds raised by FLoatarama benefit the FLoatarama LGBTQ Youth Fund, managed by The Our Fund Foundation. #havefundogood.