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Letter from the Board

Dear Friends in our Most Fabulous LGBTQIA+ Community,
The Board of MS Capital City Pride, as well as the most amazing Pride Festival Planning team, welcome you to the sixth annual "It's Pride Y'all Festival Rooted and Rising"!

I personally have been involved in Pride Festival planning every year since the beginning and I am so proud of the continuing effort and growth of such an important event. It takes a large group of dedicated and hard working individuals to bring this amazing weekend to you. It is an event that takes a solid year to plan. It is also an event that takes a large number of sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and performers. So to everyone involved on each and every level, a HUGE thank you!

Creating safe spaces is a main focus of MS Capital City Pride. And our Pride festival is our quintessential effort to create a safe space and create a lovely gift for the queer community and the allies that love us. We continue to create this event during a time when the need for "Pride" is often questioned and our community is under attack on so many levels. But what a fabulous way to celebrate joy, love, and being uniquely oneself without pretense or judgment.

As you enjoy this weekend, have BIG fun, and meet the many diverse vendors from affirming religious groups, to legal and financial services, to yummy food trucks and craft makers that made a stand to be at Pride. Get to know the numerous folks involved. Enjoy the entertainers. We are so very glad you are here!

I also challenge you to think about how you might want to get involved in this growing community and this amazing Pride organization. I promise no matter your letter (LGBTQIA+) you are wanted and will be welcomed! Whether you sign up to get our newsletters, whether you start watching our biweekly podcasts, come to monthly Drag Trivia on the first Monday of the month, join us virtually for our fabulous queer book club or seriously consider joining the Pride Festival planning team for 2027...

get involved! You are needed and your talents and efforts will be valued! There are so many ways to lean in! And after the weekend, if you still aren't sure how (and want to know more), don't hesitate to reach out.

With Pride and Gratitude,
Kathy Clem
Chair, MS Capital City Pride



2026 It's Pride Y'all Planning Committee



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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 2027 IT'S PRIDE Y'ALL
PLANNING COMMITTEE, SPEAK TO ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS!**

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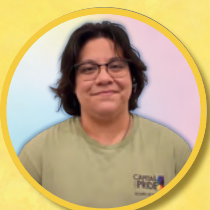
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HALLOWEEN DRAG BRUNCH

OCTOBER 18 HAL & MAL'S
DOORS - 12 PM SHOWTIME - 1 PM
COSTUME CONTEST



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HOSTED BY
**PENNY
NICKELS**

RuPaul's
DRAG RACE
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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

VIP KICK-OFF GALA

6:30pm - 8:30pm featuring DJ Citizen Jane

MMA GRAND HALL

STAURDAY, OCTOBER 17

IT'S PRIDE Y'ALL FESTIVAL

12:00pm Festival Gates Open

THE GARDENS AT MMA

12:30pm DRAG STORY HOUR with Penny & Merry

1:30pm Jackson Gay Men's Chorus

MMA GRAND HALL

2:00pm "This Is Your Q" Live Podcast Recording

2:30pm Yung Jewelz

3:00pm Rita Brent

MAIN STAGE

3:45pm Brandon Andrews

4:15pm MEET & GREET with Mia Starr

MMA GRAND HALL

4:10pm Kicking

MAIN STAGE

5:00pm Venus and the Flytraps

6:00pm DRAG SHOWCASE feat. Mia Starr

hosted by Penny Nickels

with Ivy Serena White, Leonardo Black,
Malaysia Ravor Black, Mercedes E. L'Oréal,
Sèraphina & Yué Capri

MAIN STAGE

7:45pm Community Toast

8:00pm DANCE PARTY with DJ Citizen Jane

MAIN STAGE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

HALLOWEEN DRAG BRUNCH

12:00pm Doors Open

1:00pm Showtime

HAL & MAL'S

Vendors & Food

- 1-3 JXNOLOGY
- 4-6 Episcopal Church of MS
- 7 Funky's Bauble Boutique
- 8 CONTACT Crisis Line
- 9 Awakening Love
- 10 Klassy Krafts by Kayla
- 11 Student Health Coalition
- 12 ViiV Healthcare
- 13 Sweet T's Vntg & Thrift
- 14 Wendy's Witchery
- 15 R.M. Miller Art
- 16 Fine & Fiber Arts
- 17 Avita Care Solutions
- 18 Ms T's Sweets & Things
- 19 The S.H.E. Project
- 20 ACLU of Mississippi
- 21 ViiV Healthcare
- 22 Visit Jackson
- 23 Grace House Services
- 24 MS Harm Reduction Initiative
- 25 Transcending Wellness
- 26 Ardenland & Band merch
- 27 Euki
- 28 Shrop's Shop
- 29 Sirena's Custom Jewelry
- 30 Open Invitation Stationery

- 31 TNA Enterprises
- 32 Gatewood Law PLLC
- 33 Mississippi Votes
- 34 Campaign for Southern Equality
- 35 Safe Harbor Family Church
- 36 Savvy Magnolia Co.
- 37 AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- 38 Sweet Tooth Factory MS
- 39 7 Springs Studio
- 40 Brickin' My Life Away
- 41 TRANS Program
- 42 Human Love Apparel
- 43 Broadmeadow UMC
- 44 Jackson Gay Men's Chorus
- 45 LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi
- 46 Robin Morgan Financial
- 47 Jackson Free Clinic
- 48 Nadabutter
- 49 Jackson Roller Derby
- 50 Wurm Works
- 51 Getter Dunn
- 52 IQOS
- 53 Urban Foxes Coffee
- FOOD TRUCK 1 Eddie Wright BBQ
- FOOD TRUCK 2 Squiggles
- FOOD TRUCK 3 Rolling Eggrolls
- FOOD TRUCK 4 Shivers Creek

Musical Artists



KICKING!
YUNG JEWELZ

BRANDON ANDREWS
JACKSON GAY MEN'S CHORUS



DJ CITIZEN JANE

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Your donation provides resources and efforts that are aimed at providing economic, social, cultural, health, and other needed services for LGBTQ Mississippians.



2026-2027
Grantees Map



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2026 Grand Marshals

ROBIN MORGAN



Robin Morgan is a veteran independent financial advisor and prominent LGBTQ+ advocate based in Madison, MS, who has served local individuals and businesses since 1991. As the founder and president of Robin Morgan Financial, she provides comprehensive wealth management, insurance, and retirement planning. Her professional credentials include Series 6, 7, 63, and 66 securities licenses held through Cambridge Investment

Research Advisors. Additionally, she has been recognized as a Dave Ramsey SmartVestor Pro since 2001, aligning her advisory guidance with disciplined saving and long-term wealth building. Beyond her advisory work, Morgan has a deep history of grassroots activism and philanthropy in MS. In her early years of advocacy, she was a committed activist for Camp Sister Spirit, a feminist and LGBTQ+ retreat founded by Wanda and Brenda Henson in Overtt. She also served as a co-founder of the Gulf Coast Women's Music Festival, which began in 1989. Robin Morgan remains deeply committed to philanthropy and social equity. She champions LGBTQ+ advocacy across the state, notably through her active involvement on the Advisory Board of the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi. Demonstrating her commitment to sustainable progress, she recently contributed a significant end-of-year matching gift to the Fund's endowment to fuel vital local grantmaking for safety, healthcare, and legal advocacy. By seamlessly blending over three decades of financial expertise with impactful community leadership, Robin Morgan successfully advocates for both individual financial independence and a more inclusive, dignified environment for all Mississippians.



SAMMY MOON

Sammy Moon is a visionary leader dedicated to strengthening Mississippi's vulnerable children, families, and communities. As the former executive director of the Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy, Moon helped in fundamentally reshaping the state's civic sector by bridging the gap between grant makers, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Raised in the rural community of Becker, MS, Moon's commitment to

service was inspired by his father's country store, a hub where diverse people gathered to solve problems. Facing childhood teasing for being different also fueled his empathy for marginalized groups. During the 1960s, he attended the University of Mississippi, where he joined a student group that integrated a local church. This pivotal experience showed him the power of collective action to challenge the status quo. Moon built a formidable academic background, earning a Master's in sociology from the University of Mississippi, a Master's in Social Work from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School. He spent over 25 years building a distinguished national career, serving as a senior associate at the Annie E. Casey Foundation and a senior advisor for United Way Worldwide. Driven to bring his expertise back home, Moon returned to Mississippi to lead the Mississippi Association of Grantmakers. He later helped launch, as the founding donor, the state's LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi. Supported by his partner of over 39 years, Moon continues to relentlessly challenge institutional discrimination, proving that compassionate, systemic change is always possible.



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6:00 ON THE MAIN STAGE



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WHITE



LEONARDO
BLACK



MALAYSIA
RAVOR
BLACK



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DRAG STORY HOUR

FAMILY FRIENDLY STORYTIME AND CRAFTS!

12:30 PM MMA GRAND HALL

WITH

PENNY NICKELS & MERRY BARNES



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WHERE QUEER MEANS HERE, AND Y'ALL MEANS ALL

LIVE PODCAST RECORDING

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with Penny Nickels



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WHAT IS "RAINBOW MAGNOLIA SOCIETY"?

A new donor circle to support the mission and goals of MS Capital City Pride. Your donation will go directly towards funding the organization's community-driven programs throughout the year. A portion will also benefit the "It's Pride Y'all" festival to help keep our festival FREE to the public. This is more than just a gift; it's a powerful act of love for our local LGBTQIA+ community.

WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

Local LGBTQIA+ nonprofits like ours are often the first to feel the impact of political pushback and funding cuts. We've already felt the pressure this year as we've lost several sponsorships from past years because of cuts to DEI. Your donation keeps us moving forward! It allows us to show up when our community needs us most; offering resources, sharing vital information, and creating safe spaces filled with pride and belonging.

JOIN US!

If you believe in building a stronger, more inclusive Mississippi for LGBTQIA+ people, we invite you to stand with us. Together, we can ensure Pride isn't just an event, but a lasting force for change in our community!

MEMBER BENEFITS

Exclusive Recognition

- Recognition in the "Rainbow Rundown"
- Listed on website as "Member"

Exclusive Invitations

- Access to exclusive, celebratory events.
- Invitation to the "Annual Donor Social"
 - Catered dinner for Society members
 - Presentation on Impact of contribution
 - Preview of future programs

Free Tickets and VIP Access

- 2 unlimited Drag Brunch tickets a year
- Free entry to the Rainbow Run and Gayrage Sale
- Host Committee membership at It's Pride Y'all each year

Community Impact

- Directly support MS Capital City Pride's year-round programs and outreach
- Help keep "It's Pride Y'all" a FREE and inclusive celebration.

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THE PEOPLE WHO
HAVE GIVEN
THEIR
LIVES
FOR
BELIEVING
THAT GOD
CREATED US
ALL EQUAL.”

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Dear Friends & Family,

Robin Morgan Financial, an LGBTQ+ owned financial services business welcomes you to It's Pride Y'all 2026! It is an honor and a privilege to be part of this great event.

I have been a financial advisor for 35 years. The LGBTQ+ community is diverse, and everyone's situation is unique. Our office is a safe space where you are welcome to come as your authentic self and freely talk about your family's financial goals and dreams.

Please stop by our booth and say hello, ask a question, sign up for a complimentary financial review, or join our mailing list for LGBTQ+ topics. We love what we do, and we love our community. We look forward to meeting you!

*Enjoy Pride,
Robin*





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TOGETHER.**

