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### **Pride Without Borders**

**June is celebrated as Pride Month every year, with Pride Celebrations taking place all over the world. This year we want to recognize that June is Pride Month! Welcome to the 36th Annual Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade and Festival presented by Community Link!**

**Last year Fresno, we asked you all to come out and celebrate, and wow, did you ever! We smashed all previous attendance records with 16,000 people attending our parade and over 18,000 people at the Festival! We are so glad to have you back again this year as we celebrate the incredible diversity of the Central Valley.**

**So, on this day, June 6, 2026, take a moment to reflect on everything we have accomplished and also everything we still have to overcome. Be proud, be strong, be Queer, remember why we are here and what we still have to fight for!**

**At the completion of the parade, please be sure to join us for the festival at Fresno City College, free roundtrip bus transportation is provided. The festival features more vendors, more food, more community partners, a bigger kids area, a better beer garden and so much more!**

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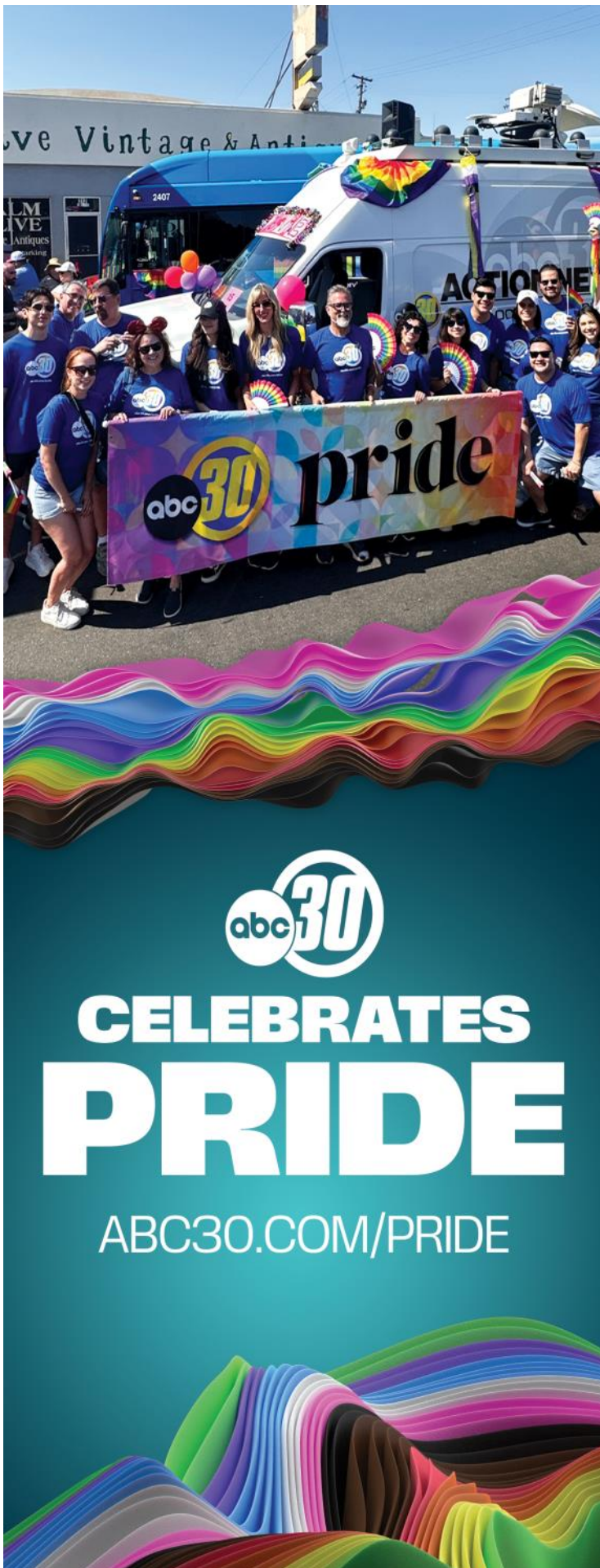
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**Jeffery Robinson**  
Grand Marshal

Jeffery Robinson is a founding member and the CEO of Community Link, Inc. an organization that has been dedicated to providing services to the LGBTQ+ community since its establishment in 1988. For the past 35 plus years he has run/coordinated/lead the following programs through Community Link:

- Beginning in 2003-Annual Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade and Festival
- Youth Alliance, a LGBTQ+ weekly support group
- Grey Alliance, a LGBTQ+ support/social group for seniors
- It's A Queer Thang, monthly radio show on KFCF 88.1 FM
- Qistory, documenting and archiving the LGBTQ+ of the Central Valley
- News Link, LGBTQ+ newspaper
- Rainbow Bowlers
- Pink Pages
- Speaking out Bureau

Jeffery also participated in other organizations and events:

- 1989-1992 active member of Queer Nation and ACT-UP Fresno
- organized numbers actions, protests, and acts of civil disobedience.
- One of the 12 Founding members of the 1st Pride Parade in Fresno
- Emperor 26 of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno
- 2009 Meet in the Middle one of 70+ organizers
- 2015 Commencement Speaker at the LGBT Graduating Class at Fresno State University
- Key Note Speaker at several LGBT events and actions
- Speaker at rallies regarding marriage equality and hate crimes
- Expression Not Suppression (ENS), for several years co-organized with the GSA Network, where he presented workshops on the History of Drag, LGBT History, and Healthy Relationships

When he was being honored with a life time achievement award, Jeffery stated, that it was finding the LGBT community that saved him and is why he dedicated so much of his time and life to giving back to that community.

When Jeffery passed away on March 9, 2022, we lost a leader, great advocate, a strong voice, mentor, and so much more. His loss will be felt for years to come.

Today we honor him and so many others that gave of themselves for this community. Honor him by celebrating today and every day as a day of Pride.



## Susan Kuhn Grand Marshal

Susan Kuhn was a mother, wife, grandmother, aunt, sister, cousin, daughter, volunteer, educator, activist, faithful Catholic, organizer, advocate, philanthropist, and furious friend. Born and raised on the East Coast, Susan came to Fresno as a pre-teen. She was a competitive swimmer at, then, Clovis United High School and among the inaugural members of the Newman Club at St Paul's Newman Center where she met and married Bill Kuhn.

During the early 1980s when many closed-minded people would not shake a gay person's hand for fear of catching AIDS, Susan was at the forefront. She volunteered at the Central Valley AIDS Team in its infancy answering phones and working the hotline. Susan joined the local San Joaquin chapter of ACT UP! She was proud to educate sex workers on G Street with hugs and condoms.

During the 1990s until her death last year, Susan volunteered and donated to the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno/Madera, frequently serving as treasurer with the title: Imperial Grand Dame for Life. Most recently, Susan has served on Community Link's Rainbow Pride Committee as co-chair of the Parade committee with Patty Colucci since anyone can remember. In fact when asked, no one could remember a time when Patty and Susan were not "doing the Parade."

Susan lived her life as a disciple of Christ, following the Beatitudes. One of her favorite passages from Matthew and bookmarked in her bible:

- How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage
- Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted
- Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied
- Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them
- Happy the pure of heart; they shall see God
- Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called daughters and sons of God
- Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Susan was a professional volunteer with more than 50 years of experience in Fresno and the San Joaquin Valley. With the "hemohan" in the bleeding disorders community; managing numerous 10K run registrations; wrapping Christmas presents for the Teen Ranch; stuffing countless envelopes for at local museums; opening absentee ballots for League of Women Voters; managing countless events for her kids' school PTAs; and being an active member of her multi-faith Bible Study, Susan humbly served "her community."

Susan was gracious and met people where they were with respect, acceptance, and love.

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**Patricia Ann Colucci**  
Grand Marshal

Patricia Ann Colucci was born in Chicago, Illinois to Ronald & Eileen Renfro. She had twin brothers Ronny and Donny. It was thru Don Renfro that Patty became acquainted with the Red Lantern, Virgil Wigley and LGBT+ community as an ally.

Patty was a Life/Soul Mate, Spouse, Mother, Step-Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother, Partner, Teacher, photographer, farmer, advocate, dragster, Artist and a fierce friend. She has 2 sons, 3 daughters, 2 grandsons, 4 granddaughters, 1 great-granddaughter and an infinite number of cherished friends.

She was the Guardian of the Dove Sterling Rainbow Jester Emperor 25 of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno/ Madera, served as President of the Court and on the board of directors.

She served on Community Link's Rainbow Pride Parade and Festival Committee as the Parade Co-chair with Susan Kuhn. No one can remember when Patty & Susan started "doing the parade" (but they were both involved with Pride since 1991 the 1st one).

Patty was generous with her time & easy to talk to. She made you feel like she truly wanted to hear what you wanted to say. She gave you her undivided attention because she did want to hear what you had to say.

She liked fishing, photography, Mexican food, fast cars, old cars and the ocean. She loved having her family around her telling her about their "doings, fixins or goings". I am very privileged to have had her share her life and dreams with me for 27 years.

-Cindy Lou Williams

## We Give Thanks

Community Link's Fresno Rainbow Pride Committee would like to thank the many people that helped make this event great!

We are a totally volunteer group of caring and giving members of the LGBTQ+ and Allies community. It takes us all to make Fresno Rainbow Pride a reality.

The Pride Team is a group of dedicated individuals who give their time, energy, and sometimes their hard-earned money to put our annual Pride Celebration on. Planning starts about 12 months before the upcoming Fresno Rainbow Pride parade and Festival. Our work goes on all year long and intensifies in January and ends in multiple committee meetings per week right up until the day of pride.

A huge thanks to everyone on our committee and to the community as a whole who helped us with our very successful Kick-off To Pride event featuring the incredibly funny and talented Sandra Bernhard at the Tower Theatre.

Here is just a small sampling of the work we do; designing post-cards and posters, applying for City, County and State Permits, designing T-shirts, arranging entertainment, working the doors at our fundraisers, stuffing envelopes, arranging for the DJ's, running our concession booths and beer garden, social media postings, maintaining our website, plus so many other little and big things that are too numerous to mention.

Our Pride Sponsors are a very diverse group of corporations, businesses, and charities whose sponsorships, both financial and in-kind, provide the financial support we need to put on an event of this magnitude. Please visit [Eventeny.com](http://Eventeny.com) to learn more about all of our sponsors.

To all of the Pride Committee Members, we couldn't have done this without all of the amazing teamwork, you are all awesome! And finally, to Jeffery Robinson, for laying the groundwork for which we follow, none of this is possible without you, we love you and miss you every day!

Thank you,

Banana Wilson




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**Kaylia Metcalfe**  
**Grand Marshal**

I have lived in Fresno for almost 15 years and love my adopted city. As a queer writer, editor, podcast producer, and activist, I have truly felt accepted here and am so honored to be a part of the LGBTQ+ community of the Central Valley. Besides helping run the Fresno LGBT Center with Gay Central Valley, I have worked in other areas of nonprofit work championing Transgender and Women's Rights as well as Universal Healthcare. Currently, I cohost and produce the It's a Queer Thang Podcast and volunteer with a variety of progressive groups, both locally and nationwide. I love reading, coffee, my amazing daughter, playing kickball with the Sapphic Mafia, and fighting against injustice. I strongly believe that it is the moral responsibility of those with privilege or power to make the world a better place for those without. It's never too late to try new things, to make a difference, and to find a way to help others.



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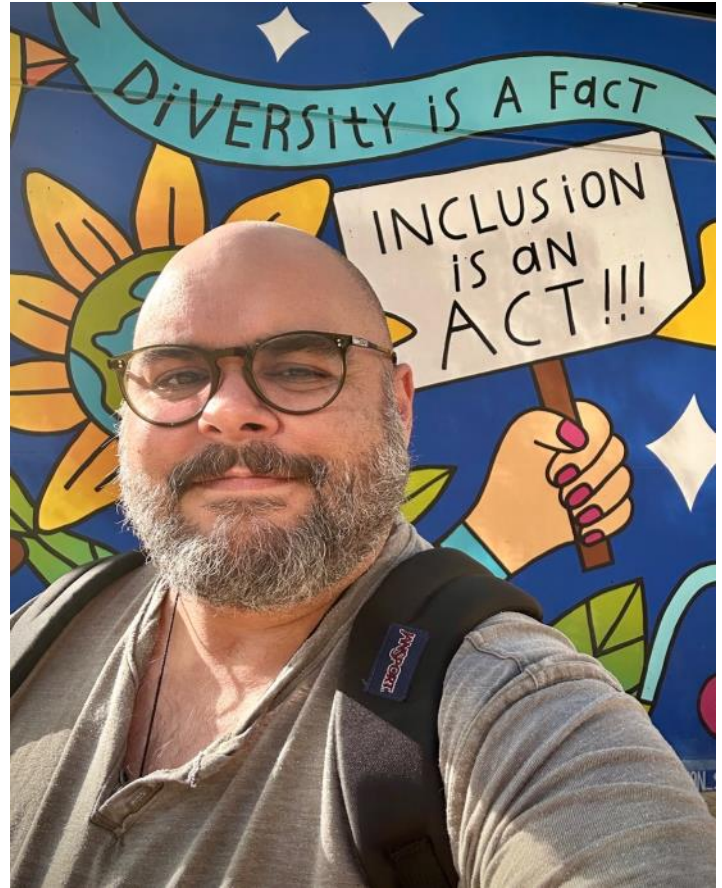


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**Drew Harbaugh**

**Grand Marshal**

as Regional Director for PFLAG's Mid-Pacific region and long-time leader of PFLAG Fresno — has played a meaningful role in supporting transgender youth, their parents, and the broader LGBTQ+ community in Fresno through advocacy, education, and community-building work. Drew has been an outspoken voice opposing school policies that force schools to “out” transgender students to parents without consent, emphasizing the harm these policies can have on youth trust and safety. He has served as chapter president for PFLAG Fresno, hosting monthly meetings that provide education, emotional support, and community space for LGBTQ+ individuals and their parents, families, friends, and allies



## Dr. Saul Jimenez Sandoval Grand Marshal

Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval has roots in Fowler. His commitment to the region and higher education form the foundation of his drive to promote the region’s economic and cultural ascendency. Dr. Jiménez-Sandoval is an immigrant to the San Joaquin Valley, having arrived in the region from Mexico at 10 years old. He worked on his father’s small farm and grew to appreciate the many cultures, languages and communities of the Valley.

Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval – president of Fresno State who approved, supported and welcomed attendees to Fresno State’s rainbow pride flag raisings in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (scheduling conflict in 2025). Also, he has participated in and shared remarks at the annual Rainbow Graduation Celebrations for the past 5 years. In 2023, he established the President’s LGBTQ2+ and Allies Advisory Council with campus and community partners. Congratulations, Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval!

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**Vince Ybarra  
Grand Marshal**

**I'm a TV journalist who knows firsthand how powerful representation can be. As a young, closeted gay man, seeing LGBTQ+ people on television would have helped me feel less alone. I'm deeply grateful for the work I've been able to do in Fresno and for a community that embraced it. As I accept the role as one of the Grand Marshals this year, I hope this moment reminds people that authenticity and inclusivity belong everywhere.**



**Chris Jarvis**

**Grand Marshal**

Being an LGBTQ activist in Fresno and the Central Valley for over 20 years has been one of greatest joys of my life. Being able to speak out for others who are not able to is both a calling and a gift. From co-founding a queer nonprofit, an LGBTQ Community Center, and moving on to a queer history project and cohosting and producing the podcast “It’s A Queer Thang” has been extremely rewarding. Only together can we stand as a queer community. Only together can we move forward. Speak out hope yourself. Speak out for others. Speak out.

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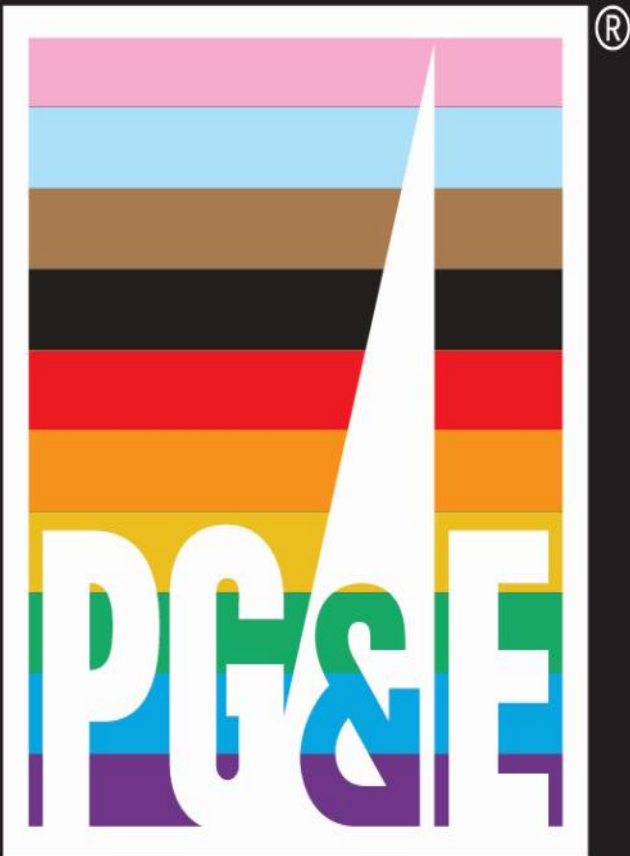
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