

COMMUNITY HEROES GALA 2013 PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NSRAP PRESENTS:

WE'RE HERE! WE'RE QUEER!!

CELEBRATING THE PAST & FUTURE OF LGBTQ ACTIVISM IN NOVA SCOTIA



10th Annual
Community Heroes Gala
Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 6 pm
Host: Eureka Love
Keynote Address: Gerald Hannon
Entertainment: Garry Williams, Elle Noir & C. Leah Cruise
DJ: Heavy Petting

WHY PARTNER WITH NSRAP?

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP) is the leading political and social development organization serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans & Queer (LGBTQ) Community in Nova Scotia. Throughout its nearly 20 year history, NSRAP has fought and won the struggle for marriage equality, for the rights of LGBTQ parents, and for the rights of trans Nova Scotians to equal protection under the law.

Why partner with NSRAP? Because we are an action project, we do a lot! Fundraising events like the *Community Heroes Gala* make sure we have the wherewithal to get the work done. We produce events throughout the year, including:

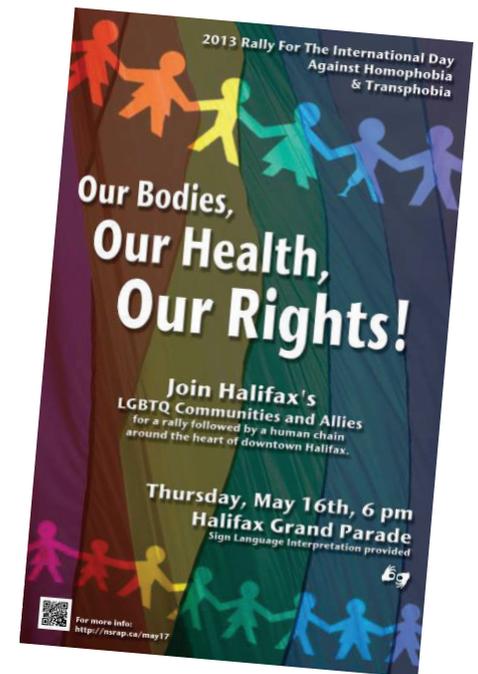
- **Pink Triangle Day (Feb 14):** commemoration of the first legal victory by Canada's queer community, when Pink Triangle Press (and this year's keynote speaker Gerald Hannon), were acquitted of obscenity charges on Valentine's Day, 1979,
- **International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia (May 17):** rally in Grand Parade Square,
- **TimeOUT Lectures (July):** lunchtime series on a range of LGBTQ political and cultural topics, in partnership with Halifax Regional Libraries and Halifax Pride, and
- **Trans Day of Remembrance (Nov 20):** a vigil to honour those lost to transphobic violence and hate.

Our annual gala allows NSRAP to pay tribute our community leaders, but it's also an opportunity for us to thank those generous individual and corporate partners who make it possible for us to what we do.

Our work continues 365 days a year, lobbying all levels of government to advance our community's interests and to ensure our voices are heard. Your support guarantees that we'll be able to:

- **Continue advocating for fully-inclusive coverage for trans health care;**
- **Continue working on behalf of LGBTQ Elders, and**
- **Continue educating healthcare providers, teachers, public officials, and businesses on how to engage respectfully with our community.**

That's a lot for a volunteer organization like NSRAP to take on, and we need your help. Your support for our Community Heroes Gala will provide us with the resources we need to see it through. Why partner with NSRAP? As a community we have come a long way, but we're not there yet. If you take this journey with us, together we can make Nova Scotia safer, more inclusive, and more prosperous for everyone.



GALA PARTNERSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

	PLATINUM EVENT PARTNER* \$4,000	GOLD PARTNER \$2,500	SILVER PARTNER/ TABLE SPONSOR \$1250	BRONZE PARTNER/ AUCTION DONOR \$100 - \$1,000***	COMMUNITY PARTNER \$20 - \$99
Event title partner*	✓				
2 seats at Head Table	✓				
Table of 10	✓	✓	✓		
Podium introduction and thank you	✓	✓			
Photo opportunities	✓				
Logo placement above title on Gala posters, programs, and promotional material	✓				
Logo placement and ID as PLATINUM EVENT PARTNER in Gala slideshow and on NSRAP website	✓				
Logo placement and ID as GOLD PARTNER in Gala slideshow and on NSRAP website		✓			
Logo placement and ID as SILVER PARTNER in Gala slideshow and on NSRAP website**			✓		
Logo placement, Company Name and ID as BRONZE PARTNER on NSRAP website				✓	
Individual or Company Name and ID as COMMUNITY PARTNER on NSRAP website				✓	✓
Podium mention of Individual/Company Name and donated item when auction winners announced				✓	
Social media “thank you” messages	✓	✓			
NSRAP Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Exclusivity in your line of business, subject to negotiation.

**All Silver Partner Logos on one slide.

***Auction DONORS of \$1,000+ value will receive SILVER PARTNER recognition.

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Or contact us directly at (902) 444-3206**

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**10th Annual Community Heroes Gala & Awards:
Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 6 pm
Location: Atlantica Hotel, Halifax, NS**

Every year the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP) presents a gala celebration of the very best in Nova Scotia's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans & Queer (LGBTQ) Community. We thank those individuals and organizations that have stood with us and inspired us, and we gratefully acknowledge those who've told our stories well.

The Rev. Darlene Young Community Hero Award honours an outstanding individual, nominated by the community, who has significantly advanced our cause. We also honour a corporation or non-profit organization that has shown exemplary leadership in equity for LGBTQ Nova Scotians, or zeal in serving our community. The *Raymond Taavel Media Award* is presented to a journalist, or media outlet, that has represented our community fairly, truthfully, and respectfully.

We've seen a year of historic accomplishments: Gender Identity & Gender Expression added to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act; the beginning of the end for the ban that prohibits gay men from donating blood; the dismantling of barriers to MSI coverage for trans health care; and an unprecedented amount of activity from our community, from government and educators, taking aim at homophobic and transphobic bullying.

This is NSRAP's 10th annual Gala, and our theme: **"We're here! We're Queer!!"** *Celebrating the Past & Future of LGBTQ Activism in Nova Scotia* reflects this important milestone.

In keeping with that theme, we're incredibly proud to bring Canada's pre-eminent queer journalist, Mr. Gerald Hannon, to deliver our keynote address. A founding member of *The Body Politic*, Gerald has been documenting our community since 1971. Fiercely independent, wickedly funny, Gerald is nothing less than our Eyewitness-in-chief.

It's not all awards and speeches. We've had a great year, and we're planning a great party! There will be music and laughter, and some fine cuisine from Atlantica's chefs. We'll cap the night with the hottest queer dance ticket in town, dynamic DJs *Heavy Petting*. It is a time to celebrate. We very much hope you'll join us!

