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Equality NC News

Gary,

Happy Thanksgiving from the board and staff of Equality NC! This year we're giving thanks for the incredible support you give us. Whether you help by responding to action alerts, volunteering your time, or investing financially in our work, know that your contribution is important and appreciated.

For Equality,

Ian Palmquist & Ed Farthing
Executive Directors

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December 7 Event to be ENC's Largest in 2005

Equality NC PAC's [reception](#) with openly gay and lesbian elected officials from across the country is shaping up to be our most successful fundraiser of the year! With more than 75 individuals and couples sponsoring the event, we're expecting a great crowd. [Join us](#) to meet some phenomenal leaders and help us build our political war-chest for the 2006 elections.

featuring

Neil Guiliano former Mayor of Tempe, AZ and Executive Director of GLAAD
John Heilman Mayor Pro-Tem West Hollywood, CA
Dan Baker Long Beach, CA City Council
Patty Sheehan Orlando, FL City Council
and other out elected officials.

[Click here](#) to get details on the event, buy your tickets, and check out our amazing list of sponsors!

Equality NC Applauds Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools' Stand Against Discrimination

Equality NC applauds the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School System for taking a stand against the State Board of Education's recent decision to remove the list of protected categories, including sexual orientation and gender identity, from the standards for training school counselors and school social workers about diversity and discrimination.

The city school system announced last week that they will be sending a letter to the State School Board asking them to put the list of protected categories back in.

"Students need to know that elected officials are supportive of people with different sexual orientations, and are prepared to support them in our

schools," said Superintendent Neil Pedersen told the Herald-Sun. "It's a real issue that we must address in a forthright and positive manner."

"It is critical that our staff understand the issues surrounding sexual orientation," Pedersen said, in a memo to the local school board. "Substituting the word 'human diversity' does not give sufficient direction to our institutions of higher education on how to prepare prospective counselors and social workers."

[Click here](#) to get the full story from the (Durham) Herald-Sun.

Give the Gift of Equality this Holiday Season

Why brave long lines this Friday to do your holiday shopping when you can buy a gift that makes a difference right now? Equality NC has two great ways you can give the gift of equality this winter:

1. [Make a gift contribution](#) to Equality NC in honor of a friend or family member! It's easy and a lot more thoughtful than more socks or scented candles. You can give them a gift membership at \$35, a household membership at \$50, or an honorary contribution in any amount! We'll send them a nice holiday card letting them know of your gift in their honor. [Click here](#) to make your gift contribution today.
2. [Give fabulous Equality NC logo gear!](#) Order great T-Shirts, hats, bags and accesories and ship them directly to your friends and family with a personal gift message! They can wear their support for equal rights and justice, and you can know that a portion of your purchase supports Equality NC's work. [Click here](#) to start browsing now.

Either way, you'll give a great, meaningful gift that your loved ones are bound to appreciate.

Upcoming Events

Pembroke: NC Lesbian Author Dorothy Allision to Speak

Thursday, December 1, 7:00

As part of our on-going work to reach out beyond the major urban centers of the state, we will be attending this event and recruiting supporters. [Click here](#) for details from UNC-P.

Charlotte: [PAC Reception with Out Officials from Around the Nation](#)

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00-9:00

[Click here](#) for details and to purchase tickets.

Wilmington: [Southeast Social Hour](#)

Friday, December 16, 6:00-8:00

[Click here](#) for details and to RSVP.

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