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Internship program provides leadership development for young lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) advocates

LOS ANGELES (Dec. 10, 2009) – The Trevor Project, the leading national organization focused on crisis and suicide prevention efforts among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, is proud to announce the launch of The Palette Fund Internship Program. Made possible by a \$25,000 grant from The Palette Fund, a philanthropic organization that honors the legacy of Rand Harlan Skolnick through collaborative grantmaking and programs that value human rights and education, this innovative program is designed to provide annual internships to LGBTQ youth who are interested in pursuing a career in the LGBTQ movement.

The Palette Fund Internship Program provides the opportunity for up to five young people to work in the development, communications and program departments at The Trevor Project. The interns will play important roles in the organization's day-to-day operations, and the program will provide them with leadership development as tomorrow's LGBTQ leaders. As the need for The Trevor Project's programs and services continues to grow, interns play an integral role in supporting the lifesaving work of the organization.

"Investing in youth is a top priority for The Trevor Project, and part of this means providing a training ground for young people to develop the skills they need to succeed in future leadership positions at non-profit organizations," said Charles Robbins, executive director and CEO, The Trevor Project. "Today's youthful generation is full of many talented, passionate LGBTQ advocates, and we are committed to empowering them to become confident and successful leaders in the movement."

"Encouraging the next generation of leaders in the LGBTQ movement is important, and The Palette Fund is proud to support The Trevor Project as it provides unique opportunities for young people to gain professional experience while serving the community," said Terrence Meck, executive director, The Palette Fund. "We are confident that many capable young leaders will emerge as a result of The Palette Fund Internship Program."

The Trevor Project will recruit a diverse pool of intern applicants, paying special attention to ensuring diversity in gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity among its intern class. Interns will work at The Trevor Project's national headquarters in West Hollywood, Calif. and at its Randy Stone East Coast Call Center in New York, NY.

Current interns at The Trevor Project include: Wing-Sum Doud (development), Rene Melara (program), KB Perry (communications) and Genevieve Sublette (program). These interns will be sustained through The Palette Fund Internship Program.

About The Trevor Project

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization focused on crisis and suicide prevention efforts among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. Every day, The Trevor Project saves young lives through its free and confidential helpline, in-school workshops, educational materials, online resources and advocacy. The organization was founded in 1998 by three filmmakers whose film, "Trevor," a comedy/drama about a gay teenager who attempts suicide, received the 1994 Academy Award® for Best Short Film (Live Action). For more information, visit TheTrevorProject.org.

About The Palette Fund

The Palette Fund honors the legacy of Rand Harlan Skolnick through collaborative grantmaking and programs that value human rights and education. Specifically, the foundation is focused on four health and/or social issues: the role of nutrition in healthcare and cancer, LGBT youth, HIV/AIDS and patient navigation. Rand committed his heart and soul to his philanthropic work throughout his life, and The Palette Fund seeks to continue and grow his pioneering vision. More information can be found at ThePaletteFund.org.