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Media Advisory / Calendar Item

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center partners with 37 restaurants, caterers and food purveyors to cook up a storm at Garden Party

Even with a smattering of rain in the air, last night's Garden Party attracted more than 2,000 friends, supporters and donors of the Center for our annual kick-off to Pride in New York. And even more impressive than the number of guests is the money raised, totaling more than \$175,000!

Seen at Garden Party reveling in the culinary festivities were Bravo TV "celebritants" **Ronnie Kroell** of "Make Me A Supermodel" Season 1, **Lisa Fernandes** of "Top Chef" Season 4, **Dave Martin** of "Top Chef" Season 1 and now executive chef at Vynl Chelsea; Representative **Jerry Nadler**, NYC Comptroller **William Thompson**, Manhattan District Attorney **Robert Morgenthau**, Council Speaker **Christine C. Quinn**, and Council Members **Robert Jackson**, **Rosie Mendez**, **Helen Sears** and **David Yassky**.

And of course, headlining our roster of célébrité was our returning Event Chair, *Gourmet* Editor-in-Chief **Ruth Reichl**, and celebrity chefs **Daniel Angerer** (Klee Brasserie), **Rebecca Charles** (Pearl Oyster Bar) and **Dave Pasternak** (Esca).

Save the date for next year's only LGBT-tasting event in the country, Garden Party, taking place on **Monday, June 21, 2010**.

Garden Party raises much-needed funds that allow the Center to build and support our community through advocacy, culture and health programs, as well as meeting and conference services, while providing a safe and welcoming environment.

The Center thanks three-time supporter **Prudential Financial** as our Principal Sponsor, and all of our corporate sponsors, including Aetna, Food Network, HGTV, *Gourmet* Magazine and Zagat.



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- WHAT** The only LGBT culinary festival in the country, benefiting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center
- WHO** **Daniel Angerer** (Klee Brasserie), **Rebecca Charles** (Pearl Oyster Bar) and **Dave Pasternak** (Esca), Event Chair, *Gourmet* Editor-in-Chief, **Ruth Reichl**, and many more... Visit gaycenter.org for a full listing of participants.
- WHEN** Monday, June 22, 2009
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- WHERE** Pier 54
Hudson River Park Trust
14th Street and the Westside Highway
New York City
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About the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center

Established in 1983, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center, located at 208 West 13th Street in New York City is the largest LGBT community center on the East Coast. More than 6,000 people visit the Center weekly and 300 groups meet here. More information is available at gaycenter.org.