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Boston's Bisexual Resource Center Welcomes Actress Anna Paquin into a Vibrant Bisexual Community

Oscar-winner Anna Paquin's recent revelation of her bisexuality in a public service announcement for equal rights has received the enthusiastic support of Boston's Bisexual Resource Center, according to President Ellyn Ruthstrom. "Welcome, Anna, to our vibrant, accepting community!" said Ruthstrom.

The Bisexual Resource Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and is the oldest bisexual advocacy group in the country.

The "True Blood" beauty, who is engaged to co-star Stephen Moyer, came out in a PSA for the Give a Damn campaign on behalf of Cyndi Lauper's True Colors Fund which is dedicated to equal rights regardless of sexuality.

"I'm bisexual," the 27-year-old actress stated clearly and proudly, adding, "One hate crime is committed approximately every hour of every day in this country."

Ruthstrom said that Paquin's forthright statement reinforces the BRC's mission of support and visibility for people who recognize and honor their potential for sexual and emotional attractions to all genders, regardless of labels. "It often seems difficult for celebrities to come out as bisexual because there are a lot of negative stereotypes and misinformation about bisexuals. She is probably already out to those around her, so Paquin's public statement is doubly powerful because she did it to take a stand for the entire LGBT community."

Interest in the True Colors campaign ran so high that the We Give a Damn website crashed. Ruthstrom takes this as a hopeful sign that society is much more interested in equal rights and sexual identity.

The We Give A Damn PSA features a number of stars – including [Anna Paquin](#), [Whoopi Goldberg](#), [Kim Kardashian](#), [Elton John](#), [Eric Roberts](#), [Jason Mraz](#), [Wanda Sykes](#), [Clay Aiken](#), [Sharon Osbourne](#) and [Kelly Osbourne](#) – supporting the fight for equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

"I've come to realize equality means a lot to people who don't have it and that, as a straight person, I have a responsibility to stand up for gay and transgender people each and every day," said [Cyndi Lauper](#).

Other famous bisexuals include Greta Garbo, Joan Baez, Leonard Bernstein, John Cheever, Lady Gaga and Angelina Jolie.

The Bisexual Resource Center envisions a world where love is celebrated, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression. Because bisexuals today are still misunderstood, marginalized and discriminated against, the BRC is committed to providing support to the bisexual community and raising public awareness about bisexuality and bisexual people.

The BRC uses “bisexual” as an umbrella term for people who recognize and honor their potential for sexual and emotional attraction to more than one gender (pansexual, fluid, omnisexual, queer, and all other free-identifiers). We celebrate and affirm the diversity of identity and expression regardless of labels.