Did You Know....

As we enter into June, Americans are encouraged to recognize and celebrate PRIDE month and JUNETEENTH

June is unofficially recognized as PRIDE Month by the LGBTQ+ community.

Every June, Pride events are held to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City on June 28, 1969, which most historians consider to be the birth of the modern LGBTQ+ movement. At the time, police raids on bars catering to LGBT patrons were common, but that night, the patrons of the Stonewall Inn fought back. While historical accounts of the night vary, the violent response ignited a national firestorm of activism that brought new visibility to the struggle for LGBT equality.

Many Pride events still occur on the last Sunday in June to commemorate the anniversary of Stonewall. Today, the increasing popularity and visibility of Pride events can partially be attributed to greater levels of acceptance towards the community. While Pride events play a key role in raising the profile of the community and commemorating the history of the LGBTQ+ social movement, Pride also marks an opportunity for the community to come together, take stock and recognize the advances and setbacks made in the past year. It is also a chance for the community to come together and celebrate in a festive, affirming atmosphere. (excerpted from GLAAD)

As we increasingly work to ensure that racial equity is an explicit and embedded value and strategic priority in funding movements for positive social change, it can encourage us to look at Pride month as an opportunity to support racial equity within the LGBTQ+ community and this movement’s own work toward equality. Specifically, opportunities are robust to support Black and Trans-led organizations, at a time when these two communities in particular have not won the advances that many of their LGBTQ+ family have. Black, BIPOC and Trans people remain the most at-risk members of the LGBTQ+ community, as threats to their safety, well-being, health and the ability to live freely and to thrive remain ever-present, and in some place in the country and the world, those threats are getting worse. At the same time, the number of impactful and innovative community-based and national organizations, serving and led by BIPOC and Trans people are numerous. They are leading the way toward a more just and equitable reality for the LGBTQ+ community.

You can learn more about Pride and how to support the LGBTQ+ community by contacting your MCF Philanthropic Advisor. They can help you identify organizations serving your community, and can provide you with a more comprehensive Organization List of local, regional and national groups serving the LGBTQ+ community.

In the meantime, here are resources and opportunities to learn more:

Funders for LGBT Issues, in partnership with ABFE (A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities), produced Philanthropy OUTlook: LGBTQ Black Communities. The report offers an overview of the unique needs of LGBTQ Black communities, shares a snapshot of current philanthropic support, and offers key recommendations for funders looking to better support LGBTQ Black communities and Black-led organizations. (While grant dollars focused on supporting LGBTQ Black communities have increased in recent years—reaching a record high in 2018—the amount of support remains far too small, never exceeding more than 5 percent of all LGBTQ funding in the United States.)
The HRC Foundation envisions a world where all LGBTQ+ people can participate fully in the systems that shape our daily lives. Through public education, research, and policy and practice change, the Foundation’s impact can be felt in schools, on factory floors and corporate suites, and in places of worship. It touches LGBTQ+ lives from childhood through end-of-life, people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, abilities and religious beliefs, in big cities and small towns, in the United States and across the globe.

**JUNETEENTH** is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

June 19, 1865, two years after President Abraham Lincoln presented the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, slaves in Texas finally received word: They were free.

We celebrate this day, which officially became a federal holiday in 2021.

**On our radar:**

**Marin City Arts and Culture** [Juneteenth Festival of African Arts and Culture](#)

**Date:** Sunday, June 19th, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Location:** Rocky Graham Park  
**Event description:** Free community celebration to mark the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Drum performance, local entertainment, horse and pony rides, childcare/bouncy house, Senegalese stilt walkers, dining, an African marketplace, and Youth Entrepreneur Zone.  
- **Free event (no tickets needed), all welcome**

Register for the live premier of a new webinar series, DILAN Delivers, on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 12:00pm PDT, where DILAN Principal Consultant and DEI Practice lead Dr. Hasse Leonard-Pagel hosts Kenyatta D. Berry, a professional genealogist, host of Genealogy Roadshow (PBS), author, attorney, and contributor to the New York Times’ groundbreaking “1619 Project.”

**Why Juneteenth is important to American History**