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FIRST STATEWIDE CONFERENCE OF LGBT BOOMERS AND BEYOND

(Phoenix, AZ –) For the first time, the **LGBT Boomers and Beyond Coalition** is offering a statewide conference to help the LGBT community learn about resources, network, and connect with others who are facing challenges as they age. Speakers will provide detailed information on topics such as housing, legal issues, caregiving and transgender issues. The coalition organized this conference because many people in the LGBT community must deal with unique issues as they get older.

“We came to realize that there was a definite need for older adults in the LGBT community to be educated and informed about available community services for them as they age. The coalition meets that need,” said Donna Hepperman, Duet Director of Caregiver Services and LGBT Coalition Member.

“The type of information that will be presented at this conference can really help open our eyes to the things we need to think about and plan for as we age,” said Adero Allison, a coalition member representing Transitioning Adults Plus.

The LGBT Boomers and Beyond Coalition includes Duet; Area Agency on Aging, Region One; One Voice LGBT Community Center; Phoenix Pride, Hospice of the Valley; Transitioning Adults Plus; and Caring for Your Spirit.

WHO: Members of the statewide LGBT community. Hundreds of people are expected to attend from greater **Phoenix, Prescott, Tucson, and Flagstaff.**

WHAT: **First Statewide Conference of LGBT Boomers and Beyond.** Reception, networking, and educational conference. **Reception:** Guests will see the movie “10 More Good Years” – followed by a discussion and networking. **Conference:** Topics to be presented include housing, advocacy, legal, nutrition, self-care, caregiving, and intergenerational and transgender issues.

- WHERE:** **Reception:** Casa de Cristo Evangelical Church, 1029 E. Turney Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014
 Conference: Church of the Beatitudes, 555 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021
- WHEN:** **Reception:** Friday, April 29 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 Conference: Saturday, April 30 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- WHY:** The LGBT community is often faced with unique challenges. This conference provides an educational and networking opportunity for the community and allows a wide variety of organizations a chance to reach out to those who need support as they age.
- HOW:** To register for the conference, visit www.lgbtboomersandbeyond.org or www.duetaz.org or call Duet at (602) 274-5022.
- Cost:** \$15 if you register by 4:00 p.m. April 29, or \$20 at the door. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials.

The LGBT Boomers and Beyond Coalition provides information about organizations and services within our community. It also provides news and information on businesses that partner with the LGBT community. The LGBT Boomers and Beyond Coalition mission is to enhance the quality of life through resources, education, and advocacy so that Arizona LGBT Boomers and Beyond are aware, empowered, and connected.

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