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Alfonso Wenker accepts a position with Minnesotans United for All Families

After more than four years, Wenker to leave PFund to work against the anti-family marriage amendment

(Jan. 20, 2012) – PFund Foundation, the only Minnesota foundation dedicated exclusively to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality, today announced that longtime staff member, Alfonso Wenker, will leave the Foundation to accept a position with Minnesotans United for All Families.

PFund is proud that Wenker has accepted this position with Minnesotans United for All Families. As Deputy Finance Director, he will be working with volunteers and leaders across the state of Minnesota towards the successful defeat of the proposed constitutional amendment which would ban marriage for same-sex couples in Minnesota.

Wenker began with PFund in 2007 as a college student. He served as PFund’s Program Director for 4 years before assuming the role of Director of Development & Communications in 2011. As a staff member at PFund, Wenker expanded the foundation’s community grantmaking across the five states of its region, led the local implementation of the national Racial Equity Initiative, and deepened PFund’s technical assistance and capacity-building. Wenker’s work has been key in advancing PFund as a catalyst in building communities in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest where LGBT people are celebrated and live free from discrimination, violence, invisibility and isolation.

“It is bitter sweet to be leaving PFund. This has been my home for four years and I am extremely grateful for everything I have been able to experience while on staff,” commented Wenker. “But, I am not going far. I am excited to continue working in the LGBT community in new and different ways.”

“We’re proud that, like many PFund donors and alumni, Alfonso is using the skills he learned at PFund to invest in an issue that he cares deeply about, and we wish him all the best,” reflects Susan Raffo, Executive Director. “PFund has a legacy of developing leadership in our community and Alfonso is a brilliant young leader. Minnesotans United for All Families is lucky to have him and we are excited to continue to work with him in this new role.”

Wenker will be coming back to PFund in the late spring and late summer to facilitate two briefings to update donors on current activities of the campaign.

PFund Foundation has an already scheduled Open House on Friday, January 20th from 4 – 7pm. Community members are invited to come during that time and wish Alfonso well with his new position. Donations in Wenker’s honor can be directed to PFund’s Queer Youth Initiative.

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About PFund

PFund Foundation is a community foundation that advances social justice for LGBT communities in the Upper Midwest by providing hands on assistance to organizations, funding systems change work, developing leaders, inspiring giving, and convening & reporting on issues of importance for our communities. Established in 1987 as Philanthrofund Foundation in Minneapolis when four friends pooled \$2,000, PFund is now supported by thousands of individuals in dozens of states who have created a vibrant and vital community foundation that celebrates and strengthens our communities. PFund is one of only a handful of foundations in the nation created specifically by and for LGBT communities. PFund envisions a time when LGBT people are celebrated and live free from discrimination, violence, invisibility and isolation. Today, PFund manages nearly \$1 million in assets, enjoying the support of committed donors and dedicated volunteers from LGBT and allied communities. More at PFundOnline.org.