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### **DVLF Plans Kick-Off Program for “R Family Philly Weekend”**

PHILADELPHIA – The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund ([www.dvlf.org](http://www.dvlf.org)) announced today that they will host a free LGBT family kick-off program during Rosie O’Donnell’s *R Family Philly Weekend* getaway. The program entitled “**R Family Philly Night**,” will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency at Penn’s Landing. The program follows an opening reception and press conference at 6 p.m. Community notables including Glenn Kaminsky and Kelli O’Donnell will be present for the festivities.

“R Family Philly Night” is a celebration of LGBT families and the community that the families create,” stated Perry Monastero, executive director of DVLF, “DVLF is thrilled that a fantastic coalition of LGBT family-focused organizations are participating.”

“R Family Philly Night” will provide outreach and education to LGBT families and allies on the wide variety of resources and organizations dedicated to building community for LGBT families, assisting parents or would-be parents on adoption options and laws regarding same-sex parenting. As part of the “R Family Philly Night,” DVLF will show a brief movie that depicts LGBT families in a positive, loving environment. Mountain Meadow will lead programming for youth ages 7 and up. Mountain Meadow ([www.mountainmeadow.org](http://www.mountainmeadow.org)) is a progressive and diverse community dedicated to providing a supportive and safe space for all children of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) and other non-traditional families and their allies.

DVLF’s program supports the R Family Vacation and the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation’s “R Family Philly Weekend,” March 10 – 11, 2007. This excursion marks the first time the acclaimed vacation company has offered a family-friendly, gay-friendly getaway in a city. Packages include luxury hotel accommodations and day and evening activities.

Community partners for “R Family Philly Night” include the **Philadelphia Gay Tourism Caucus, Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** (PFLAG - Philadelphia), **Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere** (COLAGE), **Philadelphia Family Pride**, **Mountain Meadow**, **Equality Advocates Pennsylvania** (formally the Center for Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights), **Human Rights Campaign – Philadelphia** (HRC), and the **All Families Project** of HRC and the **National Adoption Institute**.

To register for **R Philly Family Night**, please contact DVLF at 215.563.6417, ext 117 or [pmonastero@philafound.org](mailto:pmonastero@philafound.org) and indicate the ages of children attending.

The **Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation (GPTMC)**, **Hyatt Regency at Penn's Landing**, and the **Human Rights Campaign – Philadelphia**, are co-sponsors with the **Delaware Valley Legacy Fund** for the program.

The “R Philly Family Weekend” includes:

Deluxe overnight hotel accommodations at the **Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing** on the historic Delaware River waterfront

A welcome lunch at the **National Constitution Center**, with special guests Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, and George Washington

A 50's-themed bowling party

An R Family Broadway Brunch at the **Hyatt Regency**

“R Family Philly Weekend” packages are available by calling (866) 732-6822. Special discounts for Amtrak and Enterprise Rent-A-Car can be found at [www.rfamilyvacations.com](http://www.rfamilyvacations.com). For more information on gay-friendly Philadelphia, visit: [www.gophila.com/gay](http://www.gophila.com/gay).

#### **ABOUT THE DELAWARE VALLEY LEGACY FUND (DVLF)**

The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund's mission is to raise the permanent endowment for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, (LGBTI) and straight-allied communities. DVLF also supports community organizations through marketing, fundraising, and technical assistance. DVLF convenes planned giving training to both legal and financial professionals as well as to individuals and organizations. In addition, DVLF launched a program to help to protect LGBT and non-married individuals, their loved ones, their assets, and to assist them in supporting their favorite charities. Through a long-term commitment with The Philadelphia Foundation, DVLF offers both donors and institutions numerous charitable solutions and philanthropic vehicles. DVLF provided grants to over 75 LGBT-serving organizations including foundation grants that enabled the following organizations to be launched or to help new programs get started: Attic Youth Center, William Way Community Center, ASIAC, Mountain Meadow, COLOURS, Center for Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights, and PFLAG-Philadelphia.