**KEYSTONE BUSINESS ALLIANCE RECIEVES CHAMBER DEVELOPMENT GRANT FROM NATIONAL LGBT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND WELLS FARGO**

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Washington, D.C. – The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC), the business voice of the LGBT community, recognized excellence in local chambers on August 16 at the 2018 NGLCC International Business & Leadership Conference in Philadelphia. Keystone Business Alliance, formerly Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, was proud to be honored with a grant in the amount of $2500. Funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation and administered by NGLCC, grants are targeted towards programs that foster the development, growth, and sustainability of certified LGBT Businesses Enterprises® (LGBTBEs®).

NGLCC Local Affiliate Chambers applied for available grants ranging from $1,000 to $10,000 to support and expand upon the success of an existing program benefiting the NGLCC’s certified LGBTBEs.

“As we celebrate our largest and most expansive NGLCC Conference yet, we are thrilled to celebrate the continued outstanding work accomplished by our growing network of local affiliate chambers,” said Justin Nelson, NGLCC Co-Founder & President. “Without the leadership and passion of these chambers, NGLCC would not be able to effectively promote the LGBT business community. We are proud to acknowledge these thriving organizations with these awards at our Conference, and promote their achievements throughout the year.”

“We are excited and honored to receive this grant, and thank NGLCC and Wells Fargo for making it possible”, said Harry Young, Keystone Business Alliance Executive Director. “We look forward to bringing more innovative programming to Central PA to build business and support certified LGBTBEs.”

Applications were judged based on overall chamber strength, growth in members and community presence, engagement with NGLCC and the LGBT Supplier Diversity Initiative, the strength of the program, and outlined goals and metrics.

 “NGLCC local affiliate chambers are the backbone of the LGBT business equality movement,” said Chance Mitchell, NGLCC Co-Founder and CEO. “The chambers that we recognized at Conference go above and beyond to guide and develop their local LGBT business communities.”

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**ABOUT NGLCC:**
The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce is the business voice of the LGBT community and is the largest global advocacy organization specifically dedicated to expanding economic opportunities and advancements for LGBT people. NGLCC is the exclusive certification body for LGBT-owned businesses. [www.nglcc.org](http://www.nglcc.org/) | @NGLCC

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