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WINTER PARTY FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2, 2009
Miami's Fun in the Sun LGBT Destination Event Turns Sweet Sixteen

Miami, FL, November 10--- The beaches, clubs, bars, shops, restaurants and museums of Miami will come alive at the sixteenth annual **Winter Party Festival, February 25 through March 2, 2009**. From family picnics to fashion shows, cocktail receptions, interfaith services, and pool parties to dancing on the beach, the Festival delivers something for everyone. The week-long celebration produced by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force features parties at some of the most popular nightclubs in South Beach and Miami, as well as an expanding line-up of cultural events and programming for specific segments of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. This year's dance events will feature a roster of the world's best DJs, including Roland Belmares at the Under One Sun Pool Party on February 28th and Tracy Young spinning at the main event, the Beach Party on March 1st.

As well as a host of dance events, the festival program will include events specifically for LGBT families, youth and women as well as fashion and cultural activities. The climax of the Festival is the famous **Winter Party Beach Party**, which attracts more than 6,000 attendees to North America's largest outdoor dance celebration. During the week more than 10,000 people from across the country and around the globe are expected to attend at least one Winter Party Festival event. Prices range from \$10 for a single event to \$500 for a pass that allows entry to most of the approximately two dozen events. For information, tickets and a complete list of events, visit www.winterparty.com.

"The combination of a world-famous beach resort, warm winter weather and a week-long program of events make the festival an ideal vacation choice whether for a day, the weekend or the whole week," said **Chad Richter, Festival Chair**. "And, visitors and locals alike get to enjoy all this while supporting the vital grassroots activities of the Task Force," he added.

Since 1994 the Festival and its sister event, the Miami Recognition Dinner, have raised more than \$2 million for organizations serving the South Florida LGBT community. Two-thirds of the net proceeds from Winter Party Festival will be distributed to the Miami-Dade LGBT community through a granting program administered by the Dade Community Foundation, while the remaining one-third of the proceeds will benefit the Task Force.



About the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force:

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force was the first national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights organization and remains the community's uncompromising progressive voice. We fight for equality and justice by building grassroots power through training, advocacy, organizing and forward-thinking research and expertise. We challenge not only the status quo in mainstream America, but politics as usual within the LGBT community, and we refuse to make political compromises that would leave anyone behind. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation. More information is available at www.theTaskForce.org.

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