

# BLACK-TIE GAYBINGO

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## FAVORITE STRAIGHT PERSON

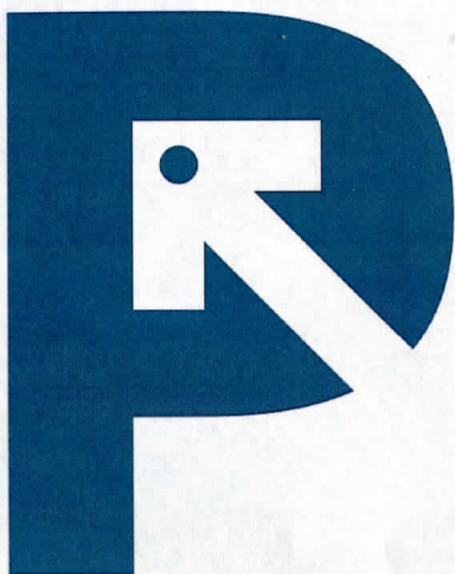


Each year, AIDS Fund recognizes someone who has made a significant contribution to the HIV/AIDS and/or the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities with the “Favorite Straight Person of the Year” Award. This year’s “Favorite Straight Person” is Judith Porter.

Judith began working in the HIV/AIDS-related field in the early days of the epidemic in the late 1980s. As a volunteer, she went to welfare offices and did street outreach educating members of the public about HIV/AIDS. Eventually she spent more than a decade going into “shooting galleries” to exchange clean hypodermic needles for used ones with drug addicts. She was the first co-chair of the Board of Directors of Prevention Point Philadelphia, the organization that began in 1991 as a syringe exchange program and continues today as one of the partner organizations which receives some of the money raised by AIDS Fund. Her professional work doing research and teaching Sociology of AIDS at Bryn Mawr College continued full time until she retired from teaching in 2010. She still serves on the Mayor’s Executive Commission on Drugs and Alcohol in Philadelphia and other regional boards.

Past recipients of the “Favorite Straight Person of the Year” are former Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, former Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street, former Councilman Angel Ortiz, radio and television personality Bret Hamilton, community leaders John Cella and Judith Eden, activist Anna Forbes, longtime AIDS Walk Philly supporters Andrea Finkelstein Losben and Patricia Lavelle, former Executive Director of the Family Planning Council (now AccessMatters) Dorothy Mann, The Reverend Marlene “Mike” Haines formerly of the Church of Saint Luke and The Epiphany, media personality Lorraine Ballard Morrill, former State Representative Babette Josephs, the Executive Director of the AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania organization, Ronda B. Goldfein, Esq., and in 2015, WMMR’s The Preston and Steve Show.

# PREVENTION POINT



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