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## OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

### **DAN SAVAGE, TERRY MILLER, REV. PAT BUMGARDNER, AND IMPERIAL COURT OF NY ANNOUNCED AS GRAND MARSHALS OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL NYC LGBT PRIDE MARCH**

*(New York – April, 2011)* NYC Pride is excited to announce Dan Savage, Terry Miller, Rev. Pat Bumgardner, and the Imperial Court of New York as Grand Marshals for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual LGBT Pride March, which will occur on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. "We are thrilled at the opportunity of hosting such inspiring leaders of LGBT marriage equality, community service, and youth self-assurance." stated Mike Dunlap, 2011 NYC Pride March Director.

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**Dan Savage** and **Terry Miller** initiated the It Gets Better Project in Septembers 2010 by creating a YouTube video to inspire hope for young people facing harassment. In response to a number of students taking their own lives after being bullied in school, they wanted to create a personal way for supporters everywhere to tell LGBT youth that, yes, it does indeed get better. The It Gets Better Project has turned into a worldwide movement, inspiring over 10,000 user-created videos viewed over 35 million times.

Mr. Savage is the author of the internationally syndicated relationship and sex column Savage Love and the weekly podcast Savage Lovecast. He is editorial director of the Seattle weekly The Stranger, where he was formerly Editor-in-Chief. He is a regular contributor to PRI's "This American Life" and has been featured as a Real Time Reporter on HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher." Mr. Miller is an event promoter, musician, and DJ. He has produced events for artists as varied as the satirical LA pop duo Garfunkel & Oates, J.D. Twitch, and NPR's Ira Glass.

Dan and Terry have been together for sixteen years. They were married in Canada, and live in Seattle with their son, DJ.

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The **Rev. Pat Bumgardner** is currently the Senior Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of New York, where she has served in multiple capacities for the past 30 years. Rev. Pat is also the Executive Director of MCC's newly formed Global Justice Institute. She has been an active and vocal proponent for LGBT rights as human rights, traveling, writing and speaking on behalf of MCC world-wide, addressing a range of social justice issues.

The founder of The Sylvia Rivera Memorial Food Pantry at MCCNY and Sylvia's Place, she has become a leading visionary in the quest of the Queer community to build coalitions and deal with hunger and homelessness, as well as homophobia and social prejudice.

Rev. Pat lives in the West Village with her spouse of 25 years, Mary Jane Gibney, and their puppy, Lily.

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The **Imperial Court of New York** raises funds for direct services organizations that serve the LGBT community; HIV/AIDS services organizations; social service organizations and youth enrichment programs. It seeks to provide a safe, social environment for its membership and to create and promote positive community awareness of the ideals of the International Court System. Its motto, "We Put the FUN in Fundraising," speaks volumes about the Court's approach to its very serious mission.

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Organizer & Producer of New York City's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride  
Rally, March, PrideFest & Dance



### **About the March**

New York City's annual Pride March began in 1970 as a commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. The March has since grown to become the oldest and one of the world's largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) events. This year's Pride March will begin at 12:00 noon on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Step-off for more than 350 groups and 500,000 participants will take place on 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Fifth Avenue.

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