



Community Leader:

On behalf of outCT and the local LGBTQ community, we would like to invite your business to be a part of the **5th Annual Born This Way Fashion Show**. This fun and exciting event will be held at Port 'N Starboard, located at Ocean Beach in New London on Sunday, May 19th from 5-10 p.m. This year's celebration - **"A Midnight in Paris"** - will include a fashion show featuring top performing talent, a silent auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

All proceeds go to fund the operating costs of the outCT Youth Program. Your support of the Born This Way Fashion Show provides funding for the following:

- Monthly gatherings whose programming encourages emotional well-being, community involvement, exploration of a vast array of topics and FUN!
- A safe environment where young people can build peer support networks while practicing authenticity and building self-esteem.
- A youth specific pride celebration at outCT's Pride at Ocean Beach. This event hosted 70 teens, aged 12 to 18, in 2018 and we have even bigger plans for 2019!
- Hiring specifically skilled professionals to help coordinate discussions and activities during youth group meetings, as well as the continued training of a diverse group of facilitators whom mentor the youth.
- Administrative costs to ensure the proper and legal standing of outCT and outCT's Youth Program under state and federal laws.

Our outCT youth members will be participating in this extraordinary event and are enthusiastically involved in its current preparations. By connecting with the community at large, we provide an experience that actively reinforces their individual abilities and self-worth, as well as showcases the support they have from other community members and people such as yourself.

Your involvement will highlight the importance of supporting ALL children and young adults, including those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) community. Everyone - especially children - have a right to feel safe, empowered and to make a difference in the world; **together we can move towards acceptance, bravery, and love.**

We invite you to join us on May 19th. Enclosed is information about how you and your business can join in the fun. Please contact us at 860-339-4060 ext. 204 or youth@outct.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Gillette and Polly Sioux
outCT, Youth Group Co-Chairs

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