



Best Non-Profit Organization

Time Out Youth

Honorable mention: Campus Pride

Since 1991, Time Out Youth has worked to provide support, social opportunities, education and empowerment for Charlotte's LGBT youth. Time Out Youth is one of the most organized, solvent community organizations in the city. The group is soon moving to a new, larger location and holding their first Carolina Conference on Queer Youth this month. Their work hasn't gone unnoticed, evidenced by QList voters who chose to name Time Out Youth this year's Best Non-Profit Organization.

Best Support/Social Group

Time Out Youth

Best Young Adult Leader (under 30)

Micah Johnson

Honorable mention: O'Neale Atkinson

Like the organization he works for, Micah Johnson has been front-and-center in advocating for the needs of LGBT youth in the Charlotte area. Johnson, the director of school outreach at Time Out Youth, is relatively new to Charlotte, but in that short time has worked to support queer youth organizing for change in local schools across the region. Voters decided to honor Johnson with Best Young Adult Leader this year, but Johnson's fellow Time Out Youth staffer, O'Neale Atkinson, wasn't very far behind.



Best LGBT-affirming Faith Institution

Holy Covenant United Church of Christ

Honorable mention:

Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte

Best LGBT-friendly, Locally-owned Restaurant

Dish

Honorable mention: 300 East

Best LGBT-friendly, Locally-owned Retail Store

Brief

Honorable mention: White Rabbit,

Paper Skyscraper

Best LGBT-friendly, Locally-owned Coffee Shop

Amelie's French Bakery

Honorable mention: Smelly Cat Coffee,

Central Coffee Co.

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Best LGBT Leader (Male)

Scott Bishop

Honorable mention: Rodney Tucker

Scott Bishop is a man who wears many hats. He serves as a member of the national Human Rights Campaign Board of Governors, has been involved in local HRC Carolina Gala planning and is currently the chair of the Mecklenburg LGBT Political Action Committee. Additionally, he was an instrumental Charlotte-area volunteer and organizer during last year's anti-LGBT state constitutional amendment campaign.

Best LGBT Leader (Female)

Charlotte City Councilmember

LaWana Mayfield

The city's first-ever openly LGBT elected official, LaWana Mayfield has earned her place in local history. It came after years of hard work, organizing at the neighborhood and community level and working for a Charlotte that is safer and more inclusive for all people.

Best Transgender Community Leader

Janice Covington

Honorable mention: Roberta Dunn

Janice Covington has worked tirelessly to advocate for transgender equality, often putting herself front and center in the debate on inclusion and the still-pending federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act. In 2012, she became the first openly transgender delegate from North Carolina to the Democratic National Convention.

Best LGBT Bar/Club

Cathode Azure

Honorable mention: The Bar at 316,

Hartigan's Irish Pub

Cathode Azure is one of the newest kids on Charlotte's gay bar block. They must be doing something right. Voters chose the bar as their best local LGBT bar/club this year. The Bar at 316 and Hartigan's Irish Pub tied in second place.

Best LGBT-friendly Bar/Club

Snug Harbor

Bar/Club with Best Drink Value

The Scorpio

Honorable mention: The Bar at 316, Hartigan's Irish Pub

Bar/Club with Hottest Bar Staff

The Bar at 316

Honorable mention: Cathode Azure

Bar/Club with Best Drag Show

The Scorpio

Honorable mention: Cathode Azure

The Scorpio, one of the state's oldest and longest running gay clubs, is known across the region for its drag shows. So well known are they, the bar should really just be called a Drag Palace!

Best Drag Performer

Roxy C. Moorecox

Honorable mention: Bethann Phetamine, Buff Faye

From Los Angeles and London to Chicago and right back here in Charlotte, Roxy C. Moorecox is on a globe-trotting adventure taking her unique drag humor, song and dance across the world. Here in the Queen City, she's become a regular at community events and emceed at this year's Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade.

Best Local DJ

DJ Little Betty

Honorable mention: DJ Ghost



Best AIDS Service Organization

Regional AIDS Interfaith Network

The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network has worked for more than 20 years to support Charlotte's HIV-positive community, their family and friends. They do so by offering not only direct support, but also by working with community organizations and faith institutions to build a caring, attentive support network.

Best LGBT Arts Group

One Voice Chorus

Honorable mention: Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte

Best Annual LGBT Event in Charlotte

Charlotte Pride

Honorable mention: HRC Carolina Gala

Best Man About Town

Dan Mauney

Honorable mention: Tommy Feldman

Dan "the Shoe Man" Mauney is perhaps best known for his role in organizing Takeover Friday, a monthly social outing that's proven popular and stood the test of time. It's likely the reason why QList voters chose him as Best Man About Town — the guy everyone loves to hang with, the hip guy who seems to always be "in the know," networking, making friends and being seen out and about.

Best Woman About Town

Janice Covington



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Best Openly LGBT or LGBT-friendly Politician/Elected Official

Charlotte City Councilmember LaWana Mayfield

Honorable mention: Charlotte Mayor Patsy Kinsey