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Seattle Counseling Service Celebrates Five Decades of Serving the LGBTQ Community with 50th Anniversary Gala

Seattle LGBTQ Community Celebrates 50 Years of Mental Health and Addiction Recovery

Seattle, WA – March 23, 2019 – Seattle Counseling Service (SCS), the leading provider of mental health and addiction services for the Seattle LGBTQ community, today announces its 50th Anniversary Gala; a celebration of history, a call to action, and a vision of the future of Seattle's LGBTQ community and beyond.

Every five years, Seattle Counseling Services hosts its Gala; an extravaganza, and this year's 50th is slated to be the biggest and best yet. The 50th Anniversary Gala celebrates and acknowledges the first 50 years of SCS as well as an imagining of what the next 50 years will look like.

"Seattle Counseling Service has a rich history of supporting the mental health and addiction recovery needs of the LGBTQ community since 1969," says Ann McGettigan, Executive Director of SCS. "This year's gala is a visual and auditory walk through the decades since the civil rights movement and uprising of LGBTQ people, how we got here, and where we're going. One of the themes we're focusing on is how our history is marked by a creative resistance. A resistance that we know will be needed in times to come as we continue to advocate, educate, and advance the behavioral health and overall wellbeing of our LGBTQ community. And, above all, this is a celebration and an honoring of the work it took to get here, and the triumphs our community has experienced as we move forward together."

The 50th Anniversary Gala will take place April 27, at The Westin in Seattle. Tickets are available on the SCS website: <https://seattlecounseling.org/50thgala/>

About Seattle Counseling Service

Seattle Counseling Service is the leading provider of LGBTQ mental health and addiction services in Seattle, as well as the oldest behavioral health organization in the world. SCS facilitates mental health counseling as well as psychiatry and medication management; addiction services; peer education and outreach; and immigrant, refugee, and undocumented outreach. In 2018, SCS served over 2,500 clients. 91% of SCS clients are considered low-income by King County standards. Seattle Counseling Service is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and has been serving the LGBTQ community for 50 years.

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