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**BHT FOUNDATION TO GIVE EMERGENCY GRANTS TO
FOUR CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS**

One week ago, the BHT Foundation shared our commitment to standing up against racism. We are committed to reviewing and improving our internal processes and to strengthen our community partnerships so we can be even more effective within our own community. We support and stand with those who need our help in these troubling times. This support is vital and reflects our mission of helping those organizations who need additional resources to help them meet their mission and their essential work. The process of correcting injustices will take time and we will never stop!

In a special meeting of the board of directors on Thursday, June 4th, we came together to create a plan for what we can do now to support our communities. 41 years ago, four gay motorcycle clubs came together to create Brother, Help Thyself – a call to action to support our communities when they needed us the most. We continue that legacy by providing four emergency grants to civil rights organizations in what may be their greatest time of need:

- Baltimore Action Legal Team in the amount of \$3,000
- BYP100 in the amount of \$1,000
- Black Lives Matter, DC in the amount of \$3,000
- Life After Release in the amount of \$3,000

In order to expedite additional funds to the LGBTQ+ Communities, we will be suspending our regular grant cycle for 2020. An abbreviated, emergency grant cycle will launch on July 15, 2020; with applications due by August 31, 2020 and grants awarded in mid-October. Interested organizations must be a 501(c)(3) to apply and are encouraged to join our mailing list to receive updates. We have always believe that we can help build and transform our community one grant at a time..we now extend that action and belief in ensuring we do our part in addressing and fighting the injustices that racism has brought.

BHT Foundation (Formerly Brother, Help Thyself Inc.) is a 501(c)3 community based organization providing financial and other support to non-profit organizations serving the LGBTQ/SGL and HIV/AIDS communities in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. metro area.

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