



From time to time something amazing happens and today was one of those times! We were able to honor our long-time volunteer, Wayne Leftkowitz, on a national stage with Good Morning America. You can watch the inspirational moment by following the link on this post.

It took a great number of people and organizations to make today possible, and we'd like to thank them:

First, thank you to Mayor Betty Resch, Commissioner Sarah Malega and the leadership team of City of Lake Worth Beach for declaring the first Wednesday in June as "Wayne's Day" in the city moving forward.

Thank you to Lauren Bennett and her entire team, including Emeric Jeancome and Ben Kerr, at the Lake Worth Beach Leisure Services Department and the Lake Worth Beach Staff Grounds Team. They put in countless hours to prepare Bryant Park for the taping today and we could not have honored Wayne without them.

Thank you to Brad Deck and the producers of Good Morning America for choosing us to kick off GMA's Pride Month coverage! Sam Champion was a gracious host and treated everyone with respect. We also appreciate Lumix for making today's gift to Wayne and the Center. WPBF was also on-site covering the event and we appreciate their coverage of this beautiful day.

Thank you to everyone who came out this morning and stood for hours in the heat (and sometimes rain) to honor Wayne and our community. We had representatives from Discover the Palm Beaches, Team Bill Bone from the Smart Ride, H.G. Roosters, Inspire Recovery, MCC Church of the Palm Beaches, Healthier Lake Worth, PBC HRC, Vita Nova, Mad Hatter, Penny Johnson, Palm Beach County School Board Member Erica Whitfield, Palm Beach County Vice Mayor Gregg Weiss, State Representative Matt Willhite and every ally who was there. We were thrilled that Dr. Tiffany Cox and the Lake Worth Beach High School Marching Band's Drum Line was there to keep the energy up!

Thank you, as always, to Miss Florida FI at Large Velvet Lenore and Rianna Petrone for being there at 6:30 am in full drag to keep that crowd going! You are both our superstars!

Thank you to the Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office & LGBTQ Liaisons, Captain Baer, Captain Krivda, Lt. Lavigna, Sergeant Israel and the mounted units who were there to show support for our community. Also a heartfelt thank you to the Lake Worth Beach Fire Department.

Thank you to the Compass Staff and our Board of Directors for being there to celebrate Wayne.

And of course, thank you Wayne Leftkowitz for everything that you do to make our community better. Wayne, you are a talented and selfless human being who gives so much to so many. We were humbled to be able to celebrate you today.

Happy Wayne's Day!