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R Family Vacations and Family Pride Announce Business/Education Partnership

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NEW YORK and WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 /PRNewswire/ -- R Family Vacations and Family Pride Coalition today have announced a special collaboration to bring R Families' unique style of family entertainment to family week from July 28th - August 4th, 2007, in Provincetown, MA. In addition, Family Pride will become the exclusive education providers on issues affecting gay and lesbian families on all R Family Vacation cruises. This groundbreaking collaboration will provide the best in entertainment and education to the thousands of families that participate in these unique vacations for gay and lesbian families.

In its 12th year, family week 2007 will be held from July 28th - August 4th, 2007, and anticipates over 500 gay and lesbian families in attendance. R Family Vacations will bring their expertise in Gay and Lesbian family entertainment by creating family themed events including beach bonfires, picnics, dances, carnivals, a pirate dinner, as well as R Family's own R- aMAHzing Race. Family Pride Coalition will continue to offer all of the workshops and educational content during Family Week.

R Family Vacations are best known for their large cruise ship vacations for Gay & Lesbian families. This past year the company was profiled in HBO's documentary titled, "Rosie's Gay Family Cruise," and garnered two Emmy nominations. Rosie O'Donnell, whose partner Kelli O'Donnell, and Gregg Kaminsky, together run R Family Vacations, said this about the new partnership, "I am thrilled that R Family Vacations is now going to be involved in producing Family Week in Provincetown. We actually started R Family Vacations because Kelli and I took our kids to Family Pride's Family Week and I saw the effect that it had on my children." Gregg added, "We have been supporters of Family Pride for years and we are so excited to announce this formal partnership. We are both confident that together we are going to create the best Family Week ever. We are also honored that Family Pride will provide all of the workshops and speakers on all of our cruises."

Jennifer Chrisler, Executive Director of Family Pride Coalition, said, "This is a perfect collaboration because we will each be able to do what we do best. Family Pride through strategic initiatives, groundbreaking programs and legislative battles, is dedicated to securing equality for all loving families. We are committed to making change, sharing information, and building community. R Family Vacations is the industry leader in Gay and Lesbian family travel. Our partnership ensures we are offering our families spectacular entertainment and outstanding value."

R Family is also announcing new land-based vacations in 2007. This new venture makes its debut during "R Philly Weekend," in March 2007. This is R Family's weekend getaway to gay-friendly Philadelphia and some of the highlights for families include historical tours, a 50's Party at Strikes Bowling Lanes and Sunday brunch at the Hyatt Hotel at Penn's Landing. Also debuting during the fall of 2007 will be their first ever weekend getaway to the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico. These trips are in addition to their popular full-ship charter cruises. The winter cruise, which sails to the Caribbean on February 18th, features, as headliner, Gloria Estefan. In addition, R Family Vacations will be sailing from New York City to Bermuda in July 2007 for the annual summer vacation cruise.

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