



LGBT Pride March on 40th Anniversary of Stonewall Riots

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Forty years ago, [LGBT people rioted](#) at the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in New York City to protest harassment by the police.

During the LGBT Pride March on Sunday, June 28, I was among the million or so people cheering on the LGBT employee police group. That's a tangible measure of how far we have progressed.

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We all know that there's much more to be done to attain full civil rights for LGBT people, but for this moment I want to focus on the upside. There was much to celebrate on this 40th anniversary.

Even HIV/AIDS had an upside during the event.

There was the traditional somber moment of silence for those who have died from HIV/AIDS, but the floats sponsored by [amfAR](#) and [Bailey House](#) (pics attached of both, including my finger in the Bailey House pic) gave the crowds a message of hope.

They also provided much needed visibility for a disease that too many LGBT people think is over.

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