

More companies showing support for 2014 Gay Games

Platinum: Eaton and Forest City
GOLD: Arachnid, Thompson Hine LLP and TWIST Creative, Inc.
SILVER: MassMutual

BRONZE: GE Lighting, FIT Technologies, the Cleveland Indians, Great Lakes Science Center, Jakprints and PNC Bank Community Patron Partner: COSE (Council of Smaller Enterprises)

CLEVELAND+AKRON, Ohio (May 2014) – The 2014 Gay Games announce additions to an increasingly robust roster of national and regional organizations that have signed on as sponsors.

"We're thrilled to see more companies and institutions publicly supporting the Games' mission of Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™," say Steve Sokany and Hollie Ksiezyk, co-chairs of the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation. "They are true leaders in their commitment to diversity."

Eaton and Forest City are now Platinum sponsors.

Gold sponsors now include Arachnid, Thompson Hine and TWIST Creative, Inc.

MassMutual is now a Silver sponsor.

Bronze sponsors now include GE Lighting, Great Lakes Science Center, FIT Technologies, the Cleveland Indians, Jakprints and PNC Bank.

In addition, dozens of companies have become sponsors at the Gay Games 9 "Rainbow levels." They include Red sponsors, Goldfarb Weber Creative Media and The Clubs; and Orange sponsors, Bike Authority and Dominion.

For a full list of sponsors, visit qq9cle.com/donate-sponsor/sponsors/.

About the Gay Games

The Gay Games is an international sporting and cultural event held every four years under the founding principles of Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™. Launched in 1982, the Games invite participation from everybody, regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, political beliefs, athletic or artistic ability, age, physical challenge or health status.



The Games are intended to bring a global community together in friendship, to experience participation, to elevate consciousness and self-esteem, and to achieve a form of cultural and intellectual synergy. The Gay Games is open to anyone 18 years or older. About 10 percent of participants are from outside the LGBT community.

The 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation will be August 9-16, 2014, in venues around Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, in the United States. More than 35 sports and culture events will be held, with more than 20,000 people from more than 50 countries expected to participate and visit the region.

For more information, connect with the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation: **GG9CLE.com | @GG9Cleveland | Facebook.com/GayGamesCleveland**

About the Cleveland Foundation

The Cleveland Foundation is the world's first community foundation and one of the largest today, with assets of \$1.86 billion and 2012 grants of \$91 million. Through the generosity of donors, the foundation improves the lives of Greater Clevelanders by building community endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking and providing leadership on vital issues.

As part of its centennial year in 2014, the Cleveland Foundation is proud to be the first presenting sponsor in Gay Games history. The foundation's support of the Games continues its long-standing commitment to social justice and inclusion. For more information on the Cleveland Foundation:

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