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**ATLANTA GAY AND LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES
2018 ROSEMARY JONES ICON AWARD RECIPIENT**

The Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (AGLCC) is proud to announce Richard Ramey, owner of The Atlanta Eagle and Flower Cottage on Main, in East Point, as the recipient of the 2018 Rosemary Jones Icon Award at their Annual Community Awards Dinner, to be held Friday, September 21, at the Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta.

The Rosemary Jones Icon Award is the equivalent of a "Lifetime Achievement" Award and is named to honor the memory of a champion of the AGLCC and an ally to the LGBT business community. It is given to a high-profile member of Atlanta's LGBT community who has dedicated their life in some way, either through their career, their volunteerism or both, to advancing the cause of LGBT equality and the quality of life for Atlanta's Queer community and beyond.

"We are honored to present this award to Richard," said Sandy Mollett, AGLCC President. He personifies success in business- and not just one- but two! He embodies activism and he understand the importance of standing up and being counted as a business owner and a member of the LGBT Community." Mollett continued, "His artistry as a florist is spectacular, and his willingness to give some of our community's most marginalized groups a safe space for entertainment, when it was unpopular, and sometimes even dangerous is extraordinary."

Richard Ramey, Owner of The Flower Cottage on Main and the Atlanta Eagle, said of the recognition, "This is a real honor. I am humbled and proud to accept this award. My sincerest thanks to the AGLCC for recognizing my efforts for more than three decades as a business owner and a part of this community."

The AGLCC Community Awards event recognizes and celebrates LGBT business excellence. This year's event will be held Friday, September 21, and is hosted by Emmy-winning WSB-TV reporter, Nefertiti Jáquez. To purchase tickets and for more information, please go to: AtlantaGayChamber.org

About the Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

The AGLCC exists to drive economic success for the LGBT business community and our allies.

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