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## **RAINY DAY FAILS TO FOIL AMAZING NIGHT OF REVELRY AND CHARITY AT THE MONTROSE CENTER'S 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRINGIN' IN THE GREEN**

**(HOUSTON, TX)**- A stormy evening didn't stop supporters of the Montrose Center, Houston's LGBTQ center, from attending the 27th annual Bringin' in the Green event on Friday, March 18, 2016. The night sparkled with the coterie representing H-Town's diverse LGBT community, who were a festive sight, dressed in green.

The event took place at the home of **Brian Flores** and **Nathan Foyil**, long-time supporters of the Montrose Center, who entertained the crowd while also sharing personal anecdotes about the important work the Montrose Center does in the Houston community.

A crowd of over 200 Montrose Center supporters filled the home of Flores and Foyil, enjoying a delicious menu, courtesy of Houston hotspot **B&B Butchers & Restaurant**. The menu of passed Hors D'oeuvres included crab cakes, Truffle Chicken Salad, Beef Wellington and Caprese Salad.

As part of the evening's entertainment, talented pianist **Roger Woest** performed for guests.

Because of generous hosts Flores and Foyil, and sponsors, which include **OutSmart Magazine**, **Silver Eagle Distributors** and **Southwest Airlines**, all of the proceeds raised benefit the Montrose Center's direct services.

This year, the Montrose Center will see over 100,000 Houstonians and visitors enter its doors. This includes hosting over 3,000 community events, serving over 650 LGBTQ youth, providing counseling services for over 1,300 people each year, and providing HIV/AIDS outreach education to over 12,000 Houstonians annually.

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### **THE MONTROSE CENTER**

Established in 1978 as a safe and affirming place for lesbian and gay Houstonians to receive counseling, the Montrose Center has emerged as one of the nation's leading full-service LGBTQ Centers. While counseling remains at the heart of what we do, services have expanded to meet the changing needs of our diverse community. These services include substance abuse treatment, support and advocacy for LGBTQ survivors of violent crimes, care and assistance for people with HIV/AIDS, free community wellness programs and activities, and programs for our community's most vulnerable and isolated—youth and seniors. We sit at the center of the LGBTQ community and serve as a gathering place for LGBTQ organizations and groups. The Montrose Center is a United Way Agency.