

Local lesbian family visits White House Egg Roll

A local lesbian family was invited to this year's White House Egg Roll, which took place the Monday after Easter Sunday.

Miami residents Joanna Grover-Watson, her partner Olive Watson and their two children Wiley, age 10 and Flynn, age 8, received one of 30 tickets designated for GLBT families by the Family Equality Council. This is the first time since the founding of the Egg Roll in 1878 that the White House reached out to GLBT families.

Over 30,000 people attended in five 2-hour groups of 6,000 each. The theme for this year's egg roll was "Let's Go Play."

"Our group was the only group where the President and the First Family came out and welcomed everyone," said Grover-Watson. "[Our] whole family was so excited to be there on the White House grounds, and to see and be so close to the Obama family. It was like being surrounded by a bit of magic."

Olive Watson has sat on the Board of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force for years. The couple received a call from the Family Equality Council asking if they would be interested in attending the event and representing gay families.



The Watson family celebrates Easter at the White House. (Photo courtesy Olive Watson)

