 The star of the popular TV show *Modern Family* is not only openly gay, he’s also an equal rights advocate for the LGBT community. Ferguson and his husband started their own foundation.

**Icons in LGBT History: Jesse Tyler Ferguson**

Tie The Knot is a nonprofit charity that sells neckties, and, most importantly, raises funds to support marriage equality for same-sex couples. Tie The Knot’s goal is to “to advocate for the civil rights of gay and lesbian Americans throughout the United States and beyond...”

Outside of his charity work, Ferguson has been honored by the national advocacy organization Do Something for his work promoting marriage equality. He has also been named by the ACLU’s Ambassador Program as the national ambassador for marriage equality.

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