

# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER  
JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024







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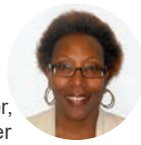
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## MISSION STATEMENT

The San Diego LGBT Community Center enhances and sustains the health & well-being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, transgender, nonbinary, immigrant, and HIV communities to the betterment of our entire San Diego region.

## VISION STATEMENT

At The San Diego LGBT Community Center every person feels and knows that they are welcomed, valued, and supported. As the beacon for our regional LGBTQ community, each day we actively recommit to be a more vibrant, bold, innovative, safe, and modern Center than the day before.

## VALUES

**Dignity** – Building pride, self-respect, and mutual-respect in everyone.  
**Inclusion** – Welcoming and serving all members of our community.  
**Compassion** – Caring about the needs of others and supporting them from a place of kindness and willingness to help.  
**Respect** – Meeting, listening to, and acknowledging our community on its own terms; honoring each as a whole person.  
**Equity & Equality** – Advocating for and intentionally reducing barriers to fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all our community members, inside and outside our Center.

## STRATEGIES

**Diversity** – Embrace, promote, and support our community's rich diversity in our leadership, programs, and membership.  
**Services** – Provide critical life and health services.  
**Support** – Support our community members through all stages of life, including coming out, transitioning, and supporting their family and friends.  
**Wellness** – Enhance the quality of life and wellness of our community at all stages of life with programs and events.  
**Community** – Empower community, develop leaders, advocate for social justice, and celebrate community.



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

## DEAR CENTER COMMUNITY,

Over 50 years ago, the founders of The San Diego LGBT Community Center had a vision: to build power for LGBTQ+ people by creating safe spaces where we can dream, strategize, and act. Today, we are one of the largest and most impactful LGBTQ+ centers in the country, advocating for our rights, responding to emerging crises, providing essential services, and creating safe spaces that welcome and affirm the diversity across our community.

This year, the 2024 Presidential Election results urge us to strengthen the organizational and community power that has fueled progress for our LGBTQ+ community over the last few decades. As we face an administration that has already promised to terminate gender-affirming care, reinstate the transgender military ban, and enact mass deportations, we must leverage and deepen that community power to continue our fight and ensure our hard-won gains are not lost. Despite the weight of the election and the challenges ahead, The Center remains steadfast in serving our community. As I reflect on our achievements this year, I am reminded of our strength, and I am fueled by both hope and determination to continue our vital work.



**During the past fiscal year, The Center reached several important milestones.** We celebrated at our joyous and momentous 50th Anniversary Gala, and launched our LGBTQ+ Luminaries Lunch to honor people making an impact in our community. We mourned the loss of The Center's first woman executive director, trailblazer Jeri Dilno, and we strengthened our commitment to serving the most vulnerable folks in our community by expanding our Crisis Services team and launching our ninth housing program, Adult Housing Services. Through it all, I am grateful for our supporters who were there with us every step of the way.

**The Center continued to provide engagement opportunities and direct services for our LGBTQ+ community.** We hosted a fabulous Kiki Ball and held a movie screening of Rustin through our Black Services program, hosted a Dia de los Muertos altar and our annual Pachanga de Frida party through Latin@x Services, and launched a new Lunar New Year Celebration and other special events to highlight our Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander community. Our Behavioral Health Services and Sexual Health and Wellness program provided access to LGBTQ-affirming care to promote mental and physical wellness. We added new programming for seniors and youth, as well as for our transgender and nonbinary community.

**In addition to our services, our Fierce Advocacy and Civic Engagement (FACE) Team has been driving efforts to build LGBTQ+ community power in our region.** During the last year, our FACE Team continued to recruit motivated volunteers and advocate for legislation that protects LGBTQ+ people, helping to secure a victory with Prop 3 to protect marriage equality in California. Our efforts to Get Out The Vote mobilized voters to the polls. More than 5,000 voters came to The Center for the November General Election to drop off their ballot or vote at the only LGBTQ+ Vote Center in our region—a triumph in civic engagement that, despite any election results, will help us drive progress moving forward.

As the CEO of The Center, I am filled with immense pride for the work The Center has done and the many lives changed this year. I am also filled with deep gratitude for our staff, donors, and volunteers who make our impact possible. Your generous support and active engagement have made a real difference for our San Diego LGBTQ+ community. 2025 is going to be a challenging year and we will need your continued support and involvement to protect our community. Together, we can stand shoulder to shoulder and pave the way forward so Our Center continues to foster hope and unity.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara".

Caroline (Cara) Dessert, Esq.  
(She/Her/Hers)  
Chief Executive Officer



# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CO-CHAIRS

## DEAR CENTER COMMUNITY,

Over the past five decades, we have witnessed incredible growth and transformation at The Center. This past fiscal year, we expanded vital services and engagement opportunities for our community, celebrated significant milestones together, and advocated for the rights and dignity of LGBTQ+ people.

We have seen the success of The Center's focus on its three primary functions: providing essential services, such as crisis response and housing navigation, to community members who need support; advocating to build the community power and civic engagement that drive systemic change for our LGBTQ+ community; and creating safe, LGBTQ-affirming spaces that welcome people to come together for connection, celebration, and unity.

The success of our work at The Center this year is a testament to the collective efforts of many, including our visionary CEO and leadership team, committed staff, allies and community partners, volunteers, donors, and members of The Center's Board of Directors.

As Board Co-Chairs, we are committed to supporting The Center's continued collaborations and partnerships, which will play a crucial role in our growth journey. **Our vision for the future is clear: to create a brighter, more inclusive world for all.**

Bringing this vision to life in the wake of the national election results will require The Center to deepen its engagement at the community level. Working with local elected officials and community partners is essential to our mission. These collaborations have led to significant positive impacts on our community, such as increased access to safe housing and enhanced support for those in crisis. By continuing to strengthen these partnerships, we can address the most pressing needs of our LGBTQ+ community more effectively.

Collaborations and partnerships enable The Center to continue to provide comprehensive support and a network of services that address the emotional, physical, mental, and social well-being of our community members. In the coming year, we plan to expand and enhance these services, ensuring that everyone has access to the care they need to thrive in all aspects of their life.

As we embark on this new chapter, we invite you to join us in our mission. Your participation and support are vital to our success. Together, we can create a better tomorrow for all of us.

With gratitude and determination,



Sue Reynolds  
(She/Her/Hers)  
Co-Chair  
The Center's Board of Directors



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# THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER



Total Service Visits  
**90,791**

The San Diego LGBT Community Center is dedicated to enhancing and sustaining the health and well-being of the LGBTQ+ community in San Diego. Our work is centered around three primary functions: providing direct services for essential support, empowering our community through advocacy that drives systemic change, and creating safe, LGBTQ-affirming spaces for connection. **In the past fiscal year, The Center provided over 90,000 service visits to our community, marking a 16% increase from the previous year.**

Through these three primary functions, The Center builds a stronger, more resilient LGBTQ+ community in San Diego. We invite you to join us in our mission to support, empower, and connect our diverse community.

## Direct Services for Essential Support

The Center offers a wide range of direct services designed to meet the immediate needs of our community members. Our trauma-informed approach ensures that all services are delivered with sensitivity and respect for the unique experiences of each individual. The Center’s services are provided to all, regardless of immigration status.


## Empowering Through Advocacy and Community Engagement

Our Advocacy and Civic Engagement and Communications departments work through strategic communications and community engagement to amplify the voices of the LGBTQ+ community and drive systemic change. By being a trusted messenger and engaging in coalition work, educating political leaders, and mobilizing voters, we strive to ensure that our community’s needs and values are represented at all levels of government.

## Creating Safe, LGBTQ-Affirming Spaces

The Center is committed to creating inclusive and affirming spaces where LGBTQ+ individuals can connect, celebrate, and find support. We host a variety of community events to foster a sense of belonging and provide opportunities for community members to engage with The Center’s work in meaningful ways. This year our community members had 12,562 contacts including calls and walk-ins with our Welcome Desk staff, a 16% increase from the previous year.

### Trusted Community Messenger



E-News subscribers:	Social Media:
<b>33,157</b>	<b>182,877</b>
Website:	engagements and
<b>390,295</b>	<b>6,769,235</b>
page views	impressions

Welcome Desk

**12,562**

Contacts with our Welcome Desk staff



Calls

**7,116**

Walk-Ins

**5,446**





## Youth Service Visits (Drop-In)

**2,793**

Includes South Bay  
Youth Center, Hillcrest  
Youth Center

## THE CENTER'S SERVICES INCLUDE:

**Behavioral Health Services**—Providing our community with mental health resources including a team of dedicated, LGBTQ-affirming therapists.

**Sexual Health and Wellness**—This program provides free HIV testing and prevention and STI screening to our community members Monday through Saturday by appointment.

**Housing Services**—The Center provides a housing continuum of nine programs from emergency housing and support services to permanent and supportive housing.

**Crisis Support Services**—A team dedicated to supporting our community members in crisis and offering referrals, assistance, and compassion.

**Food Resources**—We host two monthly food banks, regular events featuring free meals at The Center, as well as Project Compassion offering direct supportive resources to our unhoused community members.

**Training Institute**—The Center's Training Institute is a leading provider of high-quality professional trainings on LGBTQ+ topics like pronouns, gender and nonbinary identities, LGBTQ-affirming de-escalation techniques for front line responders, LGBTQ+ sexual health, and more.



## Food Resources Services Provided

**17,122**

Includes our twice-a-month food bank, grocery gift cards, non-perishable food deliveries, and meals provided to Sunburst clients



**1,966**

Opportunities for community members to gather, connect, celebrate, and find support through groups and events at The Center

**14,727**

Attendees at groups and events

**The Center also offers support and discussion groups and special events as part of our community programs\*:**

Project TRANS—Transgender and Nonbinary Services

50+ and Better Together—Senior Services

Youth Services

Family Services

Black Services

Latin@x Services

Men's Services

Women's Services



\*Visit [thecentersd.org](http://thecentersd.org) for more information.

# 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, The Center celebrated 50 years of service to our community at our 50th Anniversary Gala! We have undergone tremendous changes — from building a sexual health and wellness program that grew from responding to the AIDS crisis, creating a world-class housing continuum that sprang from the need to take in LGBTQ+ youth who were kicked out of their homes, to developing a high impact Advocacy and Civic Engagement program that responds swiftly and decisively to attacks against our community.



Building on the foundation of Latin@x Services established in 2004, we have expanded our community programs to meet evolving needs, including the launch of Project TRANS in 2013 and Black Services in 2021. All of these robust programs and so many more have allowed The Center to be able to pivot to proactively provide care for our community throughout San Diego County, and to imagine a future where our strength is reflected in our spaces and in our programs so that our community can thrive against whatever lies ahead.

We were able to do all of this because of the generosity of Center Supporters like you. We look forward to being here for our community for the next 50 years and beyond.













# SEXUAL HEALTH & WELLNESS: A DECADE OF #BETHEGENERATION

In 2014, The Center launched the groundbreaking #BeTheGeneration campaign, an aggressive and strategic effort to end new HIV transmissions in San Diego, prompted by medical evidence and offering a much-needed new opportunity to stop HIV as an epidemic.



**21,008**  
Condoms  
Distributed

**336**

Clients tested  
for Hep C

**694**

Clients tested  
for HIV

**657**

STI screenings  
provided

Today, #BeTheGeneration has evolved into an entire program that focuses on Sexual Health and Wellness for the LGBTQ+ community and beyond. The Center has built strong collaborative partnerships with Family Health Centers of San Diego, Vista Community Clinics, San Ysidro Health Centers, Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, and UC San Diego that allows our clients a seamless link to immediate sexual health treatment and prevention support as well as long-term medical care and supplemental services that help sustain and enhance quality of life.

Thanks to our community's advocacy and investments over nearly 40 years, we have made incredible advancements in HIV care. HIV medication, and pre-exposure and post-exposure treatments (PrEP and PEP) are now available, and we have made great strides in reducing the rate of HIV transmission. People living with HIV who are in care are likely to live long and healthy lives. There has been a steady decline in new HIV cases in San Diego County, thanks to targeted efforts like The Center's #BeTheGeneration campaign.



Today HIV is a treatable condition. Yet, the latest data from the county tells us that there is still a tremendous need to reach Black, Latin@x, and younger LGBTQ people, as we see a new generation of LGBTQ+ Black and Latin@x community members who are disproportionately represented in new HIV cases in San Diego.

Our latest #BeTheGeneration campaign aims to create targeted messaging for underrepresented communities, including people who identify with our Black, Latin@x, AANHPI, women, transgender, and nonbinary communities. By highlighting statistics for each community, our goal is to educate folks about getting tested, prevention through PrEP, and treatment options.

A decade after #BeTheGeneration was launched, we must continue to find ways to reach our vulnerable community members so that HIV transmissions can reach zero in San Diego County.



Clients connected to PrEP  
**783**

Includes enrollment, referrals  
through HIV testing, and online  
education and referrals

# ADVOCACY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: BUILDING LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY POWER

## Advocacy and Civic Engagement

For the past 50 years, The Center has strived to build LGBTQ+ power and amplify the diverse voices within our region by conducting robust civic engagement to ensure our elected officials represent our community and our values. Our Advocacy and Civic Engagement department is dedicated to building community power through strategic partnerships, coalition work, and proactive community engagement.

This focus is instrumental in ensuring that our community's voices are heard and represented in the political arena. Our efforts include participating in progressive movements and advocating for immigrant rights, racial justice, reproductive justice, and more. As we face the challenges ahead, our team is ready to mobilize to fight misinformation and anti-LGBTQ legislation.

## Key Activities and Successes in FY24

**Voter Mobilization:** Over the last year, our team has mobilized thousands of voters to Get Out The Vote, strategically building a dedicated group of volunteers excited about civic engagement over the last few election cycles to prepare for the November 2024 election.

**Coalition Work:** We have participated in various coalitions aligned with other progressive movements, including immigrant rights, workers' rights, racial justice, reproductive justice, and environmental justice. These collaborations amplify the collective power of our intersectional movements for justice while building strategic partnerships.



Civic Engagement  
Conversations

7,328



**FACE Team:** We have built a solid base of dedicated, passionate volunteers through events like Advocacy Trivia Nights, which infused themed trivia with political knowledge. Many attendees are now part of our Fierce Advocacy and Civic Engagement (FACE) Team, contributing to our civic engagement efforts and empowering our community to vote.

**Community Engagement:** Our dynamic, proactive, and responsive strategies engage the entire San Diego LGBTQ+ community, prioritizing those not yet connected to The Center's services or programs. We foster relationships with diverse stakeholders to ensure they are part of our decision-making, advocacy, and initiatives.



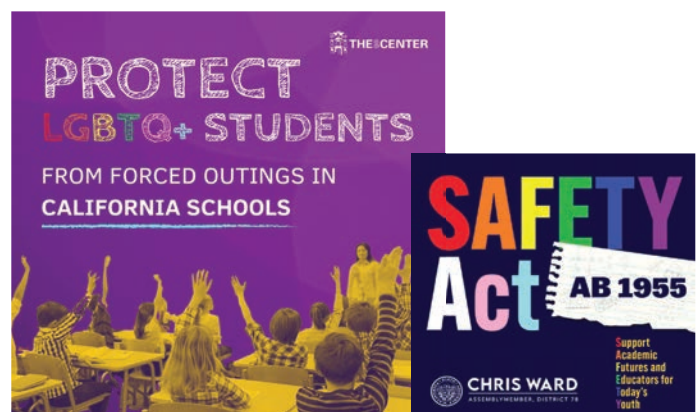
**Celebrations and Events:** We celebrated our annual LGBT Veterans Wall of Honor ceremony, recognizing LGBTQ+ military veterans with ties to San Diego. We also created new opportunities to reach our Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community, including The Center's Lunar New Year Community Celebration and a book reading by Kumu Huna, a Native Hawaiian third gender activist and author.



**Hillcrest and Beyond:** Recognizing the importance of uplifting LGBTQ+ people throughout San Diego County, we have prioritized engagement in areas like East County and North County, where legislative attacks are prevalent. This year, we collaborated with San Ysidro Health, Neighborhood Healthcare, and Health Center Partners on the My Vote My Health campaign, calling thousands of low-propensity Latino/a/x voters to encourage them to vote. Our work reaching out to low-propensity voters as part of the My Vote My Health campaign is an important step in empowering voters impacted by marginalization, redlining, and gentrification. Each conversation with a voter who pledged to vote signifies an investment in their communities, families, and selves, highlighting the impact of our work.

### **Advocating to Protect LGBTQ+ Students:**

The SAFETY Act was introduced in the California legislature to strengthen protections against forced outings of LGBTQ+ students in schools. The bill prohibits a public school employee or contractor from being required to disclose a student's gender identity/expression or sexual orientation to anyone without the student's consent, unless otherwise required by law. The Center's Advocacy and Civic Engagement team created awareness for the bill and supported the SAFETY Act to help it become California law.



# THE CENTER'S HOUSING CONTINUUM

## ADULT HOUSING SERVICES



### Housing Service Visits

Youth Housing  
**10,361**

Includes Housing Our Youth, Sunburst Youth Housing Project, and all other housing services for youth

### Adult Housing

**415** Clients  
**882** Services

In the first nine months of this new program.

At The Center, we believe that having a safe, stable place to call home is fundamental to everyone's well-being and we are proud to serve our entire community, regardless of their immigration status. People need a safe place to live before they can address other needs, like finding employment or improving their health. By ensuring as many community members as possible have stable housing, we create a healthier, stronger community that is more engaged in civic life.

Since our launch last year, Adult Housing Services at The Center has provided our LGBTQ+ community with

housing assistance and navigation. This program focuses on people ages 18 and over, providing resources in emergency, transitional, and permanent housing solutions, along with a range of housing assistance services. Adult Housing Services is part of our housing continuum at The Center, which now includes nine programs from homelessness prevention to permanent supportive housing, providing essential support to those experiencing housing crises.

Our services are comprehensive and tailored to meet the needs of each individual. We assist people in finding housing and offer personalized services, including advocating for tenants' rights, negotiating rents, helping with lease agreements, and mediating between landlords and tenants. Additionally, we assist with essentials like move-in costs, first month's rents/deposits, utility payments, employment, and other essentials for housing stability. We ensure every person is treated with dignity and respect by conducting quality inspections and locating clean, habitable housing.

Our work addresses the needs of unhoused individuals, those with financial barriers and debt, and anyone needing assistance and resources with unstable housing situations.

### PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

## EMERGENCY HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES

**Homelessness Prevention & Diversion**—Designed to assist individuals and families in the County who are facing housing instability or are unhoused.

**Family Reunification Program**—Reconnects LGBTQ+ youth with their families, while all receive counseling and supportive services.

**Host Home Program**—Identifies, screens, and trains community members known to youth 18-24 who are willing to host them in their homes.

**Project Compassion**—A tangible, action-based program that offers direct supportive resources for those experiencing homelessness.

**LGBTQ Safe STAY Wellness Center**—An LGBTQ-affirming emergency shelter for transitional age youth ages 18-24.

**Adult Housing Services**—Empowering adults and seniors through a range of housing and well-being services.

## PERMANENT & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Karibu**—Scattered-site permanent housing for those 18 and older.

**Sunburst Youth Housing Project**—Safe and supportive housing for homeless youth between 18-24, with a special focus on LGBTQ+ and youth living with HIV.

**North Park Senior Apartments**—In partnership with Community HousingWorks, we opened San Diego's first LGBTQ-affirming affordable senior complex where The Center provides on-site case management and support services to the residents.





## A NEW HOME FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department at The Center has provided mental health services to our LGBTQ+ community since 1986. BHS has evolved over the years to become one of the largest departments at The Center due to the growing and vital need for welcoming and affirming mental health services in our community. LGBTQ+ people of all ages disproportionately experience increased instances of mental health issues, substance use disorders, and behavioral health stressors and crises. Barriers to health care, including access to LGBTQ-affirming care, are at the root of our LGBTQ+ community's need for more support for our mental health.

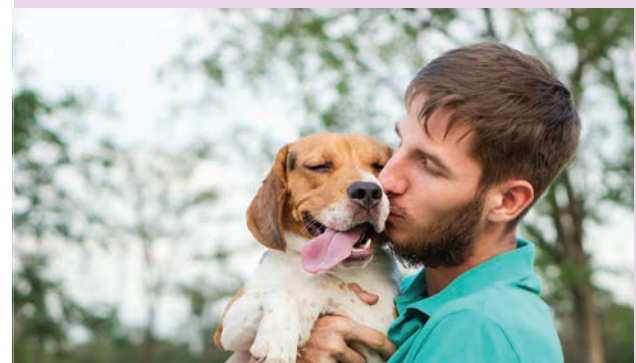
Behavioral  
Health  
Services

**5,540**

Counseling  
sessions

The Center's BHS team offers individual, couples/family, and group counseling to LGBTQ+ community members. Services cater to specific needs of our LGBTQ+ community members, including help with same-gender/genderqueer relationship violence, support for youth and adults who are victims of crime and/or hate incidents, gender affirming care for trans/nonbinary community members, and support for individuals, couples and families living with HIV/AIDS.

Alex (he/him) is a transgender youth who had been hospitalized for suicidal ideation, symptoms of major depressive disorder, and gender dysphoria. With the help of our BHS counselor, Alex developed the tools to work through feelings of gender dysphoria, and developed safer coping skills. Alex is now equipped to handle anxious thoughts and depressive episodes, and has developed strong peer relationships at his new school. Clients like Alex remind us of the importance of LGBTQ-affirming care





# 50+ AND BETTER TOGETHER: SENIOR SERVICES AT THE CENTER

50+ and Better Together is the Senior Services program at The Center, providing programs and services for LGBTQ+ community members 50 and older to connect, make friends, stay healthy, and build a network to fight isolation.



## AGELESS ARTISTS ART SHOW AND FAIR RETURNS

We uplifted the power of creativity and the vibrant and artistic talents of our LGBTQ+ community, showcasing the remarkable works of art created by members of the Ageless Art Group at The Center.

## LGBTQ+ HEALTH SYMPOSIUM & RESOURCE FAIR

The Center hosted our first LGBTQ+ Health Symposium to discuss topics of interest to our senior community, including long-term care options, navigating the health care system, health care challenges for LGBTQ+ adults, and how to stay connected to address isolation and loneliness.

**8,188**

Senior Visits  
to support groups and programs

**701**

Unique senior clients





## AROUND THE TABLE WITH ELDERS

This six-week group nutrition program for older adults focused on building resilience through nourishment of body, mind, and community connections. Participants learned to build healthy nutrition habits to enhance health and wellbeing.

## AGING WITH HIV

This in-person, all-day workshop was presented in partnership with Pozabilities, The Reunion Project, Gilead, and The Center. Attendees gained insights about the latest advances in HIV and aging, prevention, and treatment.

## CHAIR YOGA AND FITNESS

Seniors looking for more opportunities to practice wellness were welcome to join us at our one-hour chair exercise class twice a month at The Center. The Chair Yoga and Fitness class features a small workout including yoga and Zumba.

## GREY MATTERS MOVEMENT AND MUSIC

With the popularity of our Feeling Fit class, we added more options to keep seniors active, including Grey Matters Movement and Music, a program dedicated to enhancing the well-being of seniors. This class takes place twice a month at The Center, in partnership with Grey Matters Studio.



# YOUR GIFT MATTERS

## MAKE A BIG IMPACT WITH A FUTURE GIFT

When you include The San Diego LGBT Community Center in your estate plan, your generosity helps ensure that every person in our community feels welcomed and knows that they are valued and supported. Understanding the profound impact we can make with planned gifts, The Center has expanded our philanthropic services to help provide support and resources.

Your legacy can live on at The Center by making possible the many ways we serve our community and build LGBTQ+ power through thoughtful financial planning. This year The Center launched our new Planned Giving website, a platform crafted to walk you through each step, ensuring that your legacy reflects your dreams and significantly uplifts our community. Your role in this process is crucial, and many of our community members have already benefited from resources like a comprehensive downloadable estate planning kit.



Visit our website at [thecentersd.mylegacygift.org](https://thecentersd.mylegacygift.org) to see the new planning tools we offer.



## JOIN THE STONEWALL SOCIETY

The Stonewall Society is a planned giving group that conveys its values by providing a way for you to create a future gift to The Center, ensuring your legacy by providing support for generations to come. Through The Stonewall Society, we seek to honor donors like you who share in our commitment to providing the best services for our LGBTQ+ community here in San Diego County while also working diligently to protect and advance our rights as they come under threat.

In helping to guarantee The Center's future with a gift through a trust, bequest, or other planned gift,

your legacy will live on in the tens of thousands of people who rely on The Center every year.

The Center gratefully acknowledges all the members of The Stonewall Society. Just as the brave LGBTQ+ community members in New York at Stonewall provided the foundation for the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement, these benefactors have made provisions to ensure that The Center can support the next LGBTQ+ generation, providing a safe and inspiring community center to call home, and enhancing and sustaining the health and human rights of our community.

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**Please consider The San Diego LGBT Community Center in your estate plan.**

To become a member or let us know that you have already planned for a gift, please contact Ian Johnson, Senior Director of Development, at [ijohnson@thecentersd.org](mailto:ijohnson@thecentersd.org) or 619-692-2077 x247.



# THE CENTER'S STONEWALL SOCIETY

Estate/planned giving gifts honor the past and shape our future. The Stonewall Society recognizes donors that have guaranteed The Center's future with a gift through a trust, bequest, or other planned gift. This list represents donors who have coordinated with us to leave a lasting legacy for The Center.

## STONEWALL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Bruce M. Abrams III, Esq.  
Blair Alexander & Dan Belair  
Elenore "Lennie" Alickman  
José G. Arzate  
Dale Beaver  
Roy Bogseth  
Ron Bowman & Stan Zukowsky  
Joanna Clark & Yvonne Body  
Anna Curren  
Rick Dallin  
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Freya Gordon & Charlotte Edwards  
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David Gubser  
Howard F. Guidry  
Noel Hedrick & Jim Murphy  
Renee Herrera  
Jay Jackson  
Michael Jasaitis  
Victor Kazakevich & Randall McNamers  
William Kelly & Robert Taylor  
Drew Kroft  
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Dr. Lester Machado  
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Dr. Russell S. Okihara

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Sue M. Reynolds  
Robert Rhoades & Joshua Stevens  
Allison Rossett  
G. Joyce Rowland  
Maureen Steiner  
Charles "Fred" Stewart & Robert Isaacson  
Kevin A. Tilden & Dr. Philip Diamond  
Jon Windhauser & Duncan Ulrich  
Robert H. Wylie, III  
James Ziegler  
Anonymous (2)

## IN MEMORIAM

Arleene Arnell  
Adrian Auchstetter  
John M. Auzin  
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Dr. Joseph Colombo  
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John W. Davis  
Frank Denison  
Alice Dyer  
Bernard Fladhammer & Leonard Brown  
Dr. Lois G. Gail  
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Brian Kantor  
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Dr. Richard A. Laidley  
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Stephen Moore Bower  
Roger A. Moser  
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Dr. Reuel Olin  
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Jerry Phalen  
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Arthur Rossiter  
Arno Safier  
Norman Self  
Dr. Robert Smith  
Sidney Stern  
Larry J. Thomas  
Josefino P. Toledo  
Jeffrey White  
Dr. Stanley Willis  
Jay Wipolt

\*As of October 28, 2024

## THE MAURICE THIMOT AND M. RUST RAWNSLEY FUND

In June 2022, we received news that Center supporters Maurice Thimot and Rust Rawnsley had left a historic gift to The Center through our planned giving program, The Stonewall Society. This amazing gay couple has created a legacy for our community's future, directing The Center to establish The Maurice Thimot and M. Rust Rawnsley Fund, which will be used to intentionally create spaces and programs for our community, with a special focus on our LGBTQ seniors. We received the first distribution of \$10M in June 2022, and in September 2024 we received the remainder of the Estate Gift in two distributions, \$8,789,562 and \$116,904. The total amount of the gift received is \$18,906,466.



# VOLUNTEERS

## Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for your hard work and dedication!

The Center is fortunate to have an amazing team of dedicated volunteers. This fiscal year, we were finally able to bring back our robust volunteer program after a two-year pause due to the pandemic. The Center gratefully acknowledges those who volunteered this last year. Visit us at [www.thecentersd.org/volunteer](http://www.thecentersd.org/volunteer) for more information on our volunteer program.

Ashley Ajero  
Turk Alareki  
Genevra Allen  
Christopher Allison  
Alisson Almeida  
Erick Alvarado  
Kelvin Alvero  
Tonja Alvis  
Josephine Amos  
Kinla Apaak  
Kenny Ard  
Caleb Arellano  
Javier Armenta  
Olivia Arnold  
Iyari Arteaga  
Erik Austin  
Mayra Avendano  
Iyman Avilla  
Ava Avnisan  
Jesus Ayala-Candia  
Ernesto Baez  
Yolanda Bagtas  
Clay Baldo  
Andrew Balo  
Anthony Barron  
Gustavo Barron Delabra  
Cassie Barthuly  
Alejandro Bastien-  
Olvera  
Betsy Bauman  
Brent Beavers  
Joyce Bellucci  
Christopher Benavides  
Kody Beymer  
Tori Birdsall  
Ethan Black  
Mackenzie Blaylock  
Jeremy Bloom  
Cathy Boe  
Greg Bram  
Alex Brandolino  
Aaron Brost  
Matt Brown  
Rachael Brown  
Jim Browning  
Shane Broxterman  
Danielle Bruce  
Earl Brumfield  
Shawn Burgh

Wade Burghardt  
Alexander Burke  
Rachelle Buske  
Mariah Butera  
Jacinta C.  
Azza Caballero Marquez  
Ted Callam  
Alonso Camarillo Avilez  
Alison Carroll  
Mike Carter  
Ava Casados  
Mike Casey  
Benicio Casillas  
Arturo Castaneda  
Pablo Castolo  
Kate Causey  
Morgan Chamberlin  
Daniel Chawla  
Diana Chernyak  
Linda Coffman  
Adi Cohen  
Vincent Colavin  
Chanté Coleman  
Michael Coleman  
Jane Collier  
Juliana Collins  
Jonathan Contreras  
Sam Cooper  
Gerald Coronado  
Melody Corvalan  
Julia Crary  
Laura Crites  
Pele Crone  
Madelyn Cross  
Maddie Crowe  
Jacinta Cruz  
Troy Daluz  
Martha Davis  
Alfredo De Jesus  
Eva De Leon  
Charlotte Dean  
Jeff Dean  
Yvette Deas  
Jim Deichmeister  
William Delano  
Frank DeLouise  
Marion Demailly  
Alan Des Roches  
Richelle Dial

Richard Dixon  
Tuong Doan  
Alejandra Dominguez  
Lopez  
Randi Dropkin  
Michael Dudley  
Craig Duford  
Lee Dworak  
Ruby Dyre  
Lucy Edwards  
Valeria Ek  
Rae Matthew Epstein  
Christos Evangelou  
Chris Ewert  
Brooke Farnum  
Jose Luis Felix  
Chavarria  
Rhys Ferrary  
Jules Forest  
Michelle Fraser  
Ryan Freudiger  
David Friedman  
Liahna Fuller  
Mireya Garcia  
Lauren Garces  
James Gaxiola  
Eric Geiger  
Emmeryn Gelblicht  
Autumn Gill  
Ashley Gillam  
Jill Goguen  
Alex Gombos  
Jovany Gonzalez  
Estrada  
Michael Grainger  
Kim Green  
Jim Greene  
Chris Grimm  
Camila Guerrero  
Pineda  
Alyssa Gunn  
Raymond Hall  
David Hank  
John Hanley  
Shawnee Hansen  
Sarah Hare  
Micah Hastrup  
Omkar Suresh Hatti  
Kerry Hayden

Jewel Hayes  
Deb Haynes  
Horacio Hernandez  
Douglas Higgins  
Ruth Hinckfuss  
Janice Holowka  
Chui Hsu  
Diego Huerta  
Evelyn Huntington  
Cass Huong  
Jim Hurtado  
Craig Ingram  
Amanda James  
Milagro JeanMarie-Tucker  
William Johnson  
R. Karina Jones  
Sophia Kalomeris  
Jinho Kang  
Michael Kay  
John Keasler  
Zhanel Kemelova  
John Kenney  
Sherin Khoygani  
Christopher King  
Joseph Knell  
Tim Kozloski  
Thomas Kratofil  
Anais Laly  
Denise Landis  
Laura Landman  
Tessa Lane  
Charley Lapomardo  
Sarah Large  
Shireen Larson  
Kelly Le Roux  
Charles Leib  
Elaine Lewis  
Billy Li  
Zhi Li  
Eric Lige  
Oscar Linn  
Al Vicente Riano Lisboa  
Shawn Lo  
Edwin Lohr  
Ari Lopez  
Shelly Lorenze  
Jimmy Lovett  
Connor Maddocks  
Juan Magana-Gonzalez



**Total number of active volunteers: 336**

**Total number of volunteer hours: 6,055**

**Monetary value of volunteer hours:**

**\$202,282**

Ethan Man  
Bennett Mancini  
Erik Mantsch  
Debbie Mappes  
Maria Markelova  
Hanna Marquez  
Jenna Marsh  
Amanda Martin  
Hannah Martin  
Jesse Martin  
Michalene Martucci  
Sam Massey  
Daniel Masterson  
Danielle Mather  
Edward Matthews  
Tori Maxwell  
Lynn McAlister  
Cicada McCormick  
Mary McCullough  
Erin McDougall  
Lauren McGowan  
John McKune  
Kevin Mcleish  
Sophia McLoud  
Xzavior Mcneal  
Marti Medina  
Tiago Mergulhao  
Santos Castro  
Douglas Meron  
Jessica Mills  
Cambra Moniz-  
Edwards  
Avery Montoya  
Damien Montoya  
Jamie Moo Young  
Brian Moore  
Tony Moore  
Gray Morgan  
Kel Moriarty  
Drew Morley  
Margaret Mosca  
Sabrina Moxcey  
Gera Munoz  
Gabriela Navas  
Megan Nelson  
Rodney Newnam  
Mark Newsome  
Susan Niemi  
Jordan Noble  
Oso Nwaigwe

Natalie Oakes  
Mairen Oates  
Kevin O'Bryant  
TJ O'Donnell  
Keara O'laughlin  
Seb Oliva  
Maria Ortiz  
Abigail Pacheco  
George Paciga  
Richmond Pagaduan  
Creg Parks  
Jacqueline Penhos  
James Peterson  
Bernadette Piffard  
Gee Pineda  
Lizbeth Pineda  
Miguel Prado  
Emily Prezzato  
Holly Puccino  
Nancy Qasem  
Shelby Quinn  
Mohammed Rahman  
Ivan Ramirez  
Kipchoge Randall  
Onkar Randive  
Reed Redline  
Rosemary Reese  
Sean Reid  
Stephanie Reinard-Heather  
Ramkesh Renganathan  
Frederick Renz  
Jennifer Restle  
Aaron Reyes  
Eliseo Reyes  
Jaquelin Reyes  
Alexandra Ricasata  
Tim Riedel  
Elizabeth Riley  
Al Rios  
Leland Ritter  
Marshall Robinson  
Liz Roccoforte  
Jennifer Rodriguez  
Gabriela Romero  
Joseph Romero  
Neil Rothschild  
Terri Russo  
Cathy Sabater  
Lem Salao  
Bernadette Salazar

Jacob Salinas  
Carrie Sanabria  
Thomas Santangelo  
Mika Santer  
Albert Santibanez  
Alicia Sawicki  
Gray Schick  
Michael Schulte  
Chris Schwanz  
Allison Schwarz  
Chase Schwarzwalter  
Michael Searfoss  
Jess Sexton  
Denali Joel Shaw  
Tasia Sheffield  
Phillip Sheridan  
Omar Sherif  
Timi Shields  
John Shue  
Kayla Sinclair  
Yogi Slivers  
Dana Smith  
Stephen Smyth  
Angel Soltero  
J.H. Song  
Hallie Sorensen  
Chelsea Spohn  
Harrison Stahl  
Shara Staine  
Mary Steinam  
Leslie Stepanek  
Peter Suhai  
Rhyse Tamez  
Carol Tang

Randy Teetz  
Westley-Morgan  
Thatcher  
Hannah Thompson  
Louie Titcomb  
Huong Tran  
Vincent Travaglione  
Wynd Trosper  
Alan Underwood  
Brian Urban  
Maya Usher  
Maxine Uy  
Yesica Valle  
Harls Vally  
Vadim Vasilev  
Daniel Vazquez  
Elizabeth Velasquez  
Alyx Vespertino  
Mica Vieux  
Alex Villafuerte  
Bizzy Vinton  
Elizabeth Vinton  
Callie Warner  
Derek Whitbread  
Brad Whitehead  
Steve Wichmann  
Grayson Willow  
Adriana Wolf  
Chris Wooden  
Bradley Young  
Moo Young  
Alyson Zabala  
Toast Zavala  
Raymond Zhao

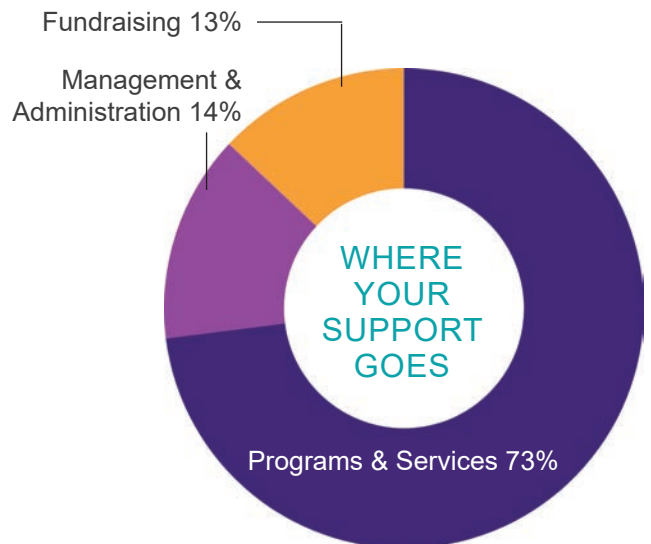
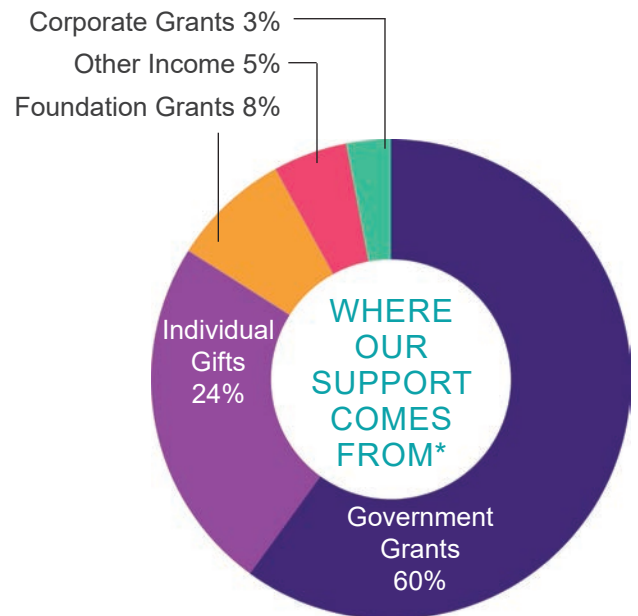
This list includes all volunteers during the 2024 fiscal year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024). We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information and sincerely apologize for any misspelling or incorrect information found on this list. For corrections or updates, please contact [volunteer@thecentersd.org](mailto:volunteer@thecentersd.org).



# FISCAL YEAR 2024

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	JUNE 30, 2024 (audited)	JUNE 30, 2023 (audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	13,478,978	15,110,784
Accounts receivable	153,755	39,657
Government grant receivable	1,345,612	1,256,312
Promises to give	9,031,466	9,805,227
Prepaid expenses	220,278	204,454
Fixed assets, net	6,485,393	6,477,748
Operating Lease	1,004,021	287,206
Endowment funds	940,036	865,846
Deposits	42,200	106,400
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$32,701,739</b>	<b>\$34,153,634</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts and accrued expenses	793,577	964,125
Deferred revenue	935,758	696,241
Accrued interest	224,000	212,000
Operating Lease	1,016,453	295,064
Notes payable	3,878,746	3,878,746
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$6,848,534</b>	<b>\$6,046,176</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$25,853,205</b>	<b>\$28,107,458</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$32,701,739</b>	<b>\$34,153,634</b>

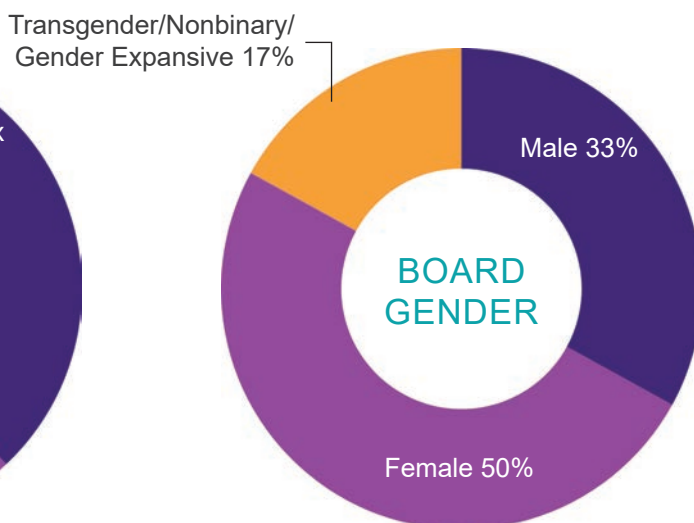
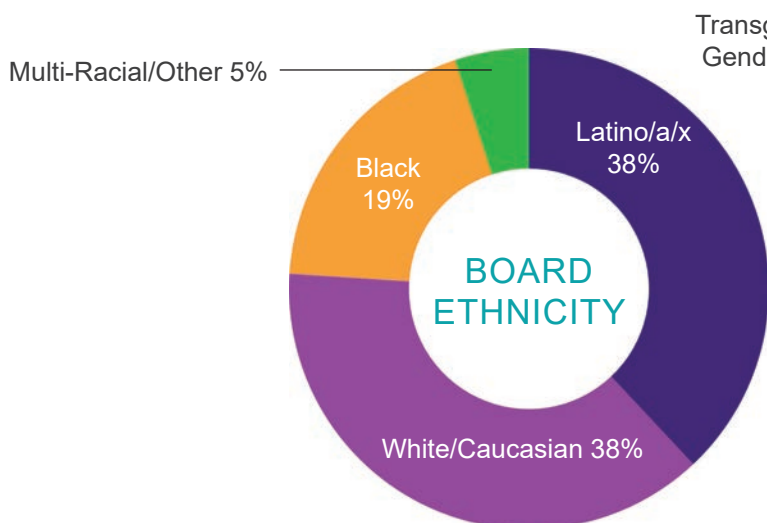
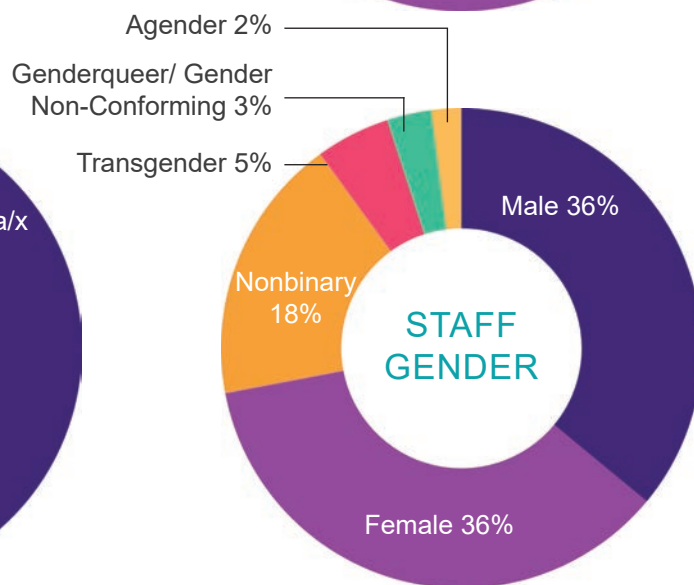
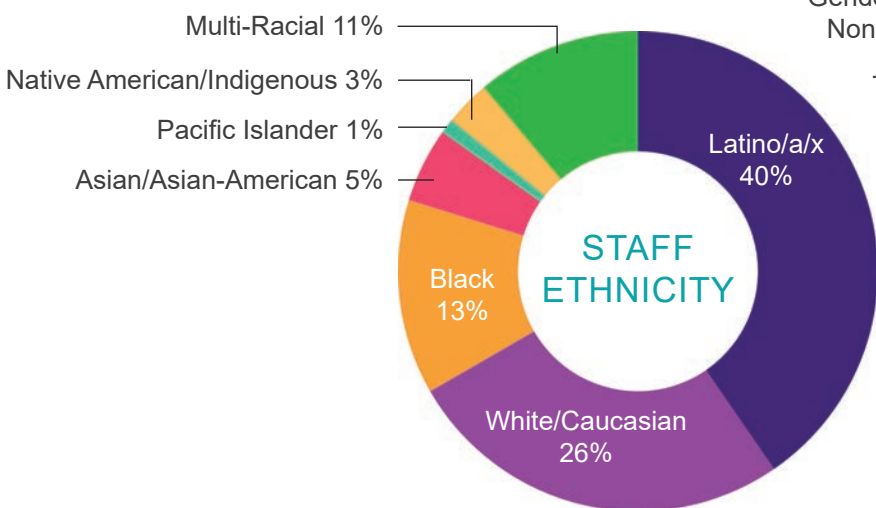
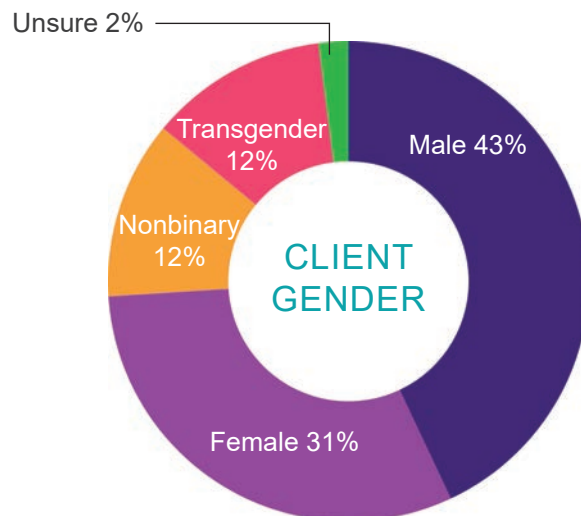
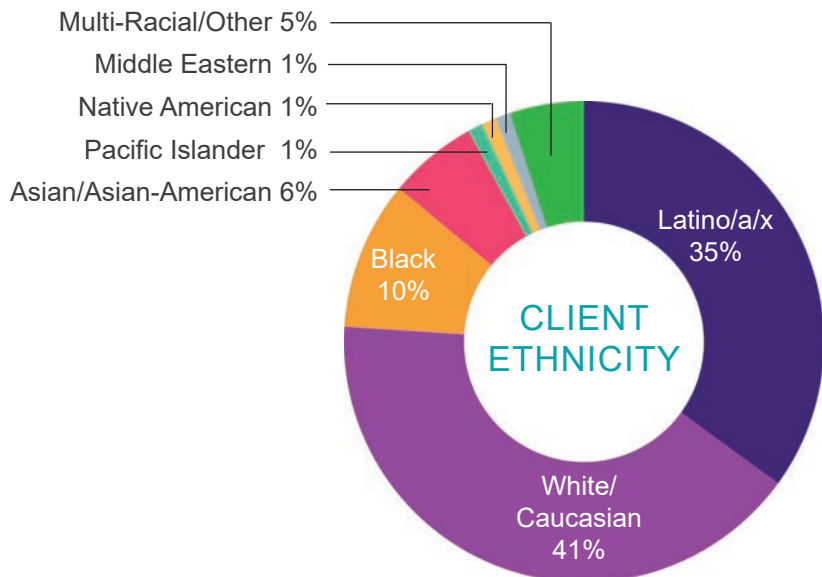


**73 cents of every dollar**  
donated to The Center provides  
funding for vital programs and services.



# FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEMOGRAPHICS

It is an explicit goal of all Center programs to be inclusive and representative of the diversity found in the San Diego community. Honoring, promoting, and celebrating our community's amazing diversity are central organizing principles for The Center, as well as part of our Vision Statement.



# LGBTQ+ LUMINARIES LUNCH



The Center debuted our extraordinary new signature event, the LGBTQ+ Luminaries Lunch, on Thursday, June 27, 2024, where we honored our Luminaries who paved the way for us and continue to contribute to a better, brighter world.

## 2024 LUMINARIES

**Tracie Jada O'Brien (she/her), Luminary Catalyst Award**—Tracie Jada O'Brien is a force of nature, shifting the LGBTQ+ landscape through her resilience, courage, and compassion. As a Black transgender activist, she has transformed her experience with multiple marginalized identities into action.



**Chris Shaw (he/him), Luminary Icon Award**—As the founder of Urban MO's and the family of restaurants under the MO's Universe umbrella, Chris Shaw has created more than social hubs; he's crafted sanctuaries for our LGBTQ+ community and developed diverse leaders within his enterprise who are now business partners.



**Librarians and Library Workers of San Diego, Luminary Unsung Hero Award**—The Librarians and Library Workers of San Diego, including members of our LGBTQ+ community and allies, are champions of diversity and representation. Their commitment to inclusivity, even in the face of vitriolic opposition, has transformed our libraries into safe havens for LGBTQ+ youth and adults.



In a world that sometimes feels divided, events like The Center's LGBTQ+ Luminaries Lunch remind us of the power of unity. Together, let's honor our past, celebrate our present, and ignite the flames of change for a brighter, more inclusive future.





LGBTQ+  
**LUMINARIES**  
LUNCH

**JUNE 13, 2025 | SAN DIEGO, CA**



Contact the Development team at [events@thecentersd.org](mailto:events@thecentersd.org) for more information, including partnership opportunities.





# DINING OUT FOR LIFE SAN DIEGO



## DINE OUT. GIVE BACK. **END HIV.**

Don't miss The Center's 19th Annual  
Dining Out For Life San Diego!

On **Thursday, April 24, 2025** San Diego's most  
generous restaurants and bars will donate 25% or  
more of their sales to The Center's HIV/AIDS  
services and prevention programs.



## THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

Visit [thecentersd.org/DOFL](https://thecentersd.org/DOFL) for more information.



# EVERY DOLLAR MATTERS

## Thank you to our Center Donors

The San Diego LGBT Community Center gratefully acknowledges those who gave between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

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Estate of Stephen M. Bower  
The California Endowment  
Kaiser Permanente  
Brian Richard Miller Legacy Fund  
David Mizener and Arturo Carrillo  
The Bob Nelson Charitable Fund  
Prebys Foundation  
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### **\$50,000-\$99,999**

Dylan Jason and Mikayla Jason  
Gloria J. Rowland  
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### **\$20,000-\$49,999**

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Bank of America  
The Robert L. Battenberg Trust  
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Fund  
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Mental Health Association In  
San Diego County  
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District  
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Charter Communications  
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LGBTQ Real Estate Alliance  
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Marino-Kibbee  
Dr. William Mathews  
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Celona  
Steven J. Shulman and Troy Kahle  
Maureen Steiner  
Jan A. Steinert and Richard Bosse  
Steve Padilla For State Senate 2026  
The International Court Council, Inc  
UC San Diego  
UC San Diego AVRC Antiviral Research  
Center  
UC San Diego Chancellor's Office  
Uptown Tavern  
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc  
Chris Ward  
Sandra M. Wichelecki and Suzanne M.  
Dukes

### **\$2,500-\$4,999**

ACLU of San Diego & Imperial  
Counties  
Allison Rosset Foundation  
Toni Atkins and Jennifer Lesar  
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Commonwealth Cares Fund Inc.  
Cox Communications  
Cutwater Spirits  
Beth A. Davenport and Graham  
Davenport  
James H. Dax  
DCSS, Inc. / Urban Mo's  
Dr. Akilah Weber For State Assembly  
2024  
Dale Dubach, Chaz Weathers, and  
John Osgood  
Edge Systems, LLC  
Family Health Centers of San Diego

Ronald Ferrero-Pham and Duke Ferrero-Pham  
 Kim Fountain  
 John Granata  
 Andrea Guerrero and Beston Barnett  
 Cori Harris  
 Robert G. Haskell  
 Marjorie Heinrich  
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 Horizons Foundation  
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 David Krunnfusz and Nancy Krunnfusz  
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# THE CENTER'S HISTORY

## 1971-1972

The initial 1971-1972 Planning Committee for what would become The Center included Patricia Byers, Thom Carey, Patricia Cluchey, Peggy Heathers, Jess Jessop, Clint Johnson, Bernie Michels, George Murphy, Jerry Peterson, Gary Rees, John Senter, Jerry White, John Eberly, Gary Gulley and Cynthia Lawrence. The Chair of the Planning Committee was Bernie Michels.

## 1973

The Center for Social Services was incorporated as a 501c3.

## 1980

The Center for Social Services became the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center.

## 1981

Diagnosis of the first case of HIV disease in San Diego County.

## 1986

Behavioral Health Services at The Center established.

## 1998

The Behavioral Health Services RVTIP program received credentialing, and became one of the first same-sex domestic violence programs in the nation.

## 1999

The Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center moved from Normal Street to Centre Street and began plans for renovations.



## 2000

The Hillcrest Youth Center opened its doors and became a critical resource for LGBTQ+ youth in San Diego.

## 2001

Dr. Delores A. Jacobs named interim Executive Director June 2001 and is selected as Executive Director in January 2002. Jacobs serves a historic, 17-year tenure as the longest serving chief executive, and retired on June 30, 2018.



## 2001

The Public Policy department was established after the No on Prop. 22 campaign.

## 2002

The Lesbian and Gay Men's Center was renamed The San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center.

## 2003

The Women's Resource Center was established, providing LBT women and their allies access to important health and social resources and referrals.

## 2003

AIDS Walk & Run San Diego returned to The Center as a Center program.

## 2003

Senior Services and 50 and Better Together were established, providing important health, financial and social resources for LGBTQ seniors.

## 2003

Under the leadership of Dr. Delores Jacobs and Robert Gleason, The Community Leadership Council was established, bringing together more than 40 LGBTQ+ and allied community organizations each month to address the needs of the community.

## 2004

Latin@x Services was established, providing a culturally-affirming drop-in space, support groups, and social programs for our LGBTQ+ Latin@x community.



## 2004

The Wall of Honor was established, honoring community members and allies who have had a significant positive impact on the San Diego LGBTQ+ community.

## 2006

Sunburst Youth Housing Project opened, providing supportive housing for 23 unhoused LGBTQ+ and HIV+ youth, ages 18-24.



## 2007

The Center Advocacy Project was established, a nonpartisan 501c4, whose mission is to secure equal civil and human rights for the LGBTQ+ and allied communities through public education and issue advocacy.

## 2007

Family programming was re-established at The Center, providing programs and services for LGBTQ-headed families and those considering parenthood.

## 2008

The Equality Voters program was established to encourage community-wide voter registration and full, non-partisan, participation in elections.

## 2009

Nicole Murray Ramirez, Robert Gleason, Dr. Delores Jacobs, The San Diego LGBT Community Center, and a broad coalition of civic and business leaders established the first Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast. Since then it has grown to become one of the largest, most diverse events of its kind, bringing together more than 1,000 San Diegans annually.

## 2010

Engage San Diego was established, forming a nonprofit network of local civil rights, social justice, health and environmental organizations focused on nonpartisan civic engagement.



## 2010

The Center became a monthly distribution site for the San Diego Food Bank.

## 2011

Senior Housing Needs Assessment completed.



## 2012

Founded by CEO Dr. Delores Jacobs, Young Professionals Council (YPC) is a program of The Center that fosters a culture of diversity, service, leadership, advocacy and camaraderie among emerging LGBTQ+ leaders in the San Diego region, typically between 21-40 years of age. Through a service learning model that expands on people's leadership and network, members have the opportunity to get plugged into and grow within The Center and the LGBTQ+ justice movement at large.

## 2012

The Center began working with Community Housing Works to establish an LGBTQ-welcoming affordable senior housing project in San Diego.

## 2012

The Benjamin F. Dillingham, III and Bridget Wilson LGBT Veterans Wall of Honor, first envisioned by Nicole Murray-Ramirez, and co-created by CEO Dr. Delores Jacobs, was established in 2012 to honor and celebrate LGBTQ+ veterans who have served our country.

## 2013

Project TRANS was established to provide services designed specifically for San Diego's transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming community.



## 2014

The #BeTheGeneration campaign launched, with the goal of ending new cases of HIV within a decade.



## 2016

The #BeTheGeneration TRANS campaign launched.

## 2016

Construction begins on The North Park Senior Apartments, an affordable LGBTQ-welcoming housing project.

## 2017

The Center's Youth Services opened the South Bay Clubhouse, a weekly drop-in space for LGBTQ+ youth in Chula Vista, which in 2019 became South Bay Youth Center.

## 2017

At The Center's 45th Anniversary Gala, a \$2 million dollar matching campaign opportunity was announced.

## 2017

Dr. Delores Jacobs announced her intended retirement from The Center. Led by Board Co-Chair Joyce Rowland, The Center launched a nationwide search that solicited feedback on characteristics sought in the new Center chief executive. More than 200 interviews and focus groups were conducted.

## 2018

North Park Senior Apartments, the LGBTQ-welcoming affordable senior housing project, opens.



## 2018

The Center reaches \$2 million fundraising goal. Matching donors Ron Bowman, with his husband Stan Zukowsky, announce a second gift of \$1.65 million to pay off the mortgage for the Centre Street building in spring of 2018.





## 2018

The Center Board announces selection of Caroline (Cara) Dessert, Esq. as the next Center Chief Executive Officer effective July 1, 2018.

## 2018-19

The Center embarked on the first border campaign to ensure that legal services, case management, and humanitarian relief were provided to LGBTQ+ and HIV-positive asylum seekers who arrived at the Mexican/U.S. border.

## 2019

The South Bay Youth Center (SBYC) opens in Chula Vista to support LGBTQ+ youth 10-24 and their families in need of resources in South County.



## 2019

The Center embarks on a Strategic Planning process, engaging a wide variety of community stakeholders to strive to serve our growing and diverse community and ensure that we maximize our organization's resources to best continue to fulfill our mission in the years ahead. 2000 community members gave feedback via surveys, focus groups, interviews, and town halls.

## 2019

The Center expands its housing program to an entire housing continuum, including the new LGBTQ Safe STAY Program for LGBTQ+ youth.

## 2019

The Center holds a Town Hall for the Black LGBTQ+ community, which leads to new anti-racism policies and initiatives at The Center and the formation of the Black LGBTQ+ Community Advisory Committee. The Center now provides anti-Black racism trainings for staff, board members, donors, and volunteers.

## 2020

The Center's Advocacy and Civic Engagement work includes the 2020 Elections and 2020 U.S. Census campaigns with outreach and dedicated, targeted campaigns to our community.

## 2020

COVID-19 hits San Diego on March 20, 2020. The Center responded to unprecedented community need for housing, food, and mental health support. The Center continued to provide emergency and critical services throughout the pandemic by expanding Crisis Services, Behavioral Health Services, and Housing Services.

## 2021

The Center launches a new website that is user-friendly, easy to navigate, and more intentionally showcases specific programs targeted to our LGBTQ+ community.

## 2021

The Center launches the Training Institute providing high-quality, professional trainings to assist organizations to strengthen their knowledge and skills in working with the LGBTQ+ community, as well as how to best serve and respect LGBTQ+ people.

## 2021

The Center's Youth Services staff created and launched The Youth Queer Leadership Council, a three-year leadership development program for youth comprised of three youth cohorts based on age: 12-13, 14-18, and 19-24. The program centers youth of color.



## 2021

Black Services at The Center is established to provide dynamic programming and direct services for San Diego's Black LGBTQ+ community.



## 2021

The Sunburst Youth Housing Project, that also houses Safe STAY an overnight emergency housing program for LGBTQ+ youth, received much needed renovations including new windows, cool-flat roof system, exterior patching and paint.



## 2021

During The Center's closure due to the pandemic, the main facility at 3909 Centre Street received upgrades including new floors, new lighting, a new welcome desk and lobby area, renovated restrooms, a new Sexual Health & Wellness Lounge, new community meeting rooms, and improvements to the sound system in the historic auditorium, as well as a new HVAC system to provide the cleanest air possible to our community.



## 2021

Marking the one-year of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Center holds a community ofrenda to honor those we lost.

## 2022

The Center expands its Sexual Health and Wellness Program to include STI screening services. The Center now offers chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis screenings as well as HIV and hepatitis C testing.

## 2022

The Center is notified that Maurice Thimot and Rust Rawnsley had left a sizeable gift to The Center through The Center's planned giving program, The Stonewall Society. Their \$18.9M gift is the largest gift The Center has ever received.



## 2022

The Center purchases its first building in 16 years to become the new home of the Hillcrest Youth Center.

## 2022

The Center hosts an Open House in May to welcome the community back to The Center's main building once renovations were completed. The Open House brings over 400 community members to learn about The Center's programs and services.



## 2022

In response to the MPOX outbreak in San Diego, The Center co-hosted a community forum and held vaccinations clinics in our parking lot. The Center also launched a successful MPOX campaign to prevent the spread of the virus.

## 2022

The Center gathered community to celebrate The Respect for Marriage Act which guarantees federal recognition and protection of same-sex and interracial marriages.

## 2023

The Hillcrest Youth Center moved to its forever home, which features multiple rooms to host activities and resources for youth, including the community closet, a game room, library, lounge, kitchenette, and a private area for therapy and HIV testing.



## 2023

The Center expanded LGBTQ Safe STAY from four beds to up to 21 beds for transitional age youth ages 18-24. The new LGBTQ Safe STAY Wellness Center is a space designed by and for LGBTQ+ and BIPOC youth.

## 2023

The Center's Behavioral Health Services opens a dedicated office on 5th Avenue, and is now able to see clients and groups in person and virtually.



## 2023

The Center launches its new housing program, Adult Housing Services, focusing on adults 18 years and over, including seniors, transgender and nonbinary clients, and our BIPOC community.

## 2024

The Center celebrated 50 years of service to our community at our 50th Anniversary Gala.



## 2024

The Center holds its inaugural LGBTQ+ Luminaries Lunch to celebrate our community during Pride month.



## SIGNATURE EVENTS

### DINING OUT FOR LIFE® SAN DIEGO

Save the Date: April 24, 2025

Each year, thousands of San Diegans Dine Out to Fight HIV in this international fundraising event. Restaurants and bars across San Diego County donate a percentage of their sales to benefit HIV/AIDS services and prevention programs at The Center.



### PACHANGA DE FRIDA

Save the Date: June 28, 2025

The Center celebrates the birthday of Frida Kahlo with live music, multiple art exhibits by local Latin@x artists and vendors, a Frida look-alike contest, great food, and tequila! Proceeds benefit Latin@x Services at The Center.

### LGBTQ+ LUMINARIES LUNCH

Save the Date: June 13, 2025

The LGBTQ+ Luminaries Lunch is an opportunity to celebrate our community and the amazing people who use their voices to light a path of safety, wellness, togetherness and joy.



Contact the Development team at [events@thecentersd.org](mailto:events@thecentersd.org) for more information, including partnership opportunities.



# THE CENTER'S LOCATIONS ACROSS SAN DIEGO

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- A map of San Diego with various locations marked by heart-shaped icons. The map shows the city's layout, including major roads and geographical features like San Diego Bay. The locations are distributed across the city, with a higher concentration in the central and southern areas. The legend identifies the following locations:
- LGBTQ Safe STAY Wellness Center (Future Site opening 2025)
  - Hillcrest Youth Center
  - The San Diego LGBT Community Center at 3909 Centre St.
  - North Park Senior Apartments
  - Adult Housing Services and Behavioral Health Services Center
  - Sunburst Youth Housing
  - South Bay Youth Center
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San Diego, CA 92163

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Phone: 619.692.2077  
Fax: 619.260.3092

### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 10am-8pm  
Saturday 10am-4pm

## HILLCREST YOUTH CENTER

514 Pennsylvania Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92103  
Phone: 619.692.2077 x626

## SOUTH BAY YOUTH CENTER

1180 3rd Avenue, Suite C1  
Chula Vista, CA 91911  
Phone: 619.800.3203

## SUNBURST YOUTH HOUSING

Phone: 619.692.2077  
**Hours of Operation:**  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

## LGBTQ SAFE STAY WELLNESS CENTER

Phone: 619.694.6182  
**Hours of Operation:**  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

## ADULT HOUSING SERVICES AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CENTER

Phone: 619.692.2077



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