

HOST HOMES MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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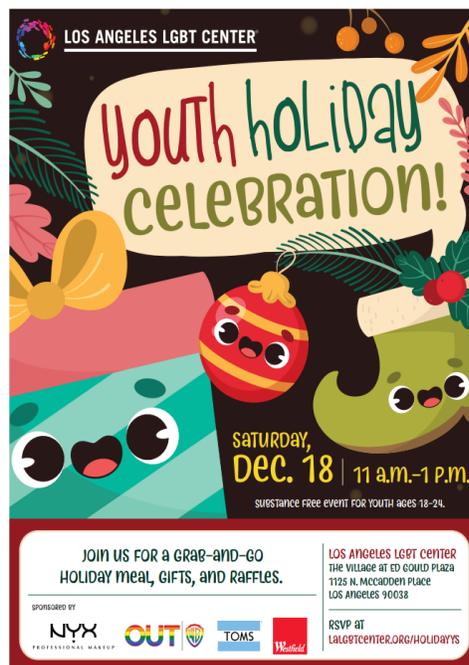
Showcase Your Journey

“Showcase Your Journey” will be taking place on **December 3rd, 2021** from 7pm-9pm for LGBTQ+ youth. This showcase/talent show style event will consist of entertainment performances presented by LGBTQ+ youth. The performances will include: poetry reading, dancing, singing, and personal stories on how the LGBTQ+ Community has impacted or shaped their lives. In addition to the youth, there will be influencers and special talent.

“Showcase Your Journey” will be taking place at The Village at Ed Gould Plaza located at 1125 N. McCadden Place. Registration is required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Holiday Celebration



Please join us for the Youth Holiday Celebration. There will be a holiday meal, gifts, and raffles for youth ages 18-24.

Where: Los Angeles LGBT Center The Village at Ed Gould Plaza 1125 N. McCadden Place Los Angeles, CA 90038

When: Saturday, *December 18, 2021 11am-1pm*

RSVP at:

www.lalgbtcenter.org/holidays

TRANS: A GROUP: TAG is a weekly support group for Trans/ Gender Expansive folkx who are 12 – 24. TAG meets every Monday from 6 – 8pm. The group has three facilitators who rotate every other week. TAG is safe space for youth to have a weekly check-in to help troubleshoot any challenges they may be having while providing a platform to have discussions around various topics. To participate contact: Emmy Martinez emartinez@lalgbtcenter.org



Quote of the Month

“To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.” – Oscar Wilde

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MONTHLY YOUTH HIGHLIGHT

We have a youth in the Host Homes Program that recently underwent gender reaffirming surgery. During the healing process, the youth has received full support and care from the hosts as he is on the mend in the safe space of the host home. The youth has continued to work on setting goals such as: receiving food delivery through the Center’s Pride Pantry, moving closer to attaining long-term sustainable housing with Housing Navigators (with a projected entry into the Transitional Living Program within in the next month or two), as well as continues to work and attend school.

The hosts and the youth have also started having family dinners every Wednesday. They have all expressed how nice their family dinners have been to make space to connect over a meal intentionally. Furthermore, the hosts have described how the family dinners have also provided a space to help the youth navigate the kitchen.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOST HOMES TEAM

Everyone at the Los Angeles LGBT Center is thrilled that we’ve had such a successful launch of our first year of running the Host Homes program. We have been amazed and are so grateful to the community members who have stepped forward and offered their homes as a safe place for young people on their path toward acquiring permanent housing. The waitlist of young folks interested in being placed in a Host Home continues to grow, and we are hopeful that new hosts will join our team and become part of the solution to help end youth homelessness.

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Director of Community Based Programs