

HOST HOMES MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Showcase Your Journey

“Showcase Your Journey” will be taking place on **December 4th, 2021** from 5pm-7pm 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

Host Homes Training

October 27, 2021 5pm-9pm

The Los Angeles LGBT Center Host Homes Program is looking for hosts, we would like to invite you to our Host Homes training.

Who: The Host Homes Program is currently looking for people (30 years of age and above) who have a deep commitment to our communities, our youth, and social change.

What: The HHP is an opportunity for members of the community to support youth ages 18-24 by welcoming youth to reside for a 3-6 month stay in their homes. As we continue to navigate our way into safer times it is our hope that folks are feeling more confident in graciously opening up their homes to youth that are currently experiencing housing instability.

Where: Zoom

When: October 27, 2021 5pm-7pm



HOST HOMES
LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

INNOVATIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM
HELPING END HOMELESSNESS FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

Introductory Training via Zoom
October 27 | 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
RSVP to hosthomes@lalgbtcenter.org

You can
make all the difference for an LGBTQ youth!

Quote of the Month

“We all have an unsuspected reserve of strength inside that emerges when life puts us to the test.”

— *Isbel Allende*



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Monthly Staff Highlight



Dari Olivet

MONTHLY STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Dari Olivet came into the Youth Academy at the Los Angeles LGBT Center in 2016 as a homeless youth. As a Youth Academy participant Dari excelled in programs such as: Emergency Bedding (EOB), Transitional Living Program (TLP), and Rapid Rehousing. During her

time in the academy, she gained confidence and thrived in ways that not only helped her earn an independent and honest living but safe and stable housing. The Center not only supports youth while they are in the Academy but understands the importance of empowering youth once they have completed and excelled in their respective programs. For some, such as Dari, opportunities to be an advocate/employee of the LA LGBT Center can become a viable next step after the Academy. Dari is currently working in our Host Homes Program as our Host Homes Youth Care Specialist. In her role in the HHP Dari is working side by side with current youth, by providing peer to peer support to folks that are going through similar, if not the same situations, Dari has experienced. Dari is a great example of the unlimited possibilities and opportunities that arise if given a chance. Dari is bright light that brings so much to not only the Host Homes Program but the Center as a whole.

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.

Kevin McCloskey

Director of Community Based Programs