



North County LGBTQ Resource Center
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North County LGBTQ Resource Center Celebrates 10th Anniversary

In 2008, the North County Coalition, a group of LGBTQ+ community members and leaders, had a dream to create a safe space where LGBTQ+ people could connect with resources, education, services, and each other. A non-profit organization was formed to make this dream a reality, and three years later, on December 8, 2011, the doors to North County's first and only LGBTQ+ Center proudly opened.

Over the past ten years our services to the community have grown to include: partnerships to prevent human trafficking; free mental health clinics; free AIDS testing; competency training for local businesses, school districts, police departments and hospitals; support groups for all ages, including military members; homelessness programs for youth; transgender support groups and name change clinics; advocacy and social justice; and community events like Pride by the Beach, The GSA Club Awards, and Transgender Day of Empowerment and Remembrance.

Throughout this time, LGBTQ+ visibility in the communities of North County has grown and the Resource Center has played a key role in this awareness. "LGBTQ+ people are everywhere. They're our friends, our families, our colleagues at work, our coaches and teachers, our elected officials...they are people of color experiencing many levels of challenges and discriminatory practices" Said North County LGBTQ Resource Center's Executive Director, Max Disposti. "At the Center we believe in leading with love. We know that every person is worthy of dignity and respect. We serve, empower and advocate, to make sure all our North County voices are represented and heard"

Even through 2020, the most difficult year most of us can remember, the North County LGBTQ Resource Center managed to increase support to the community, offering Covid relief assistance to individuals facing eviction, hunger, or lack of medical care. A new food distribution partnership called Foodies & Goodies launched in the fall of 2020, and it has literally kept people from going hungry. All support group meetings were transitioned into online formats, and mental health services grew as well.

Recognition of the 10th Anniversary will play out online and in social media for most of the year, in large part due to the uncertainties caused by the pandemic. The Center encourages people to share their own positive stories and experiences as well. You can also become part of the Center's legacy yourself. To find out how to volunteer or support the programs that have helped so many people, visit them online at NCResourceCenter.org

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