

Be A Part Of The Umbrella Protecting Our Community



Connect

The best way to stay up to date with our work is to watch our calendar on our website, sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media.

www.lgbtqlc.com

Share

Once you've connected with us, spread the word! Share our newsletter and social media posts while proudly showing your support of the LGBTQ+ community in Lake County.

Engage

Whether it's participating in support groups or our community events, we offer a wide array of ways to be a part of the community for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Donate

Our work is almost entirely funded by generous donors. Consider giving directly using the QR Code below, sharing our cause with others, or hosting your own small fundraiser!

If your workplace has a gift-matching plan, ask them how you can double your impact!



lgbtqlc.com/give

Volunteer

Whether it's helping once or twice at an event or assisting to run programs and outreach, volunteers are always welcomed.

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Jade's Story

Back in October we were humbled when the community responded to a request for help with furniture and other items for a client - but that was just a small part of a long road that Jade had been on.

Jade is a young, trans-feminine, autistic disabled person from Lake Villa that called us in May about to lose her home in seven days. Less than a year earlier, her mom and primary caretaker passed away, and her dad was left with legal custody. Over that time the relationship had soured, and he didn't want Jade there anymore - so he filed to evict her. We quickly met her at her home, helped get her case in order, and arranged a lawyer to represent her. A week later we accompanied her and her lawyer to court and were able to help keep her in her home until we could help find other arrangements.

We supported Jade throughout the process. We helped her get connected with other organizations that could address her housing needs. We provided social support for the ongoing conflict between her and her father. Oftentimes we would help bridge the communication gap between her and her lawyer, or just give her a safe place to talk about what she was going through. It took some time, but on October 1 - Jade had a new home.

What she didn't have yet was furniture and other necessities. We asked - and you came through for her. Just a few days later we delivered a house full of furnishings, kitchen and household items, helped her get all of it arranged and her settled in. For the first time in over six months, she finally felt safe in her own four walls. After moving in she wrote to us.

"OMG Thank You. This means a lot... I have broken down in tears of comfort and feeling loved and accepted. It just scares be because I haven't thought this way in years. I'm not used to people lifting me up but you do. You give me the soil to grow my flower and blossom."

This is just one example of the hundreds of people we have helped this year alone, and the hundreds more we hope to be able to help next year.



Making Lake County
A Place For
LGBTQ+ Communities To
THRIVE

You can help us continue to support people like Jade - learn how!

FLIP!

OUR IMPACT

COMMUNITY

5000+

people attended PrideFest, Transgender Day of Visibility and the Rainbow BBQ

SUPPORT

3000

hours of support provided to more than 1500 LGBTQ+ people at our support groups last year

EDUCATION

400

people trained in LGBTQ+ cultural competency at SafeZone presentations and information sessions

LEGAL AID

15

people assisted with legally changing their name and gender markers to reflect their authentic self

HOUSING

2

people, one adult and one child, found new, safe, and affirming homes with our support

SPACE

1

full year operating in downtown Grayslake at our new facility