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2023 SNAPSHOT

The Shenandoah LGBTQ Center

Deepening our work in the community



A message from our Executive Director

What a year! This time last year, I was reflecting on our massive expansion of staff and program offerings. This year allowed us an opportunity to deepen our root systems, building stronger foundations and partnerships to improve our work in supporting the LGBTQ+ community in the Shenandoah Valley. It was a year spent connecting the dots and creating visible through-lines between our values, our work, and of the future we hope to shape. Despite the often bleak and unsafe political and social landscape we find ourselves in, I am reminded that every individual served, every decision, and seemingly tiny detail is serving a greater purpose in modeling a more hopeful, more transformative future.

I am thrilled to share this 2023 Snapshot to highlight our impact in this community. My personal highlights include my participation in the City of Staunton DEI Commission, the inaugural regional SAW Housing Summit, and of course -- Staunton Pride. These efforts are interwoven -- rooted in equity and in belonging and work that is mobilized by a community of passionate individuals. I end this year deeply inspired and grounded in the work ahead. Thank you all for your incredible support of the Center.

*In solidarity,
AnhThu Nguyen*

2023 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

3500+

visits by community members to the Shenandoah LGBTQ Center and Friendly City Safe Space!

5 years!

We celebrated a milestone five years of providing support, resources, education, and advocacy to our Shenandoah Valley community.

625+

local health care providers, administrators, staff, and community members trained in LGBTQ+ cultural competency



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Hope House of the Shenandoah

- Served **21** young adults this year
 - **6** folks exited the program with permanent and stable housing
 - **6** folks currently actively housed, receiving rental and utility payment assistance and case management

Community Health Worker

- Provided support to **49** clients with program services, education, or referrals
- Accompanied clients on **32** healthcare appointments in support and advocacy

Community Health Clinics

- Hosted **11** monthly Community Health Clinics in partnership with the Augusta Health Mobile Clinic team, serving **~125** individuals
- Partnered with additional community partners providing connection to mental health supports, massage and wellness services, and food access

Staunton Pride

- Hosted a beautiful event with an estimated **5,000** people in total attendance!
- Partnered with **70+** vendors, food trucks, and organizations to provide an affirming and community-centered atmosphere

Friendly City Safe Space, Harrisonburg location

- Continued to see significant growth in their 2nd year of operation, including a cohort of over **100** volunteers that support drop-in hours and events
- Expanded mental health programming, providing a diversity of supports including free counseling to **10** community members

Free Resources provided:

Queer Resource Library
Clothes Closet
Safer Sex Materials
Harm Reduction Kits
COVID tests and N95 masks
Trans Health Fund - gender affirming materials and products
Mutual Aid Corner with supplies, toiletries, hygiene products
Computer Lab with internet and printing access

Thank you!

**We couldn't have done it
without your generous support.**

**Support our work in building an
inclusive community of belonging.**

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