



## 2022 SNAPSHOT

# The Shenandoah LGBTQ Center

## Expanding our services to the community.

### A message from our Executive Director

What an incredible year! Our small (but mighty) staff have been working tirelessly caring for and uplifting our LGBTQ+ community across the Shenandoah Valley. They have been doing outreach and education, building brave spaces for dialogue, and developing and improving programs to expand the services provided for our community.

While I wish time had moved a bit slower this year, I am deeply proud of my talented staff and all that we have accomplished this year. I'm thrilled to share this 2022 Snapshot to highlight our impact in this community. While it is certainly "by-the-numbers", I hope this snapshot also demonstrates our commitment in supporting the holistic health and wellness of our community and how our work is deeply rooted in values of community care, equity and belonging.

*In solidarity,  
AnhThu Nguyen*

## 2022 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

**3800+**

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

**195**

community events hosted including the first in-person Staunton Pride since 2018!

**265**

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



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Hope House of the Shenandoah

- Served **44** individuals with **23** folks finding permanent and stable housing
- Connected each client to other supportive services, Center programs and resources, as well as hygiene, cleaning and household items.

### Community Health Worker

- Provided support to **25** clients with program services, education, or referrals
- Accompanied clients on **66** healthcare appointments in support and advocacy
- Implemented a *direct referral* line from Augusta Health's electronic medical records system and the Shenandoah LGBTQ Center

### Health and Wellness Fairs

- Hosted **4** community health and wellness events, using a lens of health equity
- Provided **74** free vaccinations to community members in partnership with CSHD
- Partnered with **30** community partners to provide services and resources

### Friendly City Safe Space, Harrisonburg location

- Published ***Out in the Valley***, the first collection of personal narratives from LGBTQ+ members in the Shenandoah Valley
- Hired a *Racial Equity Coordinator* to help guide equity-focused strategic planning
- In only one year of operation, built a cohort of **70** volunteers that support drop-in hours and plan and host events

Free Resources provided this year:

**990** books available from our **Queer Resource Libraries**  
**\$300** of new gender-affirming materials, including binders, given from our **Trans Health Fund**  
**dozens** of articles of clothing from our Clothes Closet

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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