



Statement on LGBTQIA+ Pride

Nearly everyone knows that June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. The launch of Pride as we know it today occurred with the first commemoration of the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City. Over five days, members of this much-maligned cultural group fought back when police became violent during a raid on the Stonewall Inn. The first commemoration of the Stonewall Uprising occurred one year later, on June 27, 1970 in Chicago and June 28, 1970 in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The one-day commemoration quickly grew into the monthlong celebration and advocacy event that we observe today in hundreds of cities and states around the country. In June 1999, President Bill Clinton recognized June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, and in 2011, President Barak Obama expanded the federal recognition to include all aspects of the growing LGBTQIA+ community. Pride celebrations occur not only in the United States, but also throughout the world.

In our current political climate, Pride has taken on a prominent call to action. Throughout the country, LGBTQIA+ individuals continue to be marginalized, degraded, threatened, assaulted and even killed. According to the Human Rights Campaign, there have been more than 520 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills filed in state legislatures in the first half of 2023, a record 70 of them have been enacted. These bills are targeting the most vulnerable of the most vulnerable—children, youth and transgendered individuals, and particularly those who are African American or Latinx.

As an organization founded in compassion and service and rooted in social justice to those who are adversely challenged by their communities, LSS of Northern California stands with our LGBTQIA+ neighbors.

Various research shows that 22% of LGBTQIA+ adults live in poverty (compared to 16% of straight adults) and proportionately experience higher rates of homelessness. Additionally, those experiencing homelessness are less likely to stay with others or utilize shelters. More devastating, 40% of all youth (ages 18-24) experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTQIA+, and those who are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) or transgender are at higher risk of experiencing homelessness than their white or cisgendered counterparts. Of the more than 4,000 individuals LSS serves, 17% identify as LGBTQIA+, and we offer individualized services for each one. We also manage four different programs that specifically address the needs and health of individuals in the LGBTQIA+ community.

LSS offers life stability, respect, encouragement and hope. We stand for equality and dignity. We are proud to support LGBTQIA+ Pride.

Appreciatively,

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CEO

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