IMPACT REPORT

OMMUNI

SACRAMENTO

CENTER

15

7

30

15,000 ENGAGED AT OUR SACRAMENTO PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL

2,23

STUDENTS ENJOYED Q-PROM, OUR LGBTQ BRAVE SPACE PROM EXPERIENCE IN THE REGION

ONGOING SUPPORT

DAYS PER WEEK THAT

THE Q-SPOT DROP IN CENTER IS OPEN

AND TRAININGS

CENTER

GROUPS HOSTED AT THE

CENTER OUTREACH EVENTS

70

CREATING A REGION WHERE LGBTQ PEOPLE THRIVE

7,280 MEALS

SHOWERS

LOADS OF LAUNDRY

CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED TO THE CENTER IS SPENT DIRECTLY ON

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

AND WE WORK WITH OVER **800** AMAZING VOLUNTEERS TO FULFILL OUR MISSION

UNIQUE YOUTH SERVED AT THE Q-SPOT DROP-IN CENTER AND SUPPORT GROUPS ANNUALLY

665



* THESE FIGURES REPRESENT DATA FROM FISCAL YEAR 2016

Andi came to the Sacramento LGBT Community Center's Q-Spot drop-in homeless, alone, and dreading the holiday season. Like many LGBTQ folks, especially youth who have been kicked out of their homes, she had no family and nowhere to 'go home' for the holidays.

For this reason, feelings of depression, anxiety and loneliness afflict high risk and homeless youth year-round, and increase significantly during the holiday season.

Each December, the Center hosts its annual Youth Holiday Party. In addition to meeting the survival needs of youth like Andi in the cold winter months, youth can find a chosen family of other youth at the Center for the holidays. Last year, more than thirty youth enjoyed a holiday experience they could call their own.

"I always dreaded the holiday season... but now I look forward to it, because I know I have a family and a home at the Center."



*Andi's name and image have been changed to protect her privacy.

Each year, Center staff, volunteers, and generous community members work together to create a very special holiday event that makes youth feel at home. In 2016, one donor organized all of his neighborhood friends to each make a hot dish to share. Another community member made gift bags for youth experiencing homelessness filled with cold weather supplies like hand-warmers, thermos, gloves, toiletries, and more. A volunteer's children wrote personalized notes and attached them to candy canes, to give to each of the youth. Trader Joe's donated fresh flowers that were used as centerpieces to help transform our Lambda Lounge into a warm and friendly living room and dinner table for the day.

This community effort provided a meaningful holiday to those who had little to celebrate. For one night, instead of worrying about where their next meal would come from, the cold night ahead, and their lack of family support, homeless LGBTQ youth and community members without family like Andi enjoyed a night knowing that they were safe, warm, nourished, and surrounded by the company of others who loved them.

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OUR MISSION

THE SACRAMENTO LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER WORKS TO CREATE A REGION WHERE LGBTQ PEOPLE THRIVE. WE SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THE MOST MARGINALIZED, ADVOCATE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE, AND WORK TO BUILD A CULTURALLY RICH LGBTQ COMMUNITY.

