CREATING A REGION WHERE LGBTQ PEOPLE THRIVE

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MAMA BEAR.

Nicole found the Center because of her son, Rory. They, like hundreds of others that walk through our doors, came looking for help. And like many do, they walked out with a greater sense of community and empowerment than ever before.

It all started when Rory couldn’t use the bathroom he wanted to use at school. And his mother, Nicole, was furious. But they didn’t know where to go. They had heard about the Center but never actually visited. So they googled a number of phrases. Things like “trans and non-binary rights advocacy” to “student facing discrimination at school” and “bathroom usage.” Time and time again, Nicole kept seeing the Sacramento LGBT Community Center. So that’s when she decided it was time for her and Rory to schedule a visit.

The staff at the Center were happy to assist. They met with Nicole and Rory to talk about existing resources, potential referrals, what the legal issues were, etc. As a result, Nicole and Rory left the Center motivated to conduct their own research and to reach out to the community themselves. They went further into the district and the school. They were prompted to advocate for themselves, and not only that, but for other trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming students.

They even got in contact with school administrators. Nicole was on a mission! She made it her goal to provide for her son. Her mantra continued…

“Rory needed a safe place to go the bathroom. He needed his proper name to be used. Rory needed his proper pronouns to be used.”

The Center offered to accompany Nicole and Rory on their meetings, but they were already in full stride after their initial visit. “We felt empowered enough and safe enough… I got mama bear, for sure.”

Ultimately, they found someone within the district who could help them make school a safe, and better yet, a brave space for Rory, and others like him. At the end of the day, the school accommodated everything that they requested and even added a gender spectrum training for all the teachers and faculty. With the help of the Center, Nicole made some change at the school and made it safer and better for anyone who comes behind Rory.

Nicole’s advocacy for her son and for others is an admirable trait, and one inherited even by Rory. Rory is now planning to start a Gender Sexuality Alliance, he’s working on a gender support plan for transgender, non-conforming, and non-binary students, and he’s proposing a board policy for the school district with the help from his mom.

“Rory teaches me so much everyday about standing true to who you are and not being afraid of what anybody has to say. I’ve always been an ally of the community but something drew me towards advocacy and bigger allyship. To come here and just meet people and feel supported… its prompting us to do things to give back.”

-Mama Bear (aka Nicole)
The Sacramento LGBT Community Center’s mission is 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.

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