Because GREAT LGBT COMMUNITIES begin with GREAT LGBT COMMUNITY CENTERS
We thank all our funders, donors, and LGBTQ community centers for believing in our work and supporting our efforts in creating a stronger LGBTQ community center movement.

Sincerely,

STACIE WALLS
Board Co-Chair

PAUL MOORE
Board Co-Chair

LORA L. TUCKER
CEO

CenterLink continues to assist newly forming centers and helps strengthen existing centers, through networking opportunities for center leaders, peer-based technical assistance and training, and a variety of capacity building services. CenterLink is the LGBTQ center leadership multiplier, capacity builder, and connector as our centers develop resilient communities to serve those most in need and to help create a world where equality and equity for all is no longer a dream but our reality.

Barack Obama said it best, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” This 2018 Annual Report highlights how CenterLink supported the great work of centers member within their communities this past year. We are so proud of the resilient leadership within our community center network.

Each and every one of you is making a difference; your leadership is making a difference. We recognize there are daunting challenges within our communities and throughout our country, and by working together and harnessing our many strengths, we can overcome whatever comes our way.

The legendary Toni Morrison said, “If you can’t imagine it, you can’t have it.” We invite you, the LGBTQ center leaders, our partners, and funders to imagine with us. Imagine a just world for all.

CenterLink has made a commitment to integrate racial justice, diversity, and equity into all aspects of our organization, recognizing first the work we must do as a CenterLink team. Additionally, we recognize that this work is complex, transformative, and challenging for our centers and our leadership in different ways. Integrating racial justice, diversity and equity commits us to develop a rigorous analysis of racial hierarchies, white supremacy, and interlocking forms of oppression while deepening the leadership practices of self-awareness, accountability, and generative conflict. We acknowledge we are a work in progress. We acknowledge that leadership and learning are both a lifelong journey, and we invite you to learn together as we move into our 25th year. And, to do the hard work with a clear understanding that ethnicity, gender, sexuality, ability, education, class, and...
**2018 HIGHLIGHTS**

**NETWORK GROWTH**

- Increased network membership by 71% in 2018 with over 1148 network members.

- In 2018, our website had over 18,805 pageviews, and 776 wellness resources downloads and health-related videos viewed.

- By the end of 2018, our social media had over 15,500 Facebook members, 4100 Twitter followers, and a new Instagram page.

**TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- Provided ongoing technical assistance to increase capacity of LGBTQ+ centers to include health and wellness programming and funding to more than 30 LGBTQ+ center members.

- Provided training to 500 health care professionals on LGBTQ+ cultural competency.

- Trained 29 state departments of health on strategies to include SOGI questions on data sets at the national and state levels.

**RESOURCES AND EDUCATION**

- Provided annual E-Summit to LGBTQ+ community centers, public health, and healthcare systems offering 9 educational sessions with a total 2,233 registrants and 566 attendees—an increase of 21% from previous year.

- LGBT HealthLink distributed free customized Pride event materials and resources to 172 LGBTQ+ community centers.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

- Facilitated connections between departments of health and LGBTQ+ community centers in 18 states to increase community collaboration, capacity, and funding to provide local interventions within LGBTQ+ communities.

- Sub granted over $75,000 in funding to LGBTQ+ community centers to engage LGBTQ+ individuals to accelerate research and improve health.
**2018 SUMMARY**

- Religious Exemption
- LGBTQ Youth
- Trans Rights
- Immigration
- Trans Rights
- LGBTQ Youth
- Federal Funding

**CAN HIGHLIGHTS**

- HHS Conscience and Religious Freedom Comments

**Open To All - AUG 2018**

Over 300 LGBTQ Community Centers join the coalition, encouraging local business partners to support nondiscrimination protections.

**Trans Venterans Health Care - SEPT 2018**

1/3 of total comments collected in support of trans health care came from CAN.

**#PromoteTheVote - SEPT 2018**

Over 60 LGBTQ centers utilized CAN's #PromoteTheVote toolkit, with center-specific social media messaging and graphics.

**Public Charge - NOV 2018**

CAN co-hosts an LGBTQ-focused webinar with attendance tripling projected numbers, and over 100,000 public comments are collected.

**THE LOFT CELEBRATES 35TH YEAR DURING 2018 LGBT PRIDE EVENTS**

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Organizers said that, while the day was fun, spirited and joyful, there was also a call for renewed activism and a reminder that pride was born of adversity.

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A new LGBT center opened its doors in Long Island City in a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by multiple state and city officials.

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**UTAH PRIDE CENTER OPENS NEW FACILITY IN SALT LAKE CITY**

A new facility in Salt Lake City is now the much-anticipated home of the Utah Pride Center.

The new facility will be a place the LGBTQ community can finally call their own. A place the Utah Pride Center says they can now grow their programs and facilitate the growing LGBTQ community with meeting spaces and areas for groups to gather.
LGBT YOUTH LINK

HIRED FULL TIME DIRECTOR OF LGBT YOUTHLINK IN OCTOBER 2018

ENGAGED with Dr. Jessica Fish of University of Maryland and Dr. Eric Buhi of San Diego State University to conduct a needs assessment of youth program staff

DIRECT SUPPORT AND PEER NETWORKING

- Coaching sessions - 10 (Oct.–Dec. 2018)
- Referrals/General info provided - 17 (Oct.–Dec. 2018)
- Listserv posts - 13 (Jan.–Dec. 2018)

QUARTERLY WEBINARS

- Host Homes in Action
- Melanin & MagiQ - Discussion Group for Queer Youth of Color
- Peace First
- A Look at Program Evaluation from a Pro

WHO IS SERVED BY LGBT COMMUNITY CENTERS?

TRANSGENDER

66% of Centers

More than half of patrons make less than $30K/year

62% of Centers

More than half of patrons are people of color

51% of Centers

More than half of patrons are youth ages 29 or younger

47% of Centers

More than half of patrons are people of color

35% of Centers

More than half of patrons are youth ages 29 or younger

15% of Centers

More than half of patrons are transgender

88%

% of Centers offering population-specific programming (N=120)

83%

LGBT YOUTH

62%

PARENTS OF LGBT YOUTH

58%

LGBT ADULTS

53%

PERFORMING ARTS

53%

WOMEN

47%

LGBT YOUTH OF COLOR

44%

MEN

43%

LGBT MENTAL HEALTH

39%

LGBT IMMIGRANTS

30%

LGBT PEOPLE OF COLOR

26%

HOMELESS LGBT YOUTH

25%

CHILDREN OF LGBT PARENTS

40,550

CLIENTS PER WEEK

5,000

REFERRALS PER WEEK

In 2018 the sixth biennial report surveying LGBT community centers across the United States was co-authored by CenterLink and the Movement Advancement Project. The 2018 LGBT Community Center Survey Report: Assessing the Capacity and Programs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Centers, surveyed 128 LGBT community centers from 40 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

This report is crucial to increasing understanding of the role that community centers play in the LGBT movement, in serving LGBT people, and in broader communities across the United States. CenterLink distributed copies of this report to each member of Congress to highlight the vital services centers provide to so many people. In September of 2018, MAP and CenterLink released companion reports focused on computing resources and centers’ engagement in policy advocacy.

Recruited 11 new members for the second cohort of the Q Chat Space Youth Advisory Panel, 5 youth returned from the first cohort for a total of 16.
A COMMUNITY OF GENEROUS SUPPORT
GRANTORS, FUNDERS, AND DONORS

$100,000+
H. van Ameringen Foundation
HCM Strategies
Johnson Family Foundation

$10,000+
Anonymous
Lorraine Langlois
NEO Philanthropy

$5,000+
Anonymous
Lorraine Langlois
NEO Philanthropy

$2,500+
Casework Insurance Agency
De Something, Inc.
Linda Elliott
Gamma Mu Foundation
Grindr LLC
LGBT Life Center
McCormack+Kristel
Modesto-Tirole Valley

$1,000+
Althir
Christopher Bartlett
Robert Bee
BrightFunds Foundation
Coca Cola
Equity Life Insurance Company
Michelle Kristel
Mariam and Jules Levine
LGBT Community Center – New York
Long Island LGBT Community Network

UP TO $999
Karim Abay
Alan Accola
D.C. Allen & Ken Flick
Amazon Smile Foundation
Richard Aurul
Tessa Ayers
David Bailey
Olha Barykska
Regina Bazer
Beacon Ullamitar Congregation in Summit (PR Fund)
BDE
Andrew Biegelow
Bona Italian Restaurant
Alessia Britton
Nicholas Brown
R Tad Brown
Kenn Burch
J. Tyler Cassidy
Wendy Chang
Kim Chang
Heather Corliss
Hannah Cotton
Heather Craig
Anthony Creed
Darrell Cummings
Eric Delmarco
George Dukes
Carolyn Dye
Keith Endress
Chris Escobedo
Susan Fager
Anne Fleisher
Kristin Flockinger
Michael Fossett
Alfred Frojo Jr.
Ellen Friedman
Bryan Fuenmayor
Funders for LGTBQ Issues
Dave Garcia
Humberto Garcia
Ellen Gerzog
Porter Gilberg
Dolphin Ward Goldenberg
Deborah Goldstein
Margaret Gombya
Katherine Goodman
Amaris Goto
Cynthia Greenberg
Dean Hansell
Julie Harris
Stephen Hirsir
Michael Holtsman
Caitlin Hunter
David Jay
Lenor Lee
Dawn Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Just Rosts Consulting, LLC
JoonShil
Jeffrey Karp
Charli Kemp
P.E. Ketock
Elaine Klein
Mark Knox
Julia Landis
June Lee
Kate Lee
Ben Levine
Bett Anne Levine
Dana Levine
Deborah Levine
Marguerita Lighthoist
Terry O. Lillie
Michael Lembardo
Henry Luna
Hung Lou
Andrea MacDonald
Enrique MacDreger
Gabbi Mariotti-Stillbord
Fritz Marshell
Elisa Jane Maciel
Nancy McDowell
Ann McNamara
Judie Mederos
Carlos Medina
Jay Meisel
Sarah Miller
Katherine Milwich
Michael Mueller
Peter Murray
Isabel Musle
Nexwork for Good
Katherine Neves
Kate Neeman
Philip Nomura
Loren Otsuyo
OuFronT Kalamazoo
Lisa Pangan
Partners for a Better World
Jayzen Patricia
Clarence Patton
PayPal Giving Fund
Michael Perez
Jessica Payton
Philanthropy Ventures, LLC
Frank Pond
Bridget Pooley
Eric Powell
Gautam Raghavan
Ryan Ramsar
Sandor Reich
Patricia Reindorf (PR Fund)
Brina Rubin
Samsung Electronics North America
Julie Scharf
Julie Sawor
Anthony Semecal
Diane Semecal
Adrian Shanker
Nicole Shaw
Erik M. Shwe
Johann Shudlick
Lisa L. Simon
Thanakon Singkham
Kathryn Smart
Andrea Smith
Deb Solomon-Carter
Benjamin Stein
Elizabeth Steunbugler
Terry Stone
Stuart Foundation
SunServe
Samantha Swain
Texas Instruments
Stephen Tseh
A. Glenn Trupp
Mary Tucker
Denise Turnout
Paul von Wapplerfeld
Stacie Walls-Begbie
Julie Waitman
Marcella White
Doug & Carol Workman
Erez Zaffeel
Eliza Zuniga

FINANCIALS

REVENUE
UNRESTRICTED
TEMPORARILY
TOTAL
FEDERAL GRANTS
$469,584
$469,584

OTHER GRANTS
379,619
68,343
447,962

CONTRIBUTIONS
218,823
218,823

MEMBERSHIP FEES
74,210
74,210

CONFERENCE INCOME
23,194
23,194

PROGRAM SERVICE FEES
20,767
20,767

IN-KIND
19,924
19,924

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME
40,552
40,552

INTEREST INCOME
1,760
1,760

NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS
43,296
43,296

TOTAL REVENUE
$1,471,729
$25,047
$1,496,776

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES
$2,022,655
$285,070
$2,308,025

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
1,952,017

FUNDRAISING SERVICES
1,952,017

NET ASSETS

FEDERAL GRANTS
$566,465
40,026
506,491

OTHER GRANTS
744,246
314,199
1,058,435

CONTRIBUTIONS
414,487
414,487

MEMBERSHIP FEES
98,292
98,292

CONFERENCE INCOME
22,595
22,595

PROGRAM SERVICE FEES
19,924
19,924

IN-KIND
1,760
1,760

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME
3,847
3,847

INTEREST INCOME
1,424
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70,638
356,508
761,077
404,569

406,864
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2018 ANNUAL REPORT
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
-10,497
110,497

$25,000+
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Los Angeles LGBT Center
The Louis L. Berick Foundation

$10,000+
Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund
Aran Marx
H Charitable Foundation
Metro Wellness & Community Centers
Planned Parenthood
Resource Center Dallas
Small Change Foundation
Stoli Group USA
The Center on Colfax
The Palette Fund Inc.
Tides Foundation
Wild Geese Foundation