



BRADBURY-SULLIVAN
LGBT Community Center

Serving the LGBTQ+ Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley

20
24

Impact Report

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center creates a welcoming, inclusive home in the Greater Lehigh Valley where all of the region's LGBTQ+ residents can connect, thrive, and experience Queer joy.





Letter from Leadership

When I think about 2024 at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, what stands out most is you—our community. Every program, every gathering, every story shared in our space has been shaped by the incredible people who walk through our doors and the dedicated team who makes this Center thrive. Time and again, we show up for one another and remind ourselves why this work matters so deeply.

This past year was not without its challenges. Like many nonprofits, our Center faced significant financial hardships in 2024 that tested our resilience and led to the difficult reality of operating with a smaller team. Yet even in those moments of uncertainty, what carried us forward was the unwavering spirit of our community. Staff, volunteers, donors, and friends stepped up to ensure our programs continued, our doors stayed open, and our mission lived on.

At the close of the year, I stepped into the role of Interim Executive Director. As a lesbian leader, it is both humbling and profoundly meaningful to take on this responsibility. I know firsthand how vital it is to have a space where LGBTQ+ people are not only welcomed, but celebrated. For so many, this Center is more than a place—it is a lifeline of belonging, safety, and hope. That truth fuels my commitment to weather financial storms alongside you, with honesty, transparency, and determination.

Looking ahead, I am under no illusion that the road will always be easy. But I also know that our Center is built on the strength, resilience, and joy of our Queer and Trans community. With your continued support, we will not just endure—we will grow, we will thrive, and we will create more moments of pride, love, and possibility for all who enter our doors.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Whether you've attended an event, volunteered your time, shared your story, or offered your support—you are what makes Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center a home. Together, we are writing the next chapter of a brighter, bolder future.

With gratitude and Pride,

Krista Brown-Ly (she/her)
Executive Director



VISION

To champion equity and create pathways for all LGBTQ+ people to thrive and experience Queer joy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We foster Queer joy and liberation, centering the most marginalized populations. We provide community-led, responsive, and accessible programs and services for the LGBTQ+ community through connection, education, and healing.

PILLARS

- Community Connection
- Education
- Healing

OUR TEAM

Board of Directors

Marvin Webb
Board Chair & Treasurer
Founder & CEO, Marvin Webb Micro Consulting

Liz Kleintop
Board Chair
(January - July)
Moravian University

Mark Stanziola, Esq.
Attorney, Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba

Jennifer Bruce
Secretary
Chief Operating Officer Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C.

Candice (Ace) Moody
Holistic Sexual Health Coach & DEI Consultant

Christopher Bongo
Air Products Research Engineer



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We honor and acknowledge that the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center stands on the ancestral and contemporary lands of the Lenape people. For generations, the Lenape cared for this land, its waters, and all who lived here.

As an LGBTQ+ community center, we know what it means to hold space, to protect one another, and to nurture joy and resilience in the face of hardship. We recognize these same values in the teachings and legacies of the Lenape people. Just as the land remembers, so too do our communities remember—and we root our work in honoring those who came before us.

We express our deep respect and gratitude to the Lenape and commit ourselves to building relationships of care, reciprocity, and justice, so that all people—past, present, and future—may thrive here together.

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBTQ+ Community Center stands in solidarity with disability justice movements and believes that access to LGBTQ+ community programs and services is essential for our whole community. We include image descriptions on all social media content, utilize closed captioning for virtual programs, and ASL interpretation at Lehigh Valley Pride.

Staff *(As of November 2025)*

Krista Brown-Ly
Executive Director
(She/Her)

Matt Easterwood
Development Director
Queer for Hire
(He/They)

Chrystina Obleschuk
Director of Programs
(She/Her)

Mary Frasier
Senior Manager of Community Engagement
(She/Her)

Meredith McGee
Grants and Funding Specialist
(She/Her)

Peter Flood
Community Programs Manager
(He/Him)

Sharon Brotzman
Administrative Manager
(She/Her)

Kay Jones
Health Education Coordinator
(She/Her)

Kiir Prokopowitz
Facilities Technician
(They/Them)

Owen Pudliner
Community Health Advocate
(He/Him)

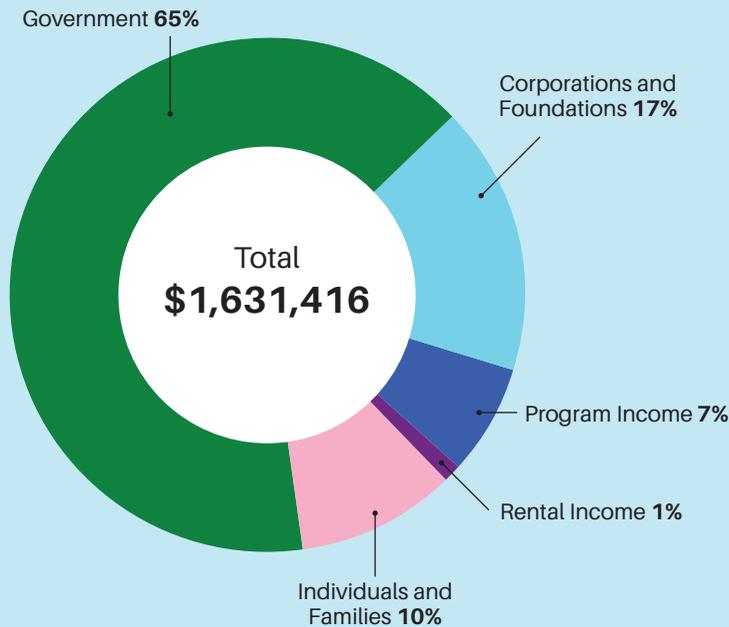
Gwen Towler
Group Facilitator
(She/Her)

Jewelyn Butron
Marketing & Communications Specialist
(They/She/Siya)

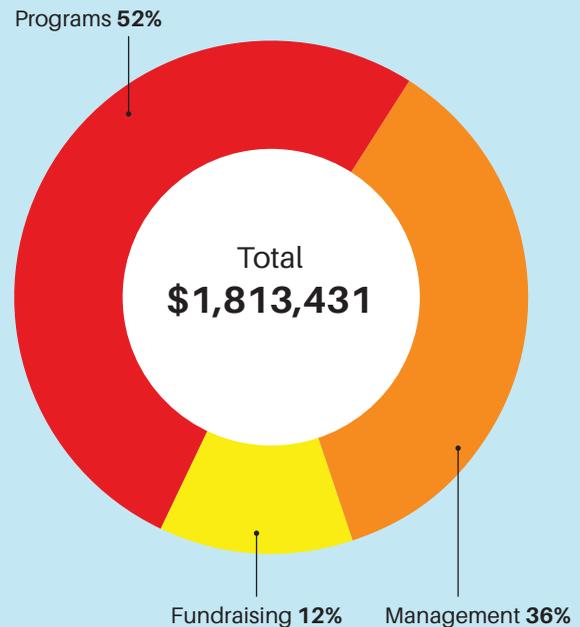


By the Numbers

INCOME SOURCE



EXPENSE CATEGORIES



Treasurer's Letter

As I reflect on 2024, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the resilience, generosity, and joy that define our community. The Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center is more than a building—it is a home where people find belonging, support, and the freedom to live authentically. None of this would be possible without the unwavering commitment of our staff, volunteers, donors, partners, and supporters like you. 2024 brought challenges as well as triumphs. From navigating financial pressures to responding to an ever-changing social and political landscape, our community once again demonstrated remarkable strength and solidarity. Together, we ensured that our Center remained a safe, affirming, and welcoming space for all LGBTQ+ people, especially those most marginalized.

Every community group, training, art exhibit, and gathering helped create pathways to Queer joy and liberation. These collective

achievements remind us that when we come together, we build a stronger, more inclusive future for all.

As we look ahead, the Board remains committed to advancing equity, strengthening our financial foundation, and ensuring that our Center continues to thrive for years to come. We know that this work is only possible because of you—our community of supporters who believe in the power of LGBTQ+ voices, stories, and lives.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for standing with us. Your dedication and generosity fuel our mission and inspire our vision of a world where every LGBTQ+ person can live with dignity, pride, and joy.

With hope and gratitude,

Marvin Webb
(he/him)
Board Chair & Treasurer



Building Community

Our Community Programming connects people to LGBTQ+ art and history, as well as to one another. Through our library programs, and gallery exhibits, we explore LGBTQ+ experiences at every intersection of identity. Our community archive and Queer Chronicles bring LGBTQ+ history to life.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

163

Community Group Meetings



293

Community members attended
Community Groups

QUEER GALLERIES



10

Featured artist events in 2024

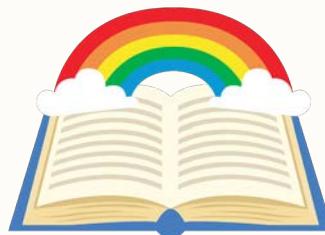
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People total attended
Queer Galleries in 2024

LGBT+ LIBRARY

41

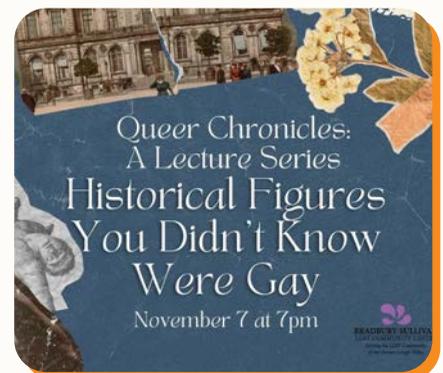
LGBT+ Library
Books Checked
out in 2024



54

Books Donated to
LGBT+ Library

QUEER CHRONICLES



1st

Queer Chronicle event
hosted in the fall of 2024

COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS



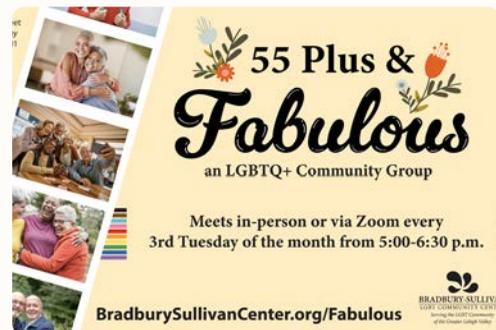
“BSC is a safe space for me and so many others.”
— Anonymous



“There’s always a place to gather, share community, seek support, and be understood.”
— Brenig



“It means a place for me to be authentically me! Unity, and a place where I don’t feel alone.”
— Anonymous



2024 COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES



Lehigh Valley Lesbians changed its name to **Sapphic Society** at the end of 2024. Since then the group has had a much more stable attendance with many new faces.



The **Gayme Night** has been a growing hit. As a group not centered around an identity, it is a place for every kind of community member to come together. The D&D sessions, started originally during Second Saturdays, have proved an invaluable backbone to Gayme Nights.



Health Equity and Programs

A core part of our mission at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center is to identify and address barriers to care that prevent LGBTQ+ people from achieving the best health outcomes possible. We forge partnerships with healthcare organizations, public health agencies, pride organizers, businesses, schools, libraries, and volunteers to address the social determinants of health that lead to disparities for LGBTQ+ people.

223

Pennie Enrollment Events

60

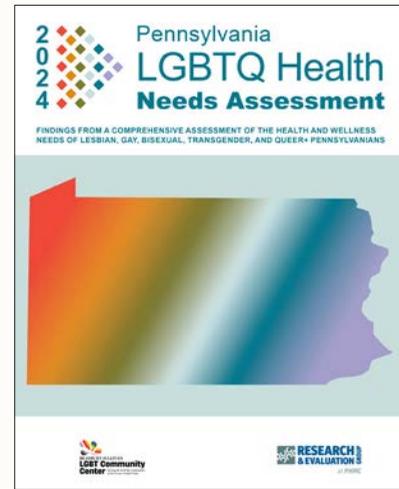
Attendees at the Fall Community Resource Fair providing Flu and COVID Vaccines

46

Outreach events attended

6,140

People reached through outreach events



3,394

LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians participated from 65 out of 67 counties in Pennsylvania

46%

have not enough or just enough to make ends meet at the end of the month – at the Care Cupboard

4.9%

of respondents identified as intersex

2024 PA LGBTQ HNA the largest known sample of people with intersex traits in a Pennsylvania database

32%

often or always felt isolated in the past year

29.45%

often or always lacked companionship in the past year

80.3%

believe it is important to create smoke-free Pride celebrations

69%

of those who currently smoke are interested in quitting

Read the 2024 PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment Here:



Scan or Visit:
bit.ly/PALGBT

The LGBTQ+ Education Institute

The LGBTQ+ Education Institute provides education essential for businesses, nonprofits, health care providers and government agencies. Sessions focus on understanding foundational terminology of gender and sexuality, developing approaches to LGBTQ+ inclusion, combating biases and assumptions of the LGBTQ+ community, and confronting the roots of anti-LGBTQ+ oppression.



To learn more, Scan or Visit:
bit.ly/BSCEducationInstitute



256
 participants total

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



Pocono Mountains United Way



Youth

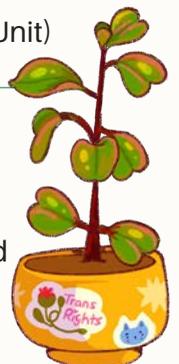
We hosted CAST (Coping and Support Training) in Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton middle schools.

8

TRU (Tobacco Resistance Unit) groups in 2024

79

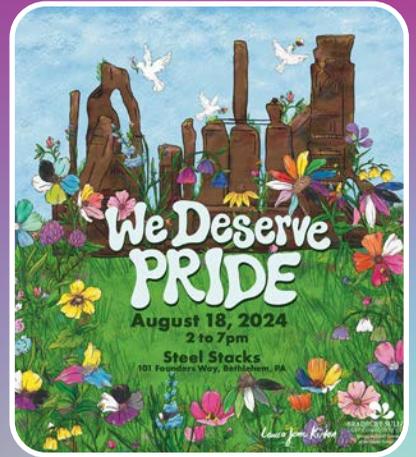
Number of youth served through TRU



We accompanied youth to Day at the Capitol, to advocate for more comprehensive and affirming tobacco prevention and cessation policies.



EVENTS



Lehigh Valley Pride

Lehigh Valley Pride is an annual celebration of LGBTQ+ art, culture, community, and visibility. In 2024, we featured hundreds of vendors, sponsors, community organizations, artists, and had **7,400+ attendees!**



EVENTS



We Deserve Pride Gala

April 20, 2024, we celebrated our We Deserve PRIDE Gala and LGBTQ+ Community Leadership Awards. The annual gala is the Center's largest fundraising event of the year and allows us to offer a range of free programs, services, and experiences to support our LGBTQ+ community, through fostering connection, education, cultural enrichment, and healing.



2024 Volunteer
of the Year



Volunteer Spotlight

The **Bradbury-Sullivan Center** has a robust volunteer program that hosts volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Our dedicated and hardworking volunteers help us prepare for our fundraising Gala in the spring, participate in projects that pop up throughout the year at the center, and make it possible for us to host Lehigh Valley Pride every August. Our *Volunteer of the Year in 2024* was **Nikki Brown-Ly**.

Nikki is incredibly dedicated to our center and is willing to lend a helping hand at any time or any day of the week. Nikki has helped the center have a successful fundraising Gala and Pride festival for the past three years, in addition to several other events our center hosts throughout the year, such as our LGBTQ+ Families events. She goes above and beyond donating her time and talents to the center.

300 = \$10,437
Volunteer Hours of donated time and talent*

*\$34.79 per hour is the national value of a volunteer hour



There are countless individuals in our community who dedicate their time and efforts to making a difference in the lives of others. Let's not forget the power that lies within each of us to create positive change. I look forward to seeing our LGBTQ+ siblings continue to thrive and live their lives proudly.

— Nikki Brown-Ly

*<https://independentsector.org/research/value-of-volunteer-time/>

Funders

List includes donations received. We apologize for any omissions or inaccuracies.

\$100,000+

Cognosante

Pennsylvania Commission on
Crime and Delinquency

Pennsylvania Department of Health
- Division of Tobacco Control

\$55,000 — \$99,999

American Lung Association
Health Promotion Council
Marvin Webb
United Way

\$22,000 — \$54,999

Human Rights Campaign
Foundation
Nordson Corporation Foundation
Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance
Respect
Trexler Trust

\$10,000 — \$21,999

BBraun
Crayola Cares
Fitzpatrick, Lentz & Bubba
Jasper Liem
Just Born
Walmart
Women's 5K Classic

\$5,000 — \$9,999

Air Products
Attic Youth Center
Bedford Foundation
Christopher Rodriguez
City of Allentown
Gilead Sciences
JustBorn
Lehigh Valley Community
Foundation
LVHN
Mack Trucks
Penn Community Bank
Penn Community Bank Foundation

PPL Services
The Mendoza Group

\$1,000 — \$4,999

AARP
Air Products
Amazon
Bethlehem Food Co-Op
Bethlehem Health Bureau
Boston Beer Company
Cedar Crest College
CenterLink
Crayola
Dr. Jason & Allen Crockett & Coty
Gantert
Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem
Felycite Lindsay
Gary Jones
Giant/Martin's
Guardian Life Insurance
HighMark
Joshua Shulman
Kids Peace
King, Spry Attorneys & Counselors
Lafayette College
Lizabeth Kleintop
Luke and Amanda Martin
LVHN
LVHN
Mackenzie Polgreen
Manpower
Margaret McConnel & Carrie
Eglinton
Marsha Wender & Richard
Timmerman
Martin Guitar Charitable
Foundation
Members First Credit Union
Merck Rainbow Aiiiance
Mid-Atlantic Rehabilitation Services
MyHR Partner
Northeastern PA Synod
Olympus Corporation
Peter Grover and Alex Benjamin
Phoebe Ministries

QVC
Roger Whitley
Ruth & Charles Marcon
Sally Beauty/ House of Colorful
Creations
Shift4
STAR Community Health
Starbucks Foundation
The ARTs at Lafayette
The Columbus Foundation
The County of Lehigh
Union United Church of Christ
Unity Bank
UPMC
WDIY
Wegmans
Wind Creek Bethlehem

\$500 — \$999

Bill McGlinn
Daniel Meyer
Dorney Park
Dylan Sweeney
Elaine Kelley
Elizabethtown College
Emily Mullen & Lauren Harold
Frank and Donna Karoly
HNL Lab Medicine
Jennifer Heppel
Julia King
Justin Bukowski
Kathryn Stagil
Mary Lisicky
Nurture Nature Center
St Johns United Church of Christ
Allentown
Steven Feldman
Susan Lawless

\$100 — \$499

Adam M.-Goodskey
Alexandra Rozzi
Alexus Lizardi
Amanda Rutkowski
Ann & Mark McManus

\$100 — \$499 Funders continued...

Anthony Bleach
Audrey Kopecky
Beth Sucro
Bound Brook Board of Education
Carolyn A Nevins · *In honor of Liz Bradbury*
Carolyn Gaffney
Carolynn Van Dyke & Ann Carter
Cauze Charitable Fund
Charles Stinner
Christopher & Joel Bongo
Christopher Elko
Cindy Gunn
Clark Construction Group · *On Behalf of Clark Employee Reno Sarussi*
Clint and Dan
Colleen Walsh
Cyndi Baylis
Dale Fritchman
Dan Maher
Daniel Poresky
David Molish
Donald & Earl Snyder
Douglas Smillie
Dr. Margo Hobbs
Drew & Maggie Goss
Elaine Reardon
Elisabeth Kemmerer
Elizabeth Fulton
Elizabeth Meade
Elizabeth Romberger
Ella and Sophie
Emily Groff
Eric Shamis
Erika Mondok
Ethan Smith
Gary & Lee
Gina Gaglione & Lindsay Fly
Heather Myers
Hon. Susan Wild
Isaac Peng
Janice Lovegrove
Jared Johnson
Jennifer Bruce

Jerry & Connie Brown
Jessica Bargilione
Jim Hutchings
Joanne Clever
Joel Bongo
John Pester
Joseph D Lesko
Josie Miserendino
Judith Lasker
Karen Baer
Karen Hranek
Kassie Hilgert
Kate Flatt
Kathleen Hancock
Katie Jones
Kelly Jensen
Kerri Finkle
Kevin Massa
Kevin Stichter
Kevin Yee
Kris Snyder
Krista & Nikki Brown-Ly
Kristin Millick
Kristina Moore
Kyle Beers
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs
Leia Heagy
Linda Backo
Marianne Bjelke
Mariska van Aalst
Mark & Ann McManus
Mark Kautz
Mary Haas
Matthew Angelo
Matthew Houp
Mercy Payba
Michael & Sybil Stershic
Michael Hammer
Michele Federov
Michelle Howe
Natalia Martinez-Suazo
Nathan Harris
Nichol Chan
Nicole Barbour
Patrick Fligge

Patty Librach
Paul & Kimberly Stephenson ·
In honor of Tara Stephenson and Crafford Harris
Pennsylvania Playhouse
Pennsylvania Playhouse Inc.
Peter Flood
Petrie & Reenstra LCC
Quakertown Veterinary Clinic
Varma
Rachel Zane
Randall's on the Orchard
Religious Society of Friends
Renaissance Charitable Foundation
Renee Amator
Rev. Tom Cormier, Jr.
Rich Liu
Rick Dow
Rob Ritter
Roy Sutphen
Russ and Josie Miserendino
Ryan Waldron
Sally A Mravcak
Sally Gober
Samantha Ottinger
Samuele Masotto
Sandy Massetti & Sandra Rivera
Scott Burden
Seval Kanik Matthew Foley
Shawn Dugan
Stef Risso
Terese Parisi & Kris Bowman
The Progressive Insurance Foundation
Thomas & Polly Hunt
Timothy Halton
Toyin Akande
Trevor and Jennie Pinho
William Schleicher



5 Ways to Give

1

Make a one-time gift to fuel the promise.

Your annual donation powers life-affirming programs for the LGBTQ+ community. Give easily and securely online or by mailing a check to:

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
522 W. Maple Street, at Bayard Rustin Way
Allentown, PA 18101



SCAN TO DONATE

DONATE NOW AT: bit.ly/Donate2BSC

2

Become a Sustaining Donor.

Monthly giving = maximum impact. Your ongoing support provides reliable funding that helps us meet urgent needs and plan for long-term growth through Promise 2025.

START YOUR MONTHLY GIFT TODAY: BradburySullivanCenter.org/Sustaining

3

Sponsor a program, event, or community celebration.

From Lehigh Valley Pride to our annual Gala and year-round programming, sponsorship is a powerful way to show your support while aligning your brand with LGBTQ+ equity, culture, and joy. Custom packages available. Let's talk!

4

Make a gift of stock, mutual funds, or from your IRA.

Appreciated securities and qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) are smart, tax-savvy ways to support our mission and maximize your giving. We're happy to provide transfer instructions or speak with your financial advisor.

5

Leave a Legacy.

Make LGBTQ+ equity part of your legacy. Include Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center in your will, trust, or beneficiary designations. Legacy gifts ensure future generations continue to benefit from safe, affirming community spaces.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR GIVING PLAN?

Matthew Easterwood, CAP, CFRE, Development Director (he/they)

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