



OUTMEMPHIS 2022 RECAP

A photograph of two women smiling. The woman on the left has short grey hair, wears glasses, and a black blazer. The woman on the right has dark hair with a headband and wears a black sequined dress. They are in a room with green plants in the background.

Though my term as OUTMemphis Board Chair has just begun, my involvement with the organization is nothing new. My sister and I grew up here in Memphis as preacher's kids in a very religious household. When we came out, we lost the majority of our family. My sister, who identifies as trans, was kicked out of our home. Seeking support and knowledge, we both found the Center.

The staff at the then-called "Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center," reached out with resources, life-changing book recommendations and an invitation to a women's potluck group. We learned so much because of the Community Center. Our life trajectory was changed for the better because we dared to enter the house on Cooper Street.

As one of the country's longest-running LGBTQ+ centers, we have provided this safety net for 33 years because of supporters like you. OUTMemphis's permanence is a beacon of hope. In today's climate, we need hope, something to believe in to rally us together in this fight. OUTMemphis can pull the community together in a way that has never been seen before, and we need your help to get there.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Swinney'.

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We're incredibly proud to share our 2022 efforts with you! As legislative attacks on our well-being continue, we are devoted to constantly expanding the safety net for LGBTQ+ folks in the Mid-South. So many queer and trans individuals from our region are excluded from basic needs - at OUTMemphis, our tireless staff works to meet those gaps, with services, affirmation, and joy. The story of OUTMemphis is the story of a community fighting for itself. Looking ahead at an uncertain political future, we're proud to lead this fight alongside our network of donors and partner organizations. The work in these pages - from our fabulous inaugural Queer Prom to the 1000+ food items we distributed to youth this year - is made possible by this community, by individuals and allies like you.



Molly Rose Quinn

Executive Director



Photo from Queer Prom 2022



YEC UPDATE

We opened the doors of the Youth Emergency Center (YEC) in June 2021. The new home for our nationally-recognized housing program provides housing and emergency assistance to queer youth and young adults. In addition to shelter, we provide rent, utilities, transportation, medical referrals, and in-house case management.



True Colors Day at YEC

YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES

254

DROP-IN VISITS TO THE YEC

350+

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED

14

YOUTH HOUSED IN OUR YOUTH EMERGENCY CENTER DORMS

1250+

FOOD & HYGIENE ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

70%

OF PARTICIPANTS ARE EMPLOYED

25

LIFEHACKS WORKSHOPS

10

PARTICIPANTS HOUSED THROUGH THE RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM

88

PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED IN THE METAMORPHOSIS PROJECT

Focus Awards 2022





OUTLAST

The OUTLast Emergency Assistance program provides rent, utility, transportation, food, and financial support for LGBTQ+ adults 25+ including trans people of color, individuals living with HIV, undocumented LGBTQ+ individuals, and LGBTQ+ seniors 55+.

115 RECIPIENTS
\$18,400
OF ASSISTANCE



OUTMemphis interns

TRANS SERVICES

The Trans Services Program strives to meet the many needs of the trans community, who often struggle to find safety and access to resources. We achieve this goal through social support, mental health support, resource referrals, and help navigating the often challenging process of updating IDs and legal documents.

25
TRANS GROUP
THERAPY
PARTICIPANTS

54
SOCIAL SUPPORT
GROUP
PARTICIPANTS

HOSTED THE
MID-SOUTH TRANS
RESOURCE FAIR

25
TRANS ID
WORKSHOP
PARTICIPANTS

SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

172
FREE INDIVIDUAL
HIV TESTS

60
UNIQUE
PRESCRIPTIONS

53
GROUP THERAPY
PARTICIPANTS LIVING
WITH HIV/AIDS

7
HIV TESTING
CERTIFICATION
WORKSHOPS



COMING TOGETHER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM RE-LAUNCH

Thanks to the release of the COVID-19 vaccine and other community-based measures, we were able to relaunch our Volunteer Program in Spring of 2022. Our incredible network responded with overwhelming enthusiasm to donate their time and energy to our many meaningful projects. We are beyond grateful and blown away by your incredible work this year!



Queer Prom 2022

569

VOLUNTEERS



1447

VOLUNTEER HOURS



18

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS COMPLETED



TRAINING PROGRAM



29

LGBTQ+ 101 TRAININGS



731

TRAINING ATTENDEES

SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS



112

PRYSM (AGES 13-17) ATTENDEES



141

SENIORS OUT FOR COFFEE ATTENDEES

QUEER PROM: A NIGHT OUT WITH OUTMEMPHIS

Our inaugural Queer Prom closed out Pride Month with a night of style, dancing, community, and celebration of queer joy and survival. The event was a smashing success with our donors, partners, program participants and community members showing up and showing out in spades. With your support, we raised over \$60,000 for our life-saving programs and services. We hope you will join us again in 2023!



Queer Prom 2022



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Invest in all our programs through a monthly donation.

DONATE TO THE METAMORPHOSIS PROJECT

Help our young adults find stability.

DONATE TO THE OUTLAST FUND

Help provide food, rent, and utilities for LGBTQ+ adults.



**OUTMEMPHIS
COMMUNITY CENTER**
892 COOPER STREET



**THE METAMORPHOSIS PROJECT:
YOUTH EMERGENCY CENTER**
2055 SOUTHERN AVENUE



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