Expanding Services for the LGBT Community
BUILDING COMMUNITY.
PROVIDING A HOME.
ENDING BULLYING.
PREVENTING SUICIDE.

3069
How many people received direct services (LITE, CARE, All Youth Programs, Volunteers, HIV, SAGE-LI, and HELM).

10,902
How many people received education services.

90,580
How many people reached through outreach activities (NCOD, Ambassadors Program, Conference, Bar Outreach, and Online Outreach.)

1902
How many people walked through the doors of our community centers (Other reasons include external programs and renting space at the The Centers).

721
Callers to our HELP line that were connected with needed services and/or counseling.
The LGBT Network is an association of non-profit organizations serving the Long Island and Queens LGBT community throughout the lifespan. Together, each organization works to end homophobia and transphobia on Long Island and in Queens, provide a home and safe space for the LGBT community, and to advocate for equality.

In working together, each organization shares resources, and thus reduces overhead costs and expenses. Each organization shares administration, programming space, and fundraising efforts making for an efficient system, and ensuring the money raised through grants, donations, and special events are maximized providing the greatest benefit to all of Long Island’s LGBT community.

The LGBT Network operates 4 community centers for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community: in Nassau, The Center at Woodbury; in Suffolk, The Center at Bay Shore; and on the East End, The Hamptons LGBT Center, as well as the Queens LGBT Community Center (Q-Center) in Little Neck.

These community centers are a safe space and life-changing resource for the tens of thousands of LGBT and ally individuals who pass through the doors each year. In addition to regularly-scheduled programs and services each week, the centers offer public spaces for people of all ages to relax, hang out, study, work, or simply meet new people. Special events and gatherings help to unite Long Islanders and Queens residents of all different backgrounds and identities.
Safer Schools

HELPING GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA) CLUBS STOP BULLYING
LIGALY delivered a record-breaking 36 sessions of training for gay-straight alliance (GSA) clubs, helping youth leaders to address bullying through peer education, awareness campaigns, and school organizing. LIGALY helped to start 2 new GSA clubs, while working with 4 additional schools to start GSA clubs through training and support. LIGALY also held a GSA Mixer to bring youth leaders from different schools together to network and learn about making the biggest impact with their GSA club.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY
The Largest Coming Out Campaign Ever
LIGALY coordinated its largest National Coming Out Day Campaign ever with 83 schools participating, engaging more than 87,000 students and educators. 22 of the schools participated for the first time. This one-day campaign engages entire school communities to take a stand against anti-LGBT bullying by wearing rainbow ribbons or “ally” stickers, organizing educational activities, and coordinating presentations. LIGALY conducted 22 training workshops to build youth leadership and help coordinate the campaign at schools.
ENSURING SCHOOLS ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

LIGALY performed faculty-wide trainings about the NY State Education Department “Guidance to School Districts for Creating a Safe and Supportive School Environment for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students,” helping staff understand and implement the new guidance so that schools are safe and supportive for the needs of transgender students.

ANTI-BULLYING EDUCATION

LIGALY’s Safe Schools Initiative delivered 260 workshops to more than 6,386 students in Long Island schools that reduce bullying against LGBT youth and prevent suicide.

TRAINING SCHOOL STAFF

LIGALY delivered 37 trainings for 1,464 school staff and administrators about how to address and prevent anti-LGBT bullying in schools.
HELPING MORE HOMELESS LGBT YOUTH
As the epidemic of homelessness among LGBT youth continues, LIGALY worked with the county Departments of Social Services to secure housing for LGBT youth and link them to needed services.

15TH LIGALY PROM
15 years after LIGALY held “America’s first-ever full-fledge suburban gay prom,” this year’s prom was another great party for LGBT youth and their allies to gather and celebrate year’s end without fear of harassment and bullying.

LONG ISLAND GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH (LIGALY)
Today, LIGALY has developed into a comprehensive, full-service agency serving more than 25,000 people each year through a variety of health and human service and advocacy programs. Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth works to build community, provide a home and safe space for all, end anti-LGBT bullying, and prevent suicide. LIGALY does this through providing education, advocacy, empowerment, and social support services to LGBT youth, young adults, and their families for whom sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV/AIDS are an issue.
MORE EDUCATION, MORE SUPPORT
Expanding Education and Trainings throughout Long Island Communities

The LGBT Network’s expanded its education work with its new Training and Leadership Institute, increasing its capacity to reach and train more community and government providers, including staff at Pilgrim State Psychiatric Center, Family and Children Association, Nassau County Department of Social Services, nursing homes, and over 150 new recruits in the Suffolk County Police Academy. The new Institute also developed its offerings of training to increase knowledge and skills to supporting transgender people with two additional workshops.
**PROJECT HELM**

Helping People get Health Insurance

Project HELM (Health Enrollment for the LGBT Market) is expanding outreach at local libraries and food banks, including innovative solutions like “setting up shop” at a local eating establishment to enroll all of their employees in health insurance helping the LGBT Network reach and serve more people.

**SEX EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS**

LIGALY is conducting sexual health education curriculums in high-need Long Island schools, that creates a safe-space for all youth to talk freely about sex, while training youth about how to serve as peer educators with messages about safer sexual activities.

**HELPING MORE PEOPLE KNOW THEIR STATUS**

The LGBT Network conducted 317 HIV tests, helping more people know their HIV status, and to connect those who are positive with needed services and support.

**LEADING CUTTING-EDGE HIV PREVENTION EFFORTS**

The LGBT Network launched a comprehensive outreach and education effort for the LGBT community to learn about PReP and PEP, the new medications that help combat the transmission of HIV.

**MAJOR EXPANSION OF HIV/AIDS OUTREACH, TESTING, SUPPORT, AND EDUCATION**

The LGBT Network was awarded three new major grants to expand its HIV/AIDS work, supporting the organization’s efforts to help more people living with HIV/AIDS such as linkages to health services, getting more people tested for HIV, outreach to more people, and increased education efforts.
Older Adults

CONNECTING WITH HOME-BOUND LGBT OLDER ADULTS

SAGE-LI launched its Friendly Visitor Program, a service that connects and trains volunteers to visit homebound LGBT older adults to help them with daily needs and provide social support, especially for those who suffer from isolation and family rejection, or who have no children or family. We're helping LGBT older adults in need of socialization and connection to the community.

SERVICES AND ADVOCACY FOR LGBT ELDERS–LONG ISLAND (SAGE-LI)

SAGE-LI addresses the unique needs of the Long Island LGBT senior community through education, advocacy, and social support services. SAGE-LI is committed to providing high-quality, life-enriching programs and events that value participants’ age, gender, racial, ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds. SAGE-LI aims to foster a greater understanding of the rights and needs of LGBT older adults.

AGING PROUDLY

SAGE-LI served 287 LGBT older adults with weekly programs and special events that build community, reduce isolation, and help keep active – it is a lifeline of support, particularly for LGBT older adults who have been rejected from their families and live alone.
Community Services and Community Building

25TH LONG ISLAND PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL
The LGBT Network celebrated 25 years of Long Island Pride with this year’s event, attracting a record 18,000 attendees for a day of entertainment, exhibitor booths, food, a Kid Zone, and VIP Lounge to celebrate LGBT equality and pride.

20TH LGBT CONFERENCE
The LGBT Network held its 20th annual LGBT Conference at Stony Brook University welcoming more than 400 youth, educators, counselors, and other community members and professionals for a full day of empowerment and leadership building.

PROVIDING SUPPORT
The LGBT Network’s Counseling, Advocacy, Resources, and Education (CARE) Program served 337 people with counseling and support groups. Staff fielded 585 HELP Line calls and provided more than 1,400 referrals.
EMPOWERING LBT WOMEN
The LGBT Network held its first LBT Women’s Weekend Retreat to bring together women of all ages for a fun and educational weekend. The event enhanced the cohesiveness of the LBT women we serve, building bridges between ages and among various gender and sexual identities.

MORE SERVICES FOR LGBT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
The LGBT Network’s Anti-Violence Project – Long Island served more LGBT victims of domestic violence this year with the addition of more intensive services, such as court room advocacy and assistance with filing Order of Protection.

SOCIAL NETWORKING
A renewed commitment to social media is helping the LGBT Network reach more people and increase its visibility – its presence reaches more than 10,000 each month.

NEW INITIATIVE TO HELP LGBT-HEADED FAMILIES
The LGBT Network launched “Center Families,” a new program to help LGBT people start and grow their families, and building a community of LGBT-headed families. As part of the initiative, the LGBT Network is working with the Department of Social Services to help LGBT people become adoptive and foster parents, while training other prospective foster parents about to support an LGBT foster child.

A HOME FOR MORE TRANSGENDER PEOPLE
The LGBT Network’s transgender support program – Long Island Trans Experience (LITE) – is helping more transgender people and their support networks than ever before. Weekly groups are welcoming the largest and most consistent participation ever.
Q: When did you get involved with this organization?
A: We got involved with the LGBT Network about 10 years ago, around 2005-2006.

Q: What’s your first memory of the LGBT Network?
A: Jess read an article in the New York Times about LIGALY. He called me and said “this is an organization we should be supporting.”

Q: What attracted you to the cause?
A: What attracted us to the cause was the fact that LIGALY provides a safe space for gay youth at their community centers and in their schools. We both wish LIGALY was around when we were kids.

Q: What attracted you to this organization in particular?
A: The Network’s youth programming and anti-bullying work. We feel that being a teen or a youth is a vulnerable time and we are so thankful that LIGALY is meeting the needs of Gay youth across Long Island. LIGALY is really the only organization whose goal is to help gay youth.

Q: What motivates you to stay involved?
A: The work LIGALY does still remains a need. Even today, kids still get thrown out of their homes for being gay. Our support helps LIGALY continue to provide a safe space where gay youth can be who they are and gives them the opportunities they didn’t have before.

Q: In your opinion, what is the most important work that this organization does?
A: LIGALY’s Safe Schools initiative. This initiative continues to make sure that LGBT bullying is addressed in schools and that LGBT youth have a safe and supportive school environment.

Q: What’s it like to be a donor the LGBT Network?
A: We love it! We are very proud to be donors of such a wonderful organization!

Q: What achievement of The Network’s are you most proud of?
A: One thing I am most proud of is the Mardi Gras Party the LGBT Network used to coordinate. I brought a straight friend to Mardi Gras who had some reservations about attending but came anyway as our guest. After the event, he said that attending Mardi Gras was the moment when it finally clicked for him. He continued to say that the gay community is just like everyone else. That was a special moment. We also feel that, the LIGALY prom and the Network’s HIV/STI/STD testing are things that we grateful you as an organization provide to the Long Island LGBT community.

Q: What do you hope the organization will achieve in the near future? In the long term?
A: We feel that the organization is on a good course now. You have
Did you Know?
The suburban landmass of Long Island is approximately 115 miles long from Brooklyn and Queens to Montauk.

OVERVIEW
A. OPENING NEW DOORS: The LGBT Network ushered in a new wave of possibilities and a new beginning at the opening of its new Center in Woodbury. The new location provides a perfect space to expand a variety of health and human service and advocacy programs for LGBT and allied people while building a stronger and more united community in Long Island.

B. EXPANDING INTO PATCHOGUE: The Network finalized the purchase of a new, larger community facility in Patchogue. The new location is centrally located in Suffolk County and has sufficient space to expand the number of programs and services for Long Island’s LGBT community and their allies.

C. EXPANDING INTO QUEENS: With the expansion into Queens, the LGBT Network will increase impact with programs, services, and activities serving every LGBT community from the Midtown Tunnel to the hamptons.

Q: Does anyone in your life play a role in supporting your involvement? In providing inspiration?
A: Our friends and family

Q: Do you have an anecdote about this cause/organization that really moved you?
A: The first thing that comes to our minds is when Blake, a LIGALY youth, wanted to get his name changed because he was transitioning from female to male. As part of the transition process, Blake wanted to change his legal name to a name he felt mirrored his gender identity. We were able to underwrite the cost for Blake to legally change his name so that he can feel comfortable in his own skin.

Q: What would you tell someone who is thinking about donating to the LGBT Network?
A: When you donate to the LGBT Network your money will be used to make your community better and allows young people to have a safe space to be themselves. Since the LGBT Network is a local organization, you can see the impact in how your gift saves lives and make a lot of lives better.

Q: What might (someone) be surprised to know about the both of you?
A: Jess is involved with a Rugby team and was chairman of their board in 2014.

Q: Do you still believe your gift still makes and impact today?
A: Yes, we still believe our gift makes an impact. We are happy to know that 80 cents of dollar raised goes directly to programs.

Q: Titles/Occupations?
Jess Bunshaft:
Executive VP & Chief Human Resource Officer (CHRO)
Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey.

Marc Head:
VP External Affairs at South Nassau Communities Hospital
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# Financial Statements

**Fiscal Year 2015: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

From audited financial statements. Composite of all Network organizations.

## Support & Revenue

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<th>Source</th>
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<td>Government Grants</td>
<td>$1,427,914</td>
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<td>Program Services</td>
<td>79,452</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Special Events (net)</td>
<td>295,530</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Development and Fundraising</td>
<td>581,436</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,384,332</strong></td>
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<td>Interest Income</td>
<td>155</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
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**Total Support and Revenue** $2,384,487 100%

## Expenses

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<tr>
<td>Program Services</td>
<td>$1,804,197</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>Development and Fundraising</td>
<td>257,624</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>General and Administrative</td>
<td>291,184</td>
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**Total Expenses** $2,353,005 100%

**Increase / (Decrease) in Net Assets** $31,482
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