

Brooklyn Community Pride Center provides services and support to the borough's LGBTQ+ community through original programming and partnerships with other organizations.



Annual Report

Brooklyn Community
Pride Center

Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)

2021



An Unusual Year

We present this Annual Report to you as a record of a most unusual year.

For much of Fiscal Year 2021, our physical doors were closed to the public. As a community center devoted to making a safe and empowering space for LGBTQ+ people, these unprecedented circumstances challenged our core beliefs about what it means to connect with our center and one another. However, our ability to pivot and create opportunities to connect virtually allowed us to ease the difficulties of social distance and isolation and connect with more people than ever before. We proved that Brooklyn's LGBTQ+ community remains strong and resilient.

Behind the scenes, our staff and volunteers were hard at work to keep our virtual community center thriving. We developed new and innovative programs to provide direct assistance to members of our community hard hit by the pandemic. As an essential project, renovation of the Bedford Union Armory moved forward, and we worked intensively to finalize our plans for our brand new site in Crown Heights.

Despite the greatest of challenges, we persevered. Thanks to the dedication of our supporters, volunteers, and staff, Brooklyn Community Pride Center continues our unyielding pursuit to improve the lives and shared experiences of LGBTQ+ Brooklynites.

Yours in Pride,

Floyd Rumohr
Chief Executive Officer

Sonelius Kendrick-Smith
Board Chair

Brooklyn Community Pride Center Year in Review.

The fiscal year began with the Center operating almost entirely remotely. Though online classes and programs in yoga, meditation, self-defense, Pride Path workforce development, and more continued through the fiscal year, providing people impacted by Covid-19 with a vital lifeline to social connection.



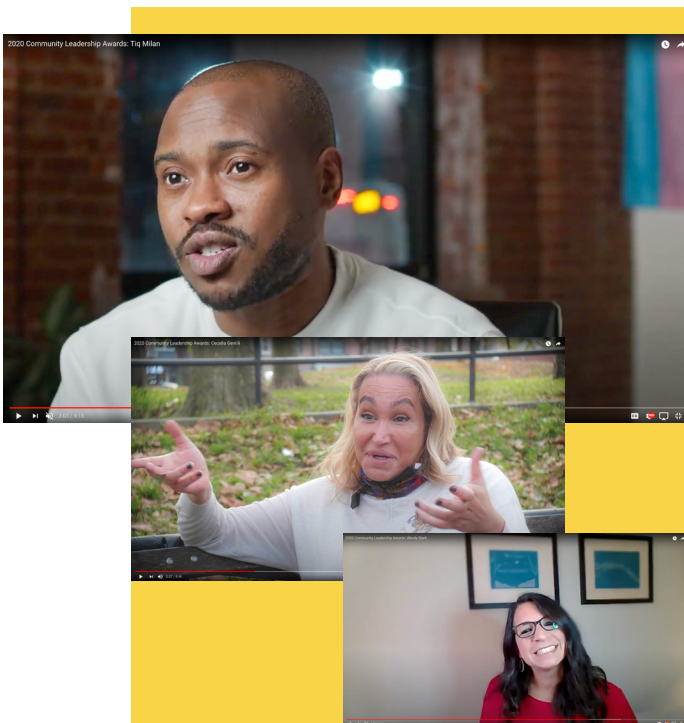
Over \$50,000 in cash and emergency assistance distributed directly to our community.

In addition to our ongoing programs, we also launched several special online events like celebrating James Baldwin's birthday, movie screenings, kakis, new support groups on dealing with grief and stress during the pandemic, racial justice discussion groups, and so much more. Our thanks to **Stonewall Community Foundation** for providing expanded Zoom access during this time.

With our 2020 Community Leadership Awards, now a video series, we recognized **Cecilia Gentile** (TransEquity Consulting), **Tiq Milan** (Speaker/Advocate) and **Wendy Stark** (Callen-Lorde). The video series was sponsored by **Doordash, Grindr, Lyft, Gilead, Medidata, New York Presbyterian, Go! Magazine**, and **Gay City News**.

At the end of September 2020, after having closed our doors in March 2020, we opened up to extremely limited drop-in services. By appointment and while following strict Covid protocols, we were once again able to assist people with Pride Pantry, one-on-one counseling, STD testing through our community partners, and access to our computers and wifi.

We found ourselves engaged in much more direct community support than we had ever before provided. Between August and October, we handed out 100 care packages valued at \$85 each to members of the BIPOC trans community containing





Hundreds of donors made small gifts to help sustain our operating costs, stock our Pride Pantry and keep programs afloat.

Covid survival items like personal care items, food, and fun items to help pass the time. In December and January, we were able to provide grab-and-go lunches for the LGBTQ+ community. From March to May, we provided over \$40,000 in direct cash assistance to members of the LGBTQ+ community - primarily BIPOC people who were trans/gender non-conforming, sex workers, or recent immigrants. This direct assistance and support was made possible by the **Robin Hood Foundation, Brooklyn Community**

Foundation, Oaktree Capital, Doordash, Sacred Fellowship Church, Stonewall Community Foundation and the Bee Winkler Weinstein Fund administered by Stonewall Community Foundation.

In March 2021, we began opening to indoor gatherings again, with our newest community partner **Brooklyn G.H.O.S.T. Project**, to provide hot meals and other resources to the black and brown trans community of Brooklyn.



Throughout the early part of 2021, we spent many days visiting with the construction teams over in Crown Heights, making important decisions about furniture, interior design, operations and more. Thanks to generous support from **New York City Council, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, OliveDove Design, Knoll, and the Van Degna Family**, the final pieces of our new site began coming together.

With support from **New York Community Trust**, our Pride Path workforce development program entered its fourth year, attracting 40 enrolled participants and resulting in 35 internship placements and 18 permanent job placements even as the pandemic made sweeping changes to the workforce.

The fiscal year ended in June 2021 with the Center closing for a two weeks as preparation for re-opening in July to regular in-person services again after a year spent almost entirely remotely and online.



Thank you to all the donors who helped us survive the Covid-19 pandemic! If you'd like to make a tax-deductible gift, please visit lgbtbrooklyn.org/donate to learn more.

FY2021

The Year We Worked From Home

To everyone who joined us for a virtual games night, watched our video awards ceremony, came for a socially-distanced and masked construction tour, donated to our community support projects or just pretended not to notice when our furry companions popped in to those professional Zoom meetings, we thank you! Thanks for helping us keep doing what we love to support LGBTQ+ Brooklyn - with or without our pants on.





FY2021 By the Numbers

1,156 Public Activities

Events held at or sponsored by Brooklyn Community Pride Center and open to the public or registered guests, including virtual/on-line events.

12,033 Community Engagements

Including over 200 unique in-person visitors and more than 10,000 on-line participants

17,114 Social Media Followers

At the end of FY2021, we had 6,918 followers on Facebook, 4,819 on Twitter, and 4,973 on Instagram, along with a few hundred followers on YouTube, LinkedIn, and TikTok. Find us on most platforms under @lgbtbrooklyn

For more information: www.lgbtbrooklyn.org

FY2021

Finances

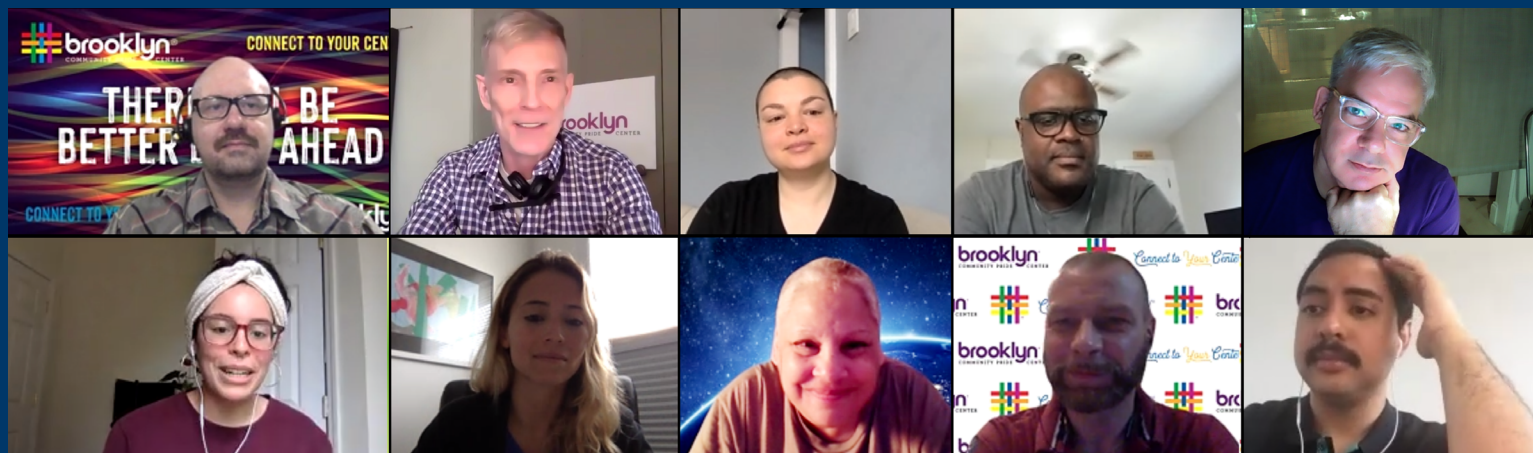
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 unaudited draft. FY21 audited financial statements are in process and will be published on our website when available. See all our financial statements at lgbtbrooklyn.org/annual-reports-financials

Revenue	FY21 Actuals
Individuals	\$62,983
Foundations	\$165,854
Government	\$513,500
Corporations	\$24,418
Total Contributions	\$766,755
Earned Income	\$73,654
Total Cash Revenue	\$840,409
In-Kind Contributions	\$143,005
Expenses	FY21 Actuals
Personnel	\$577,512
Facilities & Equipment	\$95,412
Programs	\$68,572
Marketing & Communications	\$26,279
Generation Operations	\$64,638
Total Cash Expenses	\$832,413
In-Kind (contributed) Expenses	\$143,005
Surplus	\$7,996
Temporarily Restricted	\$0

In anticipation of opening the Crown Heights facility in FY22, we maintained a \$401,000 cash reserve through the fiscal year.

Our Team

Staff & Board



Staff

Floyd Rumohr, Chief Executive Officer

Alex Sheldon, Acting C.E.O.[†]

Jako Douglas-Borren, Director of Programs

Jere Keys, Development and Engagement Manager

Diana Viglucci, Program Manager

Carolina Batista, Program Associate*

Jude Kamilhor, Elder Group Leader

Mona Lewis, Facilities Coordinator*

Mya Padilla, Development & Engagement Assistant*

Dominique Wolff, Development & Engagement Assistant[†]

Ben Tipton, Facilities Coordinator – Weekends

Adrian Libert, Network Administrator

Stephen Rainforth, Creative Services Manager

Karen Rand Associates, LLC Accounting & Bookkeeping

Board

Deborah Brennan, President*

Jonathan Santos-Ramos, Vice President*

Sonelius Kendrick-Smith, Treasurer

Alex Sheldon, Secretary[§]

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Advisory Council

Richard Allman

Earl Brown

Julian Kline

Tom Smith

Doug White

* Ended their tenure in FY2021

[†] Joined us in FY2021

[§] Took a temporary leave in FY2021

** Elected Treasurer in FY21

^{††} Elected Vice President in FY21

Our Team

Community Partners

Community Partners are other nonprofit organizations who license space within Brooklyn Community Pride Center's virtual or physical presence to provide ongoing services and subject matter expertise to LGBTQ+ Brooklynites.



Family Health Centers

The Family Health Centers at NYC Langone maintained a strong presence at the Center by providing safer sex kits and weekly HIV testing.



OASIS

OASIS works to help everyone have the healthiest sex lives they can through services that are culturally sensitive, linguistically appropriate, and tailored to meet the needs of the community.



Brooklyn GHOST Project

The Brooklyn Ghost Project is a black, transgender-led nonprofit organization geared toward providing awareness, support, empowerment, and visibility to members of the transgender and non-binary communities of color who are either struggling with or have overcome gender identity-related issues.



CAMBA

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CAMBA brought their Young Men's Health Project (YMHP) to the Center on a regular basis with sexual health education and fun social activities.



Our Team

Volunteers



Kirsten Adorian
Paco Arroyo
Andy Bowen
Grey C
Anandah Carter
Godwin Chu
Ananta Dh
Hilary Donnell
Lizzi Duff
Emily Fortuna
Julia Goldsamt
Dan Gonzalez
Emilie Graham
Corrinne Green
Nolan Hanson
Bryan Hill
Joe Hoover
Julia Hurn
Priscilla James
Clio Jensen
Lamont Joseph
Tony Johnson
Casper Lynn
Kanisha Lynette
Sarah Malis
Rev. Deborah McKeever
Liv Meade
Scott Mendelsohn
Maleek Milan
Gabriel Mora
Claire Nichols

Paul Nocera
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Fitzgerald Providence
Mike Ryan
Rodney Taylor
Eric Tessen
Jenna Van Holten
Cameron Ward
Steven Wilcox

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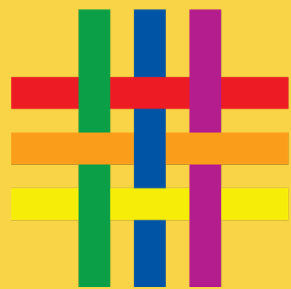
Jillian Sutera, Occupational Therapy
Sabrina DeAngelis, Occupational Therapy
J Fordsman, Programs
Sarah Malis, Social Work

Pro-Bono Counsel

Many thanks to **Venable, LLP** for pro-bono counsel.

We are particularly grateful to **Suzanne St. Pierre** and **Neda Ameri**.





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