



Dear Supporters,

Thank you for making 2014 another remarkable year for Youth Pride Inc. This year, you helped us serve over 850 Rhode Island LGBTQ youth and their straight allies in our drop-in center.

Gender Spectrum, our weekly group for transgender and gender non-conforming youth, experienced a significant growth in attendance. YPI staff provided training to over 1,000 people, including teachers, DCYF case workers, gay/straight alliance advisors, homeless shelter staff, and senior Girl Scouts from all over New England. Many of you joined us in welcoming Judy Shepard, Matthew Shepard's mother and an amazing LGBTQ advocate, to our drop-in center. And we were proud to join the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and the Department of Children, Youth, & Families (DCYF) on policy work to create safer environments for LGBTQ youth in the state.

Despite all of this great news, there is no question that serious challenges remain. Our basic needs pantry now includes food, toiletries, schools supplies, and clothing, to meet the needs of our numerous youth who are impacted by family rejection, homelessness, and poverty. As more youth come out, we have witnessed an increased need from a growing number of gay/straight alliances throughout Rhode Island.

We would not be the organization we are today without the support of our donors, volunteers, and friends. On behalf of YPI's youth, board, and staff, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kerri Kanelos
Executive Director





2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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Youth Pride Inc.

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“I feel like I have had my whole world expanded - things I didn't recognize before make sense now.”

- YPI YOUTH MEMBER

SPREAD THE WORD

Youth Pride provides a safe space where young people can learn, engage, and grow. For many, Youth Pride is the first place where they can be themselves, regardless of their sexual or gender identity. Youth come together from a wide range of backgrounds and connect with one another over common issues and activities, sometimes as simple as playing video games or sharing a meal. But, in the end, they walk away transformed.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

Recognizing that not all youth are able to visit YPI, the Youth Pride team connects with schools and organizations throughout the state to empower their staff to provide support and resources to young adults impacted by sexual orientation and gender identity/ expression. On a larger scale, Youth Pride collaborates with institutions so that they are better equipped to address the needs of the youth they serve with sensitivity and care.

WHAT WE DO

Young people come to YPI for a variety of reasons – from getting support during a crisis to becoming active members of our community. Once they discover YPI, they quickly become involved in the many programs that the organization has to offer.

- Drop-In Center including one-on-one counseling, case management, and support groups
- Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) Network Coordination
- Participation in Pride and other LGBT community events
- OUTspoken Leadership Development Program
- Advocacy and activism on issues impacting LGBT and the larger community
- Sexual health and HIV prevention

ACHIEVEMENTS

In the last year, YPI staff and volunteers:

- Served over 850 LGBTQQ youth and their straight allies through our drop-in center
- Hosted over 100 workshops and activities on LGBTQQ issues



BY THE NUMBERS

300+

Youth who accessed our pantry - providing food, clothing, toiletries, and school supplies to low-income and/or homeless LGBTQ youth

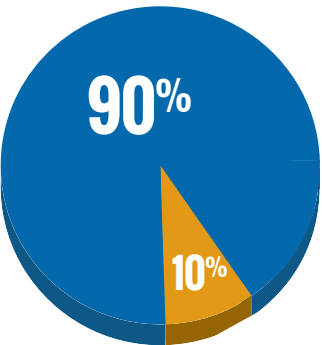
45

Gay/Straight Alliances worked with YPI to improve school environments

500+

Number of youths who attended our Pride-related activities

YPI EXPENSES 2014



▶ Programs & services
\$268,909

▶ Admin & fundraising
\$29,878

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Every year, we rely on the generosity of our donors – individuals, corporations, and government agencies – as well as community partners and volunteers who help expand the impact of our programs. Please take a moment to review our donor list to see who has made an impact over the past year.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Gender Spectrum Support Group

In 2014, attendance more than doubled for Gender Spectrum—our weekly support group for youth that identify as transgender, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, agender, or who are questioning their gender identity/expression. Gender Spectrum seeks to empower trans youth by creating a non-judgmental space where they can build community, share their experiences, ask questions, and gain resources.

Professional Development in the Community

Each year, YPI provides more than 100 community trainings for a variety of providers who work with LGBTQ youth, including teachers, social workers, gay/straight alliance advisors, and parents.

OUTspoken Leadership Development Program

45 youth completed our leadership development program, which focuses on personal growth, cultural awareness, leadership development, community involvement, and advocacy.





I will try to educate people partaking in behaviors I can now understand are the product of ignorance rather than hatred.”

YPI YOUTH MEMBER

YPI’s mission is to meet the unique and ongoing needs of youth and young adults impacted by sexual orientation and gender identity/expression through advocacy, support and empowerment to bring about social change.

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