



White Center Pride Committee

Annual Report 2023 -2024

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1. Introduction

At the White Center Pride Committee (WCPC), we believe in the abundant potential of the LGBTQ+ Community with acceptance and emotional well-being, which lead to economic and social mobility. As communities still reeling from the economic and emotional losses of the pandemic contend with decreases of resources and business opportunity, the WCPC continues to be a partner to our community members seeking community and the tools needed to thrive. Our whole-family approach enables us to intervene at critical stages of development by offering programs that provide access to diverse, growth-minded learning and connecting local businesses to opportunities and networking. We partner with community organizations, local leaders, and libraries to build networks of care that respond to local needs and create more growth-minded spaces, increasing the community’s capacity for acceptance and resilience. With our community’s help in the last year, we held a massively successful roster of events and had the highest attendance at our Pride Street Festival in June with over one hundred vendors and thousands of attendees. To continue this success, we ask our community to be on the lookout for various quarterly events in the new year, including our Pride Street Festival to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025



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2. Mission and Vision

Mission: Our mission is to foster a diverse LGBTQIA+ community in White Center through year-round events, grassroots efforts, and community initiatives, creating an inclusive space for all.

Vision: To create a vibrant and welcoming White Center where LGBTQIA+ individuals are embraced, valued, and empowered to live authentically, contributing to a community that thrives on diversity and inclusivity.

3. Key Achievements

- **Successful Pride Street Festival:** Our 5th annual Pride Street Festival saw a record attendance, over one hundred vendors, highlighting the strength and unity of our community.
 - **Pride Story Time:** We have continued our partnership with the White Center Library in having Pride Story time throughout the reaching over one hundred young individuals.
 - **Spring Children’s Event:** This is our fourth year of providing buckets of goodies to the children of White Center. This year, we partnered with King County Housing and business to build upon our event in the Greenbridge neighborhood. We were able to provide over 150 goodie buckets to the children of our community with an additional fifty buckets donated to the White Center Food Bank.
 - **Community Fundraising:** Raised \$22,000 through various fundraising efforts, exceeding our goal by 5%.
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4. Financial Overview

Income:

- Donations: \$55,628
- Grants: \$2,873
- Fundraising Events: \$22,254

Expenses:

- Programs, Events, Marketing and Outreach: \$48,171
- Administrative Costs: \$6,072

Net Income: \$26,525

The financial health of White Center Pride Committee remains strong, with careful management of resources ensuring sustainable growth.

5. Events and Programs *(including but not limited to)*

- **Pride Month Celebrations:** A month-long series of events, including the Pride Street Festival, community fairs, and educational engagements.
 - **Health and Wellness Initiatives:** Partnerships with healthcare providers to offer free health screenings and vaccine services.
 - **Local Business Partnership:** Continued focus on partnering with local businesses to drive LGBTQ+ participation and building community.
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6. Community Engagement

White Center Pride has made significant strides in engaging the community through various outreach initiatives:

- **Social Media Campaigns:** Increased our online presence, reaching over 10,000 followers across various platforms.



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- **Volunteer Program:** Expanded our volunteer base to 120 active members who contribute their time and skills to our cause.
 - **Community Partnerships:** Strengthened ties with local businesses and organizations to support LGBTQ+ rights and visibility.
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7. Partnerships and Collaborations

- **Local Businesses:** Partnered with over one hundred local businesses to sponsor events and provide resources.
 - **Non-Profit Organizations:** Collaborated with other non-profits to enhance our outreach and support services.
 - **Government and Health Agencies:** Worked with local government and health agencies to address the specific needs of the LGBTQ+ community.
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8. Future Goals

- **Expand Outreach Programs:** Increase our efforts to reach underrepresented and marginalized groups within the LGBTQ+ community.
 - **Develop Educational Resources:** Create more comprehensive educational materials and workshops for schools and workplaces.
 - **Diversify Community Socials:** Further engage and welcome the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ White Center Community.
 - **Increase Fundraising Efforts:** Launch new fundraising campaigns to support the expansion of our programs and services.
 - **Enhance Volunteer Training:** Implement advanced training programs for volunteers to better serve the community.
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9. Acknowledgments

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, volunteers, partners, and the entire White Center community for their unwavering support. Your contributions have been invaluable in advancing our mission and making a positive impact on the lives of many.

Together, we celebrate diversity, advocate for equality, and build a more inclusive community. Thank you for being a part of The White Center Pride Committee.

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White Center Pride Board of Directors

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