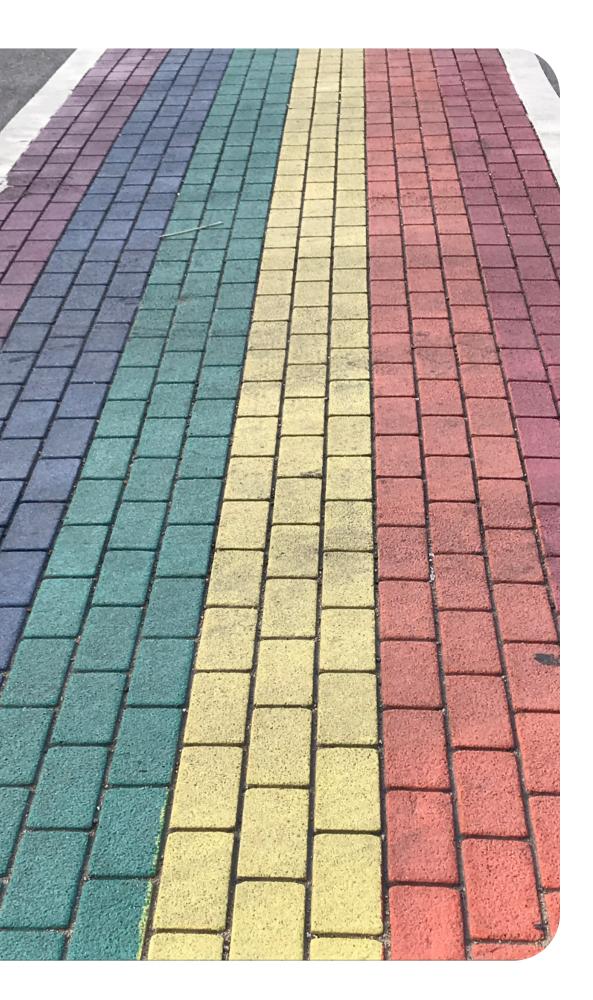


Annual Meeting November 2, 2023

Reporting our Progress and Milestones







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Mission, Vision, and History



Mission

LGBTQ Outreach of Porter County promotes an affirming community to LGBTQ+ youth and adults through empowerment, advocacy, opportunity, and support.

Vision

Our vision for LGBTQ Outreach of Porter County is to have a community that affirms that people's differences are seen as strengths.



ORGANIZATIONAL TIMELINE

2019

1st community meetings: **Blackbird and** Valpo Public Library 1st youth mtg of **PRISM** held at TLC

501c3 Status Meetings go virtual due to COVID. 1st Annual **Coming Out Drag Event** held outdoors.

2020

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PRISM/Outreach return in person. Game Days held at libraries. Discover Community series begins. **Social Media sites** up and running.

2022

Unlabeled begins meeting. TLC officially donates room. Educational presentations delivered at multiple sites. Website designed and published.

- 2023
- Coffee, Cookies & **Conversation and** Unlabeled both well established. Monthly hikes begin.
- 3-4 different monthly programs & events held on a regular basis

NOW



2023 Goals Achieved:

1) Development: Write a comprehensive budget to address the needs of our growing organization. Examine revenue sources, including grants/fundraising opportunities, and create paid position(s).

2) Education: Review and maintain educational presentations as well as seek out annual speakers from other organizations.

3) Community Engagement: Develop/maintain a variety of events to expand audience.



The Year in Review

Group/Event	Outcomes
PRISM	 24 biweekly meetings avg 7-10 students per meeting Facilitators now receive a weekly stipend***
Unlabeled	 12 monthly meetings 12-15 avg attendees rotating group led facilitators
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation	 12 monthly meetings Renamed and branded self run, open discussion based format 15-20 avg attendees
New & continued Programming	 Monthly Hikes Game Days/Nights Faith & Spirituality Chat Community Special Events

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Meghan Buell speaking at the Valpo Public Library at an Outreach event in 2022. Passed away August 8, 2023

Program **Highlights**



PRISM GETS A NEW LOGO!!! Designed by facilitator Becca Outings to Inman's & Zao Island Social discussions

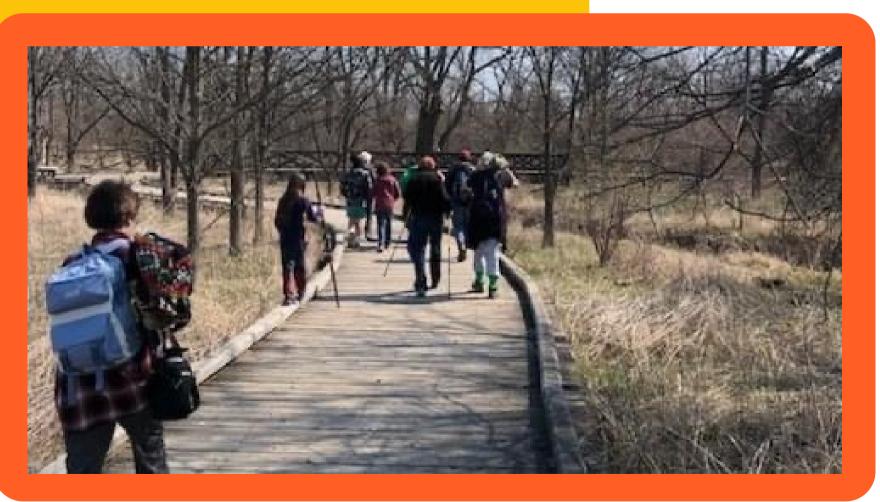
- Presentations



New Program

Monthly hikes led by Nicc and other Outreach volunteers!

• A chance to get outside, socialize, and enjoy the trails of Northwest Indiana



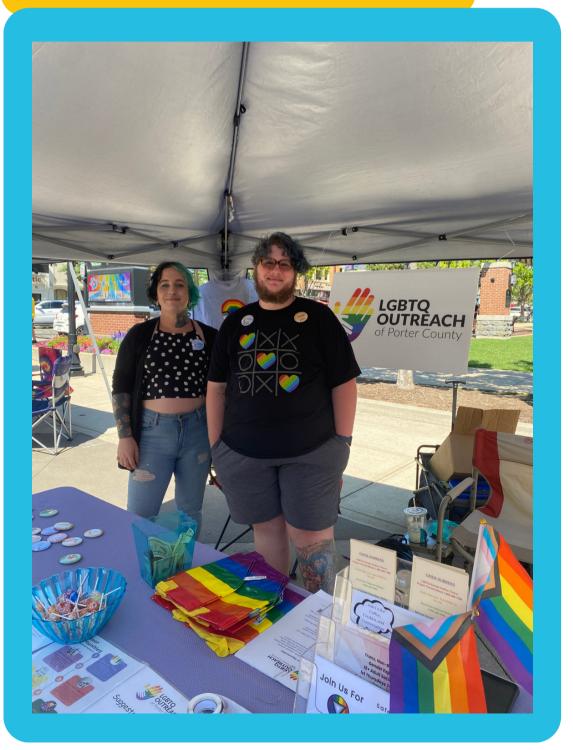


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Join us for a hike!

Community Outreach





Board members and volunteers tabled at numerous
events throughout the summer including:
Michigan City Pride
South Shore Roller Derby
Paws for Pride
Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk
These opportunities give us the chance to share
resources and get the word out about our organization.

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Educational Presentations



- MLK Day Presentation VU
- Valparaiso University Nursing School
- IU Medical School
- VU Facilities Department
- South Shore Learning Conference for educators
- Stylist talk for LGBTQ+ clientele
- VU Fraternity/Sorority Organizations





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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Work with a representative of the board to lead/develop educational trainings, work w/community partners. This group may also serve as collaborators with PRISM facilitators.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This group will work with the board to identify and obtain funding sources, grants, and donor cultivation.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The events committee will plan and run the Discover community series throughout year as well as provide support for other Outreach events and programming.



Moving Forward... Goals for 2023-2024

1. Recruit committee volunteers to help us develop new, future-oriented goals of growth and sustainability. 2. Expand our leadership team.

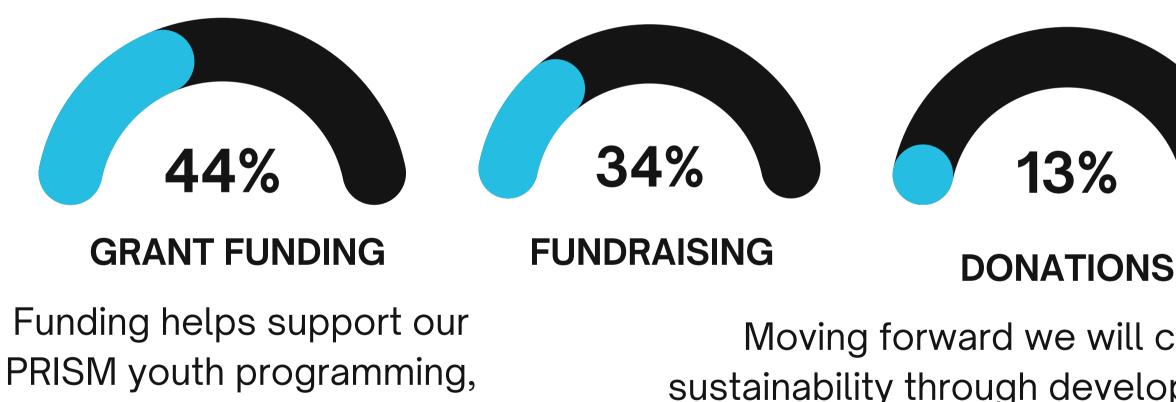
- 3. Write a strategic plan to help our organization grow.
- 4. Continue to build sustainability through development opportunities to add paid position(s).





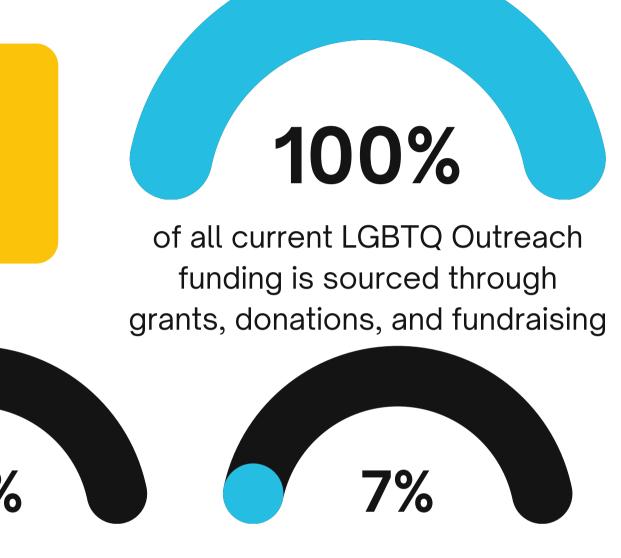
Funding Sources: 2023 Yearly Summary

Grant funding increased substantially this year, as did donations from private individual donors.



educational presentations, marketing, and events.

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SALES

Moving forward we will continue to build sustainability through development opportunities and hope to add paid position(s) so we can continue to grow and expand our work in the community.



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Thank You

We thank you for your continued support of our organization and the mission.

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