

# Celebrating Gender Diversity- Moving Toward Advocacy

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*Notes from the program closing- How to take action after today's program...*

**From Ally to Advocate...** - from the opening words from Grandma Roxie:

*"When is the last time you asked a transgender person to lunch, or to a movie, or to a concert. Have you invited them to join you at a family barbecue? I was taught that actions speak louder than words; don't tell me you are an ally, show me. Some butterflies have lost family. You can share your family with them if you wish. You may even save a life and help change the nation for the better."*

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-QUUAC Queer Unitarian Universalists and Allies Coalition

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-Spurlock Museum of World Cultures & University of Illinois

-Uniting Pride

-GCAP- Greater Community AIDS Project

-Planned Parenthood of Illinois Action

-Urbana-Champaign Reproductive Justice

group

-CCCSPH Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers for the Homeless

## From Uniting Pride:

- **Subscribe to our newsletter and volunteer list** on the website ([unitingpride.org](http://unitingpride.org)) to stay in the know about upcoming events and opportunities
- **Join a committee** like the *Advocacy Committee*, *Youth and Family Committee*, or *Finance Committee* to support our work on the ground
- Check out one of our **social and support groups** or Discord -- there is something for all ages! Trans and gender non-conforming folx looking for support can join **Trans UP** on Tuesdays! **Aging UP** meets online every Sunday- call or write UP for log-in details.
- Upcoming events/programs you can check out:

## From Planned Parenthood of Illinois Action

- You can join PPIA's LGBTQIA+ Organizing and Advocacy Program! Combat anti-trans and anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation, ensure that voices of LGBTQIA+ people are included and uplifted Visit: [bit.ly/LGBTQIACommunityMember](http://bit.ly/LGBTQIACommunityMember) to join the program.
- Join us and Equality IL for LGBTQ+ Advocacy Day, May 8 at the Capital in Springfield! Help us fight for pro-LGBTQIA+ policies at the Illinois State level- no experience needed, and transportation is available to and from Springfield!
- Call your legislators next week during spring recess to tell them to protect Medicaid! See our Call to action handout that we'll have, it's attached here too.

## From Greater Community AIDS Project

- **Client Support:** Assist with client day to day needs, provide friendly companionship, and offer transportation assistance. **Outreach & Education:** Educate the public about HIV prevention, reduce stigma, and participate in community events. **Administrative Support:** Assist with data entry, fundraising events, and general office tasks. **Food Pantry:** Assist with maintenance and up keep of our food pantry **One-time events:** Help with run, set up, and/or clean up at events

**Champaign County Consortium of Service Providers to the Homeless**

- **LGBTQ+ Impact Fund (managed by Cunningham Township)**- assists with providing more appropriate shelter for homeless queer folx and works in concert with Uniting Pride and GCAP- donate to this fund! <https://ctso.org/angel-donor-fund>