



What would you tell them if you could?



"Be yourself." "You are resilient."
"You are safe." "You matter."
"You are welcome."
"You are beautiful."



What if there was a place
in our community where kids
could hear this every day?



With your help, there soon will be.
It's called the Center on Fourth
and we're going to build it, together.

A SAAF place where youth go for:

- Safety off the streets
- Food, clothing, and housing assistance
- Showers
- Suicide prevention
- Violence prevention
- HIV testing and counseling
- Substance abuse prevention and recovery support
- Sex positive education
- Advocacy
- Life skills
- Referral to other community programs
- Culturally competent care
- Computer lab
- Socialization

You can send them a message with
your support of the Center on Fourth.

Our Goal:
\$1.8 Million

The message: You matter.

to establish an LGBTQ youth drop-in center and facility to house SAAF programs for youth at 526 N. Fourth Ave. Your support will enable SAAF to purchase, renovate, and operate this 5,000 square foot building in the heart of the Fourth Avenue district, an accessible location for Tucson's LGBTQ youth.



Dedication & Naming Opportunities

The Center	\$300,000
The Inspiration Wall	\$150,000
Youth Lounge	\$150,000
Hallway of Fame	\$90,000
Indoor/Outdoor Free Expression Art Lab	\$90,000
Multipurpose Room	\$90,000
Reception & Waiting Area	\$60,000
Hangout Patio	\$60,000
Performance Stage	\$60,000
Youth Art Gallery	\$60,000
Kitchen/Dining Area	\$60,000
<i>Everybody's Welcome</i> Restrooms (2)	\$24,000
<i>You Matter</i> Counseling Rooms/Offices (7)	\$24,000
Parking Spaces/Patio Benches (12)	\$12,000
Bricks in Patio Wall (50)	\$2,400
Name listing on donor wall (unlimited)	\$500 - \$2,399



"The Fourth Ave. space is perfect! It's much more convenient for me. It will attract a lot more youth. We need a safe space for LGBTQ+++ youth where we can find understanding and safety. A place where people don't get confused about who you are, what pronouns to use. Eon makes talking to people easy."

– James, 17 years old,
Trans Masculine



What is it like growing up LGBTQ today?

Verbally harassed and called names at school:



LGBTQ Youth



Non-LGBTQ Youth

Experiment with alcohol or drugs:

62%

LGBTQ Youth



22%

Non-LGBTQ Youth



Physically attacked at school:

17%

LGBTQ Youth

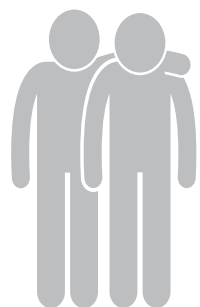


10%

Non-LGBTQ Youth



I have an adult in my family I could turn to for help if I felt worried or sad:



49%

LGBTQ Youth

79%

Non-LGBTQ Youth

Excluded by their peers for being different:



48%

LGBTQ Youth

26%

Non-LGBTQ Youth

Report feeling happy:

37%

LGBTQ Youth



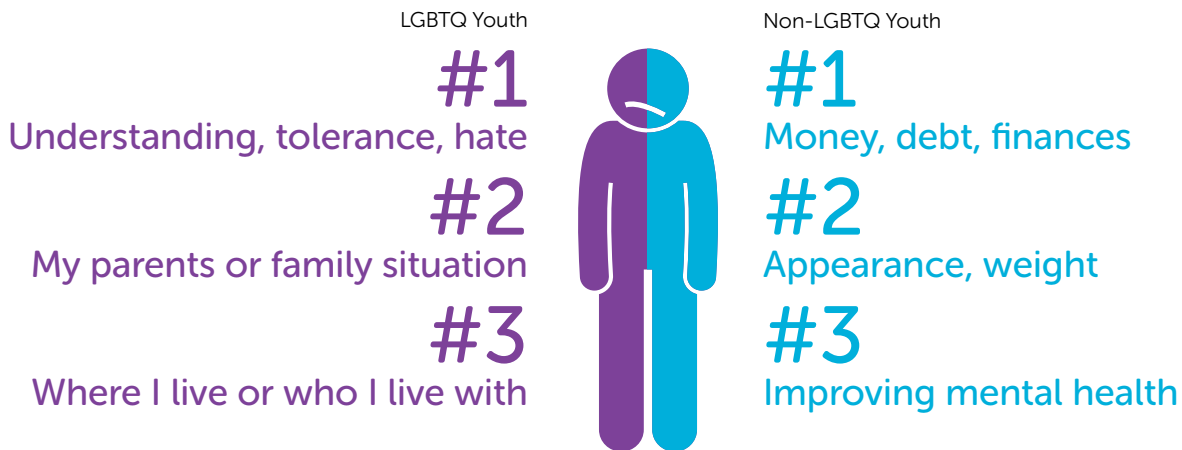
67%

Non-LGBTQ Youth

"The most important problem in my life right now is..."



"If I could change one thing in my life right now it would be..."



LGBTQ youth are 4 times more likely, and questioning youth are 3 times more likely, to attempt suicide as their non-LGBTQ peers.²



Nearly half of young transgender people have seriously thought about taking their lives, and 25% report having made a suicide attempt.³



9 in 10 LGBTQ youth (92%) say they hear negative messages about being LGBTQ.¹



¹ *Growing Up LGBT in America*, a study of more than 10,000 LGBT youth, by the Human Rights Campaign.

² DC. (2011). *Sexual Identity, Sex of Sexual Contacts, and Health-Risk Behaviors Among Students in Grades 9-12: Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance*. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

³ Grossman, A.H. & D'Augelli, A.R. (2007). *Transgender Youth and Life-Threatening Behaviors. Suicide and Life-Threatening Behaviors*. 37(5), 527-37.



SAAF: The right organization for the job.

- It's at the heart of our mission: To cultivate a healthy and stigma-free society through transformative action.
- 30-year history of excellence serving this population
- Dedicated to managing programs responsibly and sustainably
- Excellent reputation leading to multiple state contracts for program management across Arizona
- Fiscally sound
 - \$10 million annual budget
 - Assets in excess of \$3 million
 - 6 consecutive years operating in the black
- Transparent: All financial and annual reports are online at www.saaf.org/about-saaf/media/



"I used to be very shy and ashamed. I was afraid people would make fun of me. But now I say I don't care and do what I want."

– Stefan, 12 years old, Gender Creative



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“We need our own space
where we’re safe.”

– Andrew, 22 years old, Transgender







Send them a message with your gift.

The message: You matter.



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