



# FY 24 Impact Report

## PARADE & FESTIVAL

- Organized and executed the fourth Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival with famed designer Christian Siriano serving as grand marshal and Governor Wes Moore attending
- Expanded participation with new festival location allowing nearly 200 organizations to participate and raising \$120,000
- Estimated over 11,000 people attended event up nearly 40% over 2023
- Hosted lead up/post parade events including Pride on the Pier with Bread and Butter Kitchen, Pride beer release with Forward Brewing, theme and logo reveal and pre and post pride parties and ecumenical worship service.
- Offered special festival space for parents and kids and an Absolute 21+ area.
- Voted Best Pride Outside of DC for third time by the Washington Blade
- Started float contest where winners included: Xuxa's Carnival for Community Organizations, The Key School for School/Government entity, and PNC for our business/for profit category
- Increased accessibility to events for disabled community
- Hosted a sponsor thank you event with Annapolis Maritime Museum

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Participated in and tabled at more than 20 community events – Midnight Madness, Juneteenth, Kunta Kinte, Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk, Dia de los Muertos,, AACC Queer Community Resource Fair, AACC National Coming Out Day, OutJoy, events at local high schools, Odenton Library Community Festival, Odenton Library Queer Art Show, Trans Day of Remembrance, Orgullo Latino Pageant and Pride Night at Bowie Baysox







## LEGISLATIVE WINS

- Hosted second legislative reception with local and state elected officials and advocates attending
- Publicized candidate forum questionnaire & results for local school board elections
- Provided testimony against numerous bills including anti-trans bills and for bills to pass, comprehensive health education, HIV decriminalization, book banning

### Successfully advocated for:

- Freedom to Read Act
- Expanding the prohibition of an employer from discriminating against people based on sexual orientation
- Adding gender affirming care to the state's category of "legally protected care"

## SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

- Hosted *LGBTQ+ Youth Safety* panel discussion
- Hosted *BIPOC LGBTQIA+ History Panel* discussion with Coalition for LGBTQ+ Students
- Sponsored drag brunches
- Promoted local arts, health, advocacy and education events for the community
- Participated in AACPS Coalition for LGBTQ+ Students meetings
- Brought back popular Tsunami "family night" dance parties
- Participated in *Panel for LGBTQ+ and BIPOC Communities* with the Caucus of African American Leaders

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