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OutCenter June 2015 Newsletter

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Serving the LGBT Community in Southwest Michigan

OUT and a bOUT

June 29, 2015

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*Free Counseling at
 the OutCenter*



If you or someone you know would like to speak with a therapist-in-training, please know the Out Center is host to a tremendous resource: Chris Lacefield, PhD Candidate in Psychotherapy.

You can call and leave a confidential message to set up an appointment:

SUPREME COURT RULING

GAY MARRIAGE LEGAL NATIONWIDE

What were you doing when gay marriage was legalized across the USA?

It is a question that will be asked for years to come. Same sex couples are now able to marry anywhere in the United States, and it is a truly significant time in America's history.

There were countless celebrations by all LGBT+ people, and social media blew up with the hashtag #LoveWins.



At the OutCenter so many people showed up to celebrate, cry tears of joy, and simply come together in the spirit of unity. The OutCenter is in awe of the tremendous courage of the people we serve as LGBT+ people and their families in Southwest Michigan face discriminatory practices. We can not forget that LGBT+ people can be fired in Michigan for being gay. We still have work to do!

June 26, 2015 was a day that America took a needed step forward, and while there is still much work to be done, let us celebrate this victory for days and weeks to come.



269.925.8338

We need your support!

Your support will help us establish a truly whole community in Southwest Michigan. A whole community includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people and their families.

We achieved so much in 2014 and we continue to do more in 2015 as you will read in this newsletter.

Please select a level of support to the OutCenter.

OutCenter Affiliate \$100

OutCenter Friend \$250

OutCenter Benefactor \$500

Your LGBT community center is committed to staying informed and on the forefront - for you, for your loved ones, and for every person in this community. Please help us help others in need now. You can make this possible with your annual contribution.

Your donation will make a world of difference.

Teen Pride Summer Meetings!

Become the *change* you want to see in Southwest Michigan!

Join a growing number of Teens in the area who are dedicated to LGBT+ Equality!



Keep up to date at the Teen Pride Facebook

MICHIGAN for MARRIAGE



Top: During a celebration at the OutCenter, everyone posed for a group photo.
 Middle: Strategic partner, Michigan for Marriage, helped the OutCenter prepare for and respond to the press on this most important day.
 Bottom: The OutCenter got a great deal of press, including the Herald Palladium, The Coast, ABC 57, Fox 28, WSBT, and WNDU.

LAKE EFFECT PRIDE Friday, July 31

[TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT EVENTBRITE.COM](http://TICKETS.ON.SALE.NOW.AT.EVENTBRITE.COM)

On July 31, 2015, from 6-11 PM, the OutCenter will be bringing Pride to Benton Harbor! This is the OutCenter's annual pride fundraiser for this one-of-a-kind organization in Berrien County and one of only 7 in the entire State of Michigan.

Lake Effect Pride will be at Harbor Shores. There will be free appetizers and a cash bar, plus a raffle to win a KitchenAid Stand mixer! The tickets are \$25



each and can be bought [here](#).

In addition to the fun and food, this year the Outcenter will be honoring ten agency and organization partners that have really stepped up in their support of the LGBT+ community in Southwest Michigan. Their commitment to this endeavor helps create communities that care, and brings us closer to a world where LGBT+ people are understood, respected, and no longer discriminated against.

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**Whole Lives,
Healthy Lives:
Adult Support Group**

This group is growing!



**Monday Nights
7-9 PM**

A great opportunity for adults to connect with others in a supportive and healthy environment. Attend and find out more about this great group of folks!

**Foundation
Support**



**Frederick S. Upton
Foundation**



Quick Links

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FRI. JULY 31, 2015
\$25 6-11pm
with free door prizes!

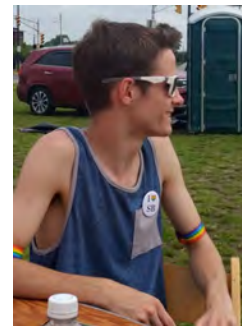
dance / food / cash bar

PROCEEDS GO TO
OutCenter

TEEN PRIDE OUTING

PRIDE IN THE PARK FESTIVAL

On June 20th, the Teen Pride group attended the Pride in the Park Festival outside Four Winds Field in South Bend, IN. This was a resource fair for LGBT+ people and all who attended reported having a great time. There were a great number of organizations there, including IUSB GSA, PFlag, and GLSEN. Information about health, nutrition, and safe sex was readily available.



The GLBT Resource Center of Michiana donated tickets to the baseball game and T-shirts for the Teen Pride group. In addition to watching the game, they also helped made a rainbow in the stands.



The next meeting is on July 25.

Saturday July 25th
2-5pm
Phoenix Rising Café
124 S. Water St.
Benton Harbor, MI

OUR TOMORROW

Meet New Friends!
Free Food!
Meet our new intern Benjamin Cass!
Learn about exciting new projects!

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE
SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN
BERRIEN COUNTY TEEN PRIDE

Find our page on Facebook, Teen Pride, Berrien County Gay-Straight Alliance, www.outcenter.org
 A non-profit organization serving the LGBT+ community in Southwest Michigan
 For more information call: 269.925.8330

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