Champion LGBTQ New York

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CHAMPION RIGHTS

LGBTQ New Yorkers still face obstacles. We’ve helped groups advocate for and successfully:

• Pass legislation to legalize same-sex marriage in New York.
• Win asylum for immigrants persecuted abroad for their sexual identities.
• Assist employers to better understand the needs of trans-identified employees and job applicants.

IMPROVE HEALTH

Health care providers need to understand LGBTQ New Yorkers’ unique needs. We’ve helped:

• Expand SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) to serve Manhattan, Brooklyn, Staten Island, and the Bronx.
• Launch the first substance-abuse treatment program in the nation designed for LGBTQ teens and young adults.
• Trans New Yorkers understand their Medicaid health care rights.

SEEKING ASYLUM: The Trust helped Immigration Equality take more asylum cases for LGBTQ immigrants seeking safe haven. The organization helped Dimitry (left) and his partner, Tony, get asylum from Russia. Photo by Le Image

BUILD COMMUNITY

We bring LGBTQ New Yorkers together at every age, in every borough. We’ve helped:

• Run programs at senior centers to serve gay and lesbian neighbors.
• Train LGBTQ youth of color to become leaders.
• Provide spaces for LGBTQ youth to fight isolation and connect with one another.

Continued on reverse.

Create a charitable legacy that stands the test of time. Contact Jane Wilton at (212) 686-2563 or janewilton@nyct-cfi.org.

SHOWING THEIR PRIDE: Young people from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center, a long-time Trust grantee, at the NYC Pride March.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY: Newlyweds with the executive director of a Trust-supported organization that successfully advocated to legalize same-sex marriage in New York State. Photo by Empire State Pride Agenda
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ILLUMINATE HISTORY

We’re identifying and celebrating the substantial LGBTQ contributions to New York City. We’ve helped:

• Publicize the historic and cultural contributions of LGBTQ New Yorkers through tours and an online map of historic sites.
• Market the historic Alice Austen House in Staten Island, the home of an important lesbian professional photographer in the city.
• Launch an exhibit at the NY Public Library marking the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising.

PROVIDE HOUSING FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

LGBTQ youth who’ve faced rejection at home because of sexual orientation are at high risk for HIV infection, addiction, and homelessness. We’ve helped:

• Provide emergency housing and shelter to LGBTQ homeless teens.
• Develop HIV prevention, health care, and mental health programs.
• Provide legal support, employment training, and placement programs.

ACROSS BOROUGHS: Trust grantees, like the Hetrick-Martin Institute, make sure LGBTQ youth have a place to go in times of crisis.

The New York Community Trust is a grantmaking foundation dedicated to improving the city and its suburbs. It connects individuals, families, foundations, and businesses with vital nonprofits working to make a healthy, equitable, and thriving community, today and tomorrow.

Become a donor—make an equitable New York.
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