

# QMUNITY's Year in Review 2017





## Message from the Chair

QMUNITY's story began when a group of individuals, local organizations and businesses came together to open a gay community centre in 1979, holding the first Annual General Meeting in 1980 with a reported 325 members.

A year of opportunity.

Following in the footsteps of those who came before us, we are today looking at our future. During the 2017 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia breakfast the City of Vancouver announced that QMUNITY will have a new, purpose-built facility on the corner of Davie and Burrard.

The announcement of our new home has provided an opportunity for individuals and organizations to re-commit themselves to QMUNITY's vision for a world where LGBTQ/2S folks are empowered to live their lives fully, free from discrimination.

Our work continues.

QMUNITY provides vital programming and services through youth drop-ins, including 'clothing swaps', swimming nights, food prep nights, queer prom; seniors drop-ins, including yoga, information sharing, writing collectives; peer-facilitated groups, including topics like coming out, gender identity, sexuality, and support; and, education and training opportunities such as BC-wide Queer Competency Training workshops and youth-led Pridespeaks.

A year made possible by you.

On behalf of the organization I have been privileged to serve, I want to recognize everyone that works to ensure opportunities abound for LGBTQ/2S folks across BC. Our inspiring volunteers, our dedicated staff, our incredible Board, our generous donors and supporters, our community partners, and everyone that continues to fight for the world we all want to live in--you make this possible.

Morgan Camley Chair of the Board

# **Support**

# Empowering individuals to be their best selves

We provide personalized support services for queer, trans, and Two-Spirit people of all ages to live healthier, happier lives.

# Highlights

Youth drop-ins · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	991 participants
Free queer and trans competent	1083 hours
Counselling hours	
Information and referrals	10,377 referrals
Gender-affirming	113 items shipped
garments for youth	throughout BC

## Connection

# Strengthening our communities to be inclusive and connected

We create and offer spaces for all LGBTQ/2S individuals to develop meaningful connections.

# **Highlights**

Peer-facilitated
Volunteer 5616+ reported
engagement hours volunteered
Special events · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Queer Prom, Honouring our Elders Tea, Holigays, Youth Gabarets, Hogwarts Yule Ball Winter Dance, Voluncheers,
Stack the Rack, IDAHAT Breakfast, Build a Legacy, Pride
Brunch, Pride Parade, Spring Fling, Aging with Pride
Friendly visitors 803 volunteer hours

# Leadership

# Leading the way towards legal and lived equality

We help individuals, families, businesses, schools, and service providers create inclusive spaces where everyone can thrive through education and visibility.

# **Highlights**

Advising and Consulting 998 instances

214 PrideSpeaks ..... 8021 participants

Youth-led workshops for students

The generous support from our community members, corporate partners, government, and funders allows us to provide our comprehensive programs and services. We are grateful to the following partners for their continued support of our work and LGBTQ/2S communities.

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