



## Giving Opportunities

There are many opportunities for investment within the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Life. While endowed funds enable donors to make a gift that will benefit the organization perpetually, expendable funds also have great power. The following are some ways to support the Office of LGBT Life.

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP	
The (Name) Director of LGBT Life at Emory University	\$500,000
ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING	
The (Name) Pride Banquet at Emory University Endowment	\$100,000
LGBT Speaker Series	\$5,000 – \$25,000
PRIDE Banquet and Lavender Graduation	\$5,000
Faculty in Residence Program	\$1,000 – \$5000
STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
The GALA Student Leadership Award Endowment at Emory University	\$100,000
First-Year and Second-Year LGBT Leadership and Mentor Program	\$5,000 – \$10,000
Student Leadership Development Training	\$1,000 – \$10,000
PHYSICAL SPACE AND RESOURCES	
LGBT Office Space Improvements	\$1,000 – \$25,000
LGBT Library Collection	\$1,000 – \$10,000
EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMING	
“Stop the Hate” Training	\$5,000 – \$15,000
World AIDS Day: Names Project Quilt Display	\$1,000 – \$10,000
“We are Emory” Campaign	\$1,000 – \$10,000
Facing Trans: Inclusion, Advocacy, and Empowerment and Social Justice: When Diversity Isn’t Enough	\$5,000
LGBT Life News Publication	\$5,000



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# OFFICE OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER LIFE



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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Emory's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff are an important part of the University's diverse global community. In the last fifteen years this community has worked to create one of the most open learning and working environments in the country, where individuals are not just tolerated but valued. Emory is listed among the top 100 most inclusive universities in *The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students* and has earned 4.5 of 5 stars in the LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index, a national benchmarking tool launched in 2008 by a nonprofit organization called Campus Pride.

Although Emory University and the LGBT community have made great strides to create an inclusive environment, students continue to face unique challenges because of how they are perceived and treated as a result of their sexual and/or gender identity. Although often stereotyped as liberal meccas of progressive ideals, college campuses are not immune to harassment and discrimination of those who are different. In order to create an inclusive, safe environment, Emory University established the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Life in 1991. LGBT Life is an administrative office housed within the Division of Campus Life at Emory, offering programs and services designed to encourage an open and welcoming environment for LGBT students and employees.

When Emory University opened the doors to the Office of LGBT Life, it joined nine other universities in the United States with similar offices, making it not only a pioneer in the Southeast, but also in the nation. Today, there are more than a hundred offices on university campuses across the country, and Emory University continues to be on the forefront of creating an inclusive environment for employees and students. To continue our leadership as a pioneering office and university, it is imperative that we continue to assess what programs, services, and support we offer our community. In addition, we must explore the many ways to develop resources that will enable us to improve and expand these services. Your support is critical in this process.

Please take the time to explore all the possibilities to see how your support can be used in a way that not only will have an impact on the community, but also will make you feel engaged in Emory's changing environment.

Please contact me at 404.727.2136 if you have any questions or want to explore additional ways to get involved on campus. Thank you for your support!

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

■ **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING.** LGBT academic programs contribute to an inquiry-driven, ethically engaged, and diverse community. The lecture series brings renowned LGBT writers, researchers, and leaders to campus to engage in the relevant discussions of our time. The Faculty in Residence program will bring together LGBT faculty and students to support partnerships and mentoring at Emory. Finally, the Pride Banquet is an annual celebration of academic success, community leadership, and LGBT history at Emory.

■ **STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.** Leadership development prepares Emory students to work collaboratively for positive transformation in the world. The GALA LGBT Leadership Award provides a stipend based on financial need and a student's leadership efforts to support and advocate for LGBT rights within the Emory community. Support for student leadership development will enable students to participate in programs and conferences that strengthen the leadership of LGBT advocates.

■ **PHYSICAL SPACE AND RESOURCES.** Creating an engaging physical space where the LGBT community feels supported and valued on campus is critical for the social, emotional, and educational development of students. Support for office improvements will provide furniture, technology, accessories, art, and structural changes to improve the overall support functions of the Office of LGBT Life. A gift in support of the LGBT Library Collection will contribute to the addition of educational videos, books, and journals. The materials will include resources on the intersections of faith, race, gender, and sexuality.

■ **EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMING.** Educational programs and awareness campaigns engage the Emory community in social justice work to create systemic positive change for LGBT-identified individuals and families. Training will support communities of learners as they create dialogues around issues of intersecting identities. In addition, training will help Emory implement best practices in policies, programs, and support services for the LGBT community.

Your support will inspire the next generation of leaders and advocates who will transform our communities and the world.