

December
2024

Hello,
Fabulous
Volunteers!



Volunteer Meeting

Our December Volunteer Meeting is an Open House from 1-5 PM

VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday Dec. 1 1-5 PM

SPENCER PRIDE **commUnity center**
Golden Discovery Ballroom

Friends and family are welcome!
Arrive anytime throughout the afternoon.

REFRESHMENTS | SOCIAL CONNECTION
BINGO | DOOR PRIZES | MORE

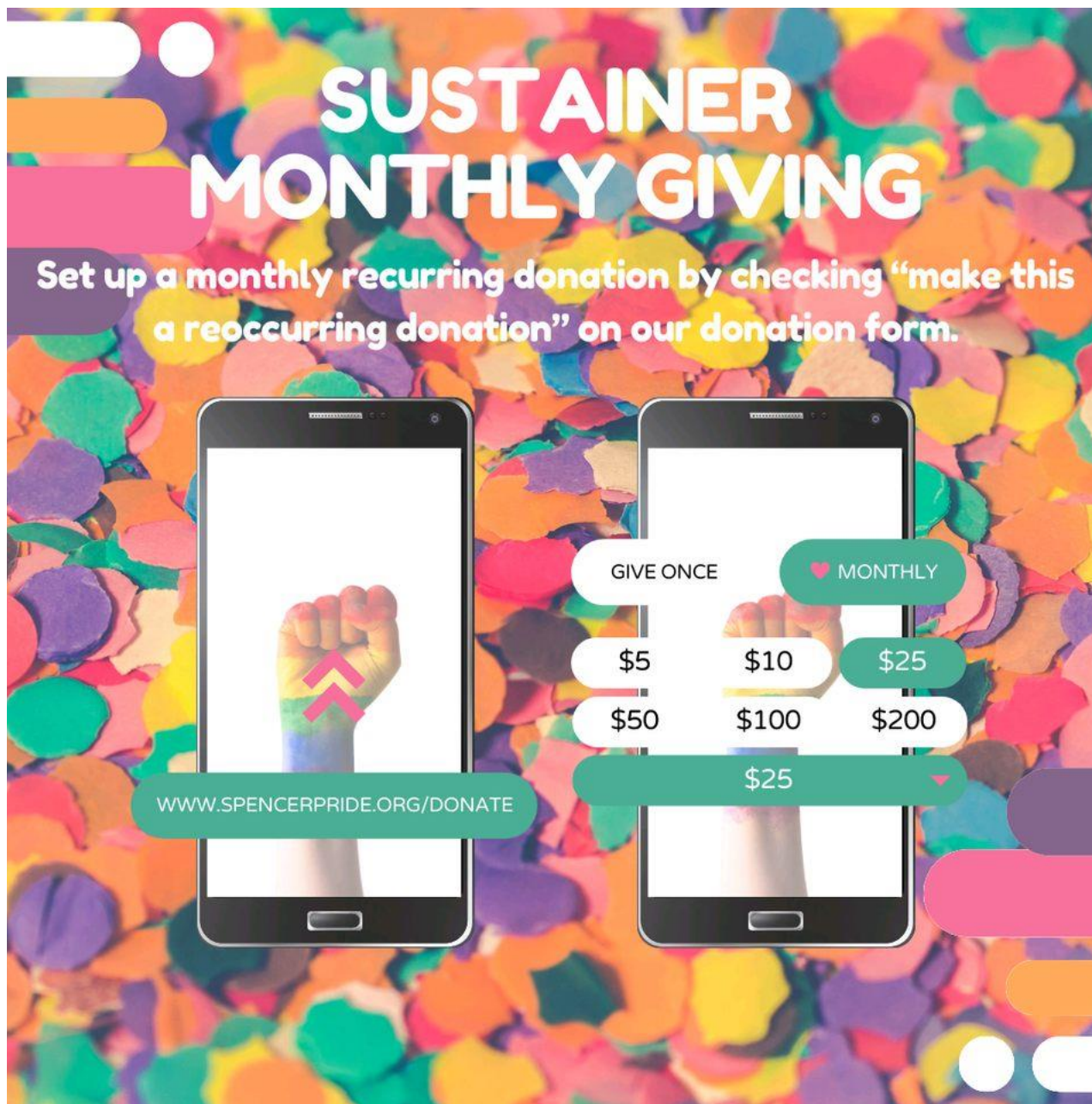
SPENCER PRIDE'S *HoliGay* COOKIE FUNDRAISER

12/1 OPEN HOUSE

BROWNIES \$20/DZ
MAGIC BARS \$20/DZ
KOLACHI WALNUT \$20/DZ
TOLLHOUSE WALNUT \$10/DZ
GINGER SNAPS \$10/DZ

BAKED WITH LOVE
BY KATHY BALASH
FOR THE EAST SIDE
REHAB PROJECT -
FLOORING & WALLS

December 2nd is Giving Tuesday: Become a Monthly Sustainer



On this #GivingTuesday, we ask that you consider becoming a recurring donor to Spencer Pride. Please visit spencerpride.org/donate to get set up, or reach out to our Development Director, Elisabeth Solchik at elisabeth@spencerpride.org

For as little as a cup of coffee each month, you can help ensure our mission of helping to improve the quality of life for rural LGBTQ+ people in south central Indiana.

Your long-term support is critical to the operation of our community center and being able to continue to offer our free programming to our community.

If you're already one of our generous and supportive sustainers, we hope that you will consider increasing your recurring contribution to help us maintain our mission during this politically volatile time.

December 11th: Dine With Pride - Red Robin Bloomington

Join us on December 11th any time from 11a to 9p at Red Robin - College Mall (2846 E 3rd Street Bloomington, IN 47401) to help raise important funds for Spencer Pride!

Spencer Pride, Inc will receive 20% of fundraiser sales* during our 12/11 fundraiser from 11a-9p by showing the image (attached to this post) to your server at this location, or by ordering online at redrobin.com or on the Red Robin mobile app. For online and mobile app orders you must add the fundraiser to your cart before you check out for the sales to count towards the fundraiser.

* 20% of eligible dine-in and to-go sales (excludes

Red Robin® will give
20% OF FOOD SALES* BACK TO
SPENCER PRIDE, INC

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS
 2846 E 3rd Street, Bloomington, IN 47401
 December 11, 2024*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

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December 11th: Dine With Pride - Red Robin Castleton

Join us on December 11th any time from 11a to 9p at Red Robin - Indianapolis (8190 Shadeland Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46250) to help raise important funds for Spencer Pride!

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Red Robin



December 14: Oliver Sacks: His Own Life



Join us for a free film screening of Oliver Sacks: His Own Life, followed by a Q&A and film discussion.

The documentary explores the life and work of the legendary neurologist and storyteller as he shares intimate details of his battles with drug addiction, homophobia, and a medical establishment that accepted his work only decades after the fact.

This film is not rated and contains adult language and themes. The runtime is 1 hour and 51 minutes.

Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please register by visiting <https://go.iu.edu/2brl>.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/nV8BLHwBvTQXpMR/>

OLIVER SACKS: HIS OWN LIFE FILM SCREENING AND Q&A DISCUSSION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024
11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Spencer Pride commUnity center
17 E. Franklin Street, Spencer, IN 47460



events.iu.edu/rural

New Spencer Pride program: Math Builders

Free weekly* math tutoring now available!

Math BUILDERS
Mathematics Tutoring for Grades 6 - 12
A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

*Consult our schedule at www.SpencerPride.org/math for details on our sessions. Tutoring takes place almost every Saturday. Sessions last from 10-11 AM and take place at the commUnity center (17 E. Franklin Street).

Math Builders has arrived! That's right, our weekly math tutoring for 6-12 grade students launches on December 14! There is a serious need for this in our community and Spencer Pride is pleased to be able to offer it for free. No advance registration is required.

We invite you to share this opportunity with other parents and students who may be interested. Thanks.

Contact
Andrew@SpencerPride.org for more information.

SATURDAYS AT 10 AM

Math BUILDERS
Mathematics Tutoring for Grades 6 - 12
A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

Upcoming sessions:
December 14 & 21
January 11, 18, & 25
February 8, 15, & 22

No advance registration is required. This is a free program available to all students in grades 6-12. Just show up with your math book/homework and be ready to learn!

Are you struggling with math at school? Do you want to improve your math skills?

This free program is designed for you!

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[LEARN MORE](https://www.SpencerPride.org/math)

www.SpencerPride.org/math

December 21: Rainbow Birders at Hardwood Hills

Rainbow Birders! You won't want to miss our first ever year-end party on December 21! It starts after our birdwalk at Hardwood Hills and you can enter the raffle to win fabulous bird-themed prizes. Contact Wendy@SpencerPride.org for more information.

Come celebrate another special year of birding!




Birding & Holiday Party at Hardwood Hills

Free event
In-person only
Not wheelchair-accessible
Contact us for further accessibility information




Saturday, Dec 21

TO PARTICIPATE:

- Meet at Spencer Pride commUnity center at 9 AM to carpool/caravan.
- Individuals who wish to meet directly at the destination should head straight to 2565 Braysville Rd in Spencer and plan to arrive by 9:15 AM. Park near the house or anywhere along the driveway.
- For more information, contact Wendy@SpencerPride.org.


Hardwood Hills Checklist

- ✓ Binoculars
- ✓ Sturdy walking shoes or boots
- ✓ Your Rainbow Birders Card (if you have one - if not, we'll give you one!)

What should I expect at Hardwood Hills?

- ✓ Dirt trails with some inclines and unlevel terrain
- ✓ Restrooms available
- ✓ Hot chocolate, coffee, cider, tea, and cookies!
- ✓ A fabulous raffle with bird-themed items!



TCC Spencer donates to Rainbow Rehab



We are so incredibly excited to announce TCC Spencer's support of the renovation of our commUnity center.

TCC Spencer, an authorized Verizon dealer, opened in town in 2024 and began reaching out early on to build relationships with other local businesses and

nonprofits.

On Friday, November 22, Tris Abdulbari, Josh Begley, Eli White, and Dan LeBlanc stopped by our commUnity center to present our volunteers on staff, Jennifer Brown and Joy Hellman, with \$2,500 to support the upcoming overhaul of the first and second floors of the east side of our building.

Health & Wellness: Penn State Survey

Penn State's Physical Activity and Public Health Lab is conducting a survey to understand some of details about individual, social, communal, and environmental factors that influence physical activity, exercise, and sport participation among sexual and/or gender diverse (SGD) adults (i.e., lesbian, gay, transgender, etc.). We would like to use this information in the future to develop opportunities for promotion and advocacy of meeting physical activity guidelines in SGD populations. Below you will find a link to an online survey. The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and asks about your current physical activity levels and why you choose to be active. Please note that if you like, repost, or comment on this post, you may be publicly associated with this project, regardless of whether or not you choose to participate. If you are interested in participating and/or have any questions about the survey or project, please email Keegan Peterson (PI) at kvp5394psu.edu.

Follow this link to the Survey:

https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7PW4Rr3yo1rJPyS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Lets Talk Physical Activity among LGBTQ+ Adults

Scan the QR code to participate!
<https://tinyurl.com/2s3mb3a3>

ELIGIBILITY:
18+ | LGBTQ+ | ABLE TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE | READ/WRITE ENGLISH

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL KEEGAN PETERSON (PI) AT [KVP5394@PSU.EDU](mailto:kvp5394@psu.edu)

Lets Talk Physical Activity among LGBTQ+ Adults

Penn State's Physical Activity and Public Health Lab is looking for participants to complete a 10-15 minute survey to better understand physical activity among LGBTQ+ adults.

INTERESTED?

Scan the QR code or follow the link to complete the survey. Participants can enter to win one of twenty gift cards.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 18+
- Identify as LGBTQ+
- Able to participate in physical activity
- Read/write in English

QUESTIONS?
Email Keegan Peterson (PI) at kvp5394@psu.edu

Health & Wellness: Shine Survey



ARE YOU:

- A TRANSFEMININE PERSON
- LIVING WITH HIV
- IN A RELATIONSHIP

JOIN OUR STUDY AND
EARN UP TO \$140!

SCAN OR EMAIL TO
LEARN MORE:

PROJECTSHINE@UMICH.EDU



The Gender Diverse and Queer Clinic (GDQC) is an IU School of Medicine student-run clinic that provides free care to patients who are uninsured, underinsured, and/or do not qualify for Medicaid, Medicare, or other free medical programs, with a focus on safe and affirming primary care for LGBTQ+ patients. The GDQC operates in partnership between IU School of Medicine and IU Health **one Sunday per month at 1302 S. Rogers St. in Bloomington, Indiana, from 9am-1pm.** Services include preventative care, mental health services, sexually transmitted infection testing, patient education on vaccination, resources for patients experiencing housing crises and/or substance use, connections to gender-affirming community organizations, and referrals to Indianapolis-based gender services.

Patients can expect to be greeted by IU School of Medicine students and fill out introductory paperwork in the waiting room. They will then be welcomed to a private room to discuss goals of care and medical concerns with a few medical students. After this, the medical students will come back with a board-certified Family Medicine physician who will complete the visit and discuss treatment options. **Patients can expect to pay \$0 for their visit with the GDQC.** Because we don't have a formulary on site, we will help



Gender Diverse and Queer Clinic

a student-led effort to provide free healthcare to uninsured and underinsured members of the Bloomington community

Telephone: (812) 318-3823

Email: gdqc@iu.edu

Instagram: @GDQC_IUSM



Scan the QR code to see our clinic dates and schedule your appointment!

patients find low-cost prescriptions through GoodRx coupons should the physician recommend medications. (Some common blood pressure medications only cost \$2 for a 60-day supply with a GoodRx coupon.)

To schedule an appointment with the clinic or for any other inquiries, please call (812)-318-3823, email us at gdqc@iu.edu.

Coming 01/11/25: Raptors Reprise

Have you ever driven by a perched raptor and wondered what it was? This free presentation is for you!



It's a Bird! It's a Raptor! Now What?

AN EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION ON IDENTIFYING COMMON RAPTORS

- Free event
- In-person only
- Wheelchair - accessible
- Contact us for further accessibility information

Saturday 1/11, at 1 PM
at Spencer Pride commUnity center

Rainbow BIRDERS
A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

SPENCER PRIDE commUnity center

Coming 03/22/25: Reproductive Health Access in Our Times

During this 60-minute workshop, participants will receive tools and information regarding the current access landscape, specifically for abortion and birth control. This will be an organic, audience led discussion. We can be expansive and talk about gender affirming care, pregnancy care, and healthcare in general - but our presenter is cisgender, and not an expert on hormone therapy or many other aspects of gender affirming care. Our presenter has decades of experience in reproductive rights, health, and justice, and is an adaptive and engaging facilitator. Come as you are! Let's talk and learn together. Email Clay@SpencerPride.org with questions or to request Zoom information.



**Reproductive Health Access
in Our Times**

MARCH 22 @ 12PM
Spencer Pride Meeting Room

Presented by Meg Sasse Stern

SPENCER PRIDE Health & Wellness

The poster features a stylized illustration of a female reproductive system (uterus and ovaries) in shades of pink and red, surrounded by various flowers and green leaves. At the bottom right, there is a small silhouette of a person on a unicycle juggling several items.

Coming 05/10/25: The Roles of POA, Guardians, and Executors



**YOU WANT ME TO DO
WHAT? THE ROLES OF
POA, GUARDIANS, &
EXECUTORS.**

May 10th @ 11AM
Spencer Pride Meeting Room

SPENCER PRIDE
ESTABLISHED 2007
for the LGBTQ+ community & allies
Health & Wellness

Personal FINANCIAL SERVICES

How you can participate:  **In-Person & Online** Accessibility Info: **Wheelchair & Motorized Scooter-Friendly**

The poster includes a photograph of an elderly woman in a wheelchair being supported by two younger people. The background is a light-colored, slightly blurred image of a building.

You know you need to plan for your future when you aren't able to take care of yourself. But it's easy to push that off because it's hard to imagine what that means. Who do you trust to pay your bills when you can't? Who will make your health care decisions? Who will be your Trustee? Who will be in charge of your will? What if they aren't the same person? When do they get access? Have you ever wondered what happens when someone dies in possession of a vehicle that was never transferred to them? What about 200? Learn what you can do now to make things easy on those helping you and less costly. Reach out to Clay@SpencerPride.org with questions or to request the Zoom link.

Dungeons and Dragons - Youth Edition

Rainbow Rollers is looking for 6 (six) youth aged 12-16 who would be interested in a 10-week campaign. The campaign will begin Sunday, January 5, 2025 and end May 18, 2025. This campaign will take place at the commUnity center from 1:30-3:30pm.

If you know someone interested in this campaign, please contact Phillip@SpencerPride.org.



MONTHLY PROGRAMMING



A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

A group for lovers of books - including those "banned" for controversial content.
 Meets at 6:30 PM on the 4th Thursday (also virtually)
 Contact Julie@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group!



A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

A group for people who love birds and want to explore our natural world
 Meets for outings on the 3rd Saturday
 Contact Wendy@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group!



A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

A group for people who love dancing and want to learn it and do it whenever they can
 Meets at 6:15 PM on Thursdays
 Contact Jacob@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group!



A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

A spousal grief support group for members of the LGBTQ+ community & allies
 Meets at 5:30 PM on the 1st Wednesday
 Contact Judi@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group!



A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

A group for LGBTQ+ teens and allies (10-19) to connect, support each other, and have fun
 Meets at 5 PM on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday
 Contact Joy@SpencerPride.org for more info



A PROGRAM OF SPENCER PRIDE

An inclusive Dungeons & Dragons group
 Meets at 2 PM on the 1st & 3rd Sunday
 Contact Phillip@SpencerPride.org for more info
 Join our Facebook Group!

Follow us in Instagram!



All monthly programs are free to participate and require no advanced registration.

A social group for families with LGBTQ+ members
Meets regularly
Contact Ben@SpencerPride.org for more info
Join our Facebook Group!

A group for people who wish to live a more peaceful, joyful, and loving life
Meets at 4 PM on the last Sunday
Contact Karen@SpencerPride.org for more info

We also host routine health & wellness services and monthly educational programming, in addition to annual events like the Spencer Pride Festival. For more information, ask a Spencer Pride volunteer or contact us at info@SpencerPride.org



Did you know that the first penny press (a.k.a. a penny smashing machine) debuted at the Chicago's World Fair in 1893? Since that time these unique machines have popped up around the world and are highly sought by tourists and collectors alike. What does a penny smashing machine do? Well, it should come as no surprise that it smashes pennies. It does so while also imprinting a special design into the coin. Children of all ages love to crank the handle and feel the pressure build as the penny is compressed and imprinted.

Spencer Pride is proud to host Owen County's only penny smashing machine, which has arrived just in time for the eclipse! The Spencer Pride machine features 5 designs, each featuring a special place in Spencer. The penny smashing machine was sponsored in part by Babbs, the Historic Tivoli Theatre, McCormick's Creek State Park, and Sweet Owen Convention & Visitors Bureau. Each coin takes 4 quarters and one penny (just \$1.01 for an awesome souvenir!).

Come get the latest copy of [The Owen News](#) at the commUnity center!

We are open Wednesday through Sunday 10 am until 7 pm.

Support your brand new local news organization!



Did you know you could help support Spencer Pride while you are shopping?




COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE FOR Q3 2024

YOU CAN HELP!

1. Register your existing Kroger Plus card, or create a new digital card at: <https://www.kroger.com/signin>
2. Under your Kroger Profile > go to Community Rewards > Enroll:
3. Search **EU230** to find Spencer Pride.



30 households



\$69 donated

To learn more about linking your Kroger Rewards Card to Spencer Pride: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

ROUND UP WITH WALMART

If you shop Walmart online or use the mobile app, you can round up for Spencer Pride.

1. Go to www.walmart.com
2. Sign into your Walmart account
3. In your Account profile, go to the Manage Account section and go to Giving & impact
4. Select Local Charity (or Change Charity) and search for Spencer Pride, and finish confirming your charity.
5. In the next section, double-check the Round Up toggle is switched on.

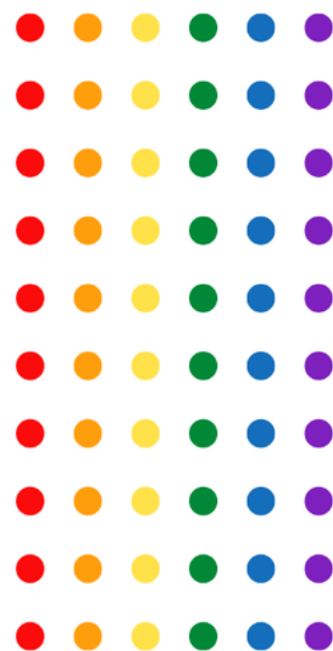
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We are incredibly thankful for our sustainers! These amazing supporters give at a regular interval to cover 50% of the commUnity center's monthly operation costs.

Our goal for 2024 is to grow our Sustainer program to cover 100% of our center's operating costs.

To become a Sustainer, reach out to our Fundraising Director, Elisabeth Solchik, or you can start the process on our website: <https://spencerpride.org/donate/>



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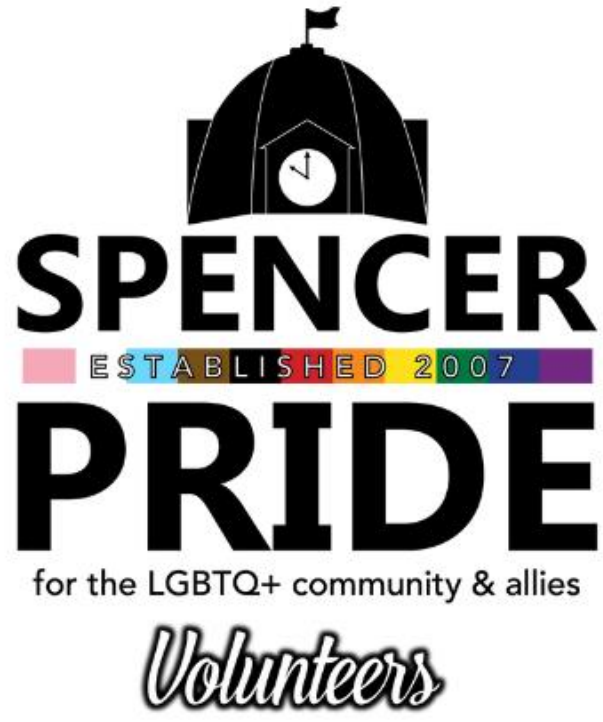
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Thank You

2024

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Open Shifts

Text or call Jacob
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or watch our Facebook
Volunteer group for
posts announcing
opportunities!



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SPENCER PRIDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

For more information
about our Board of
Directors, please scan
here:



our mission

At Spencer Pride, our mission is to improve the quality of life for rural LGBTQ+ people in South Central Indiana by:

- fostering allyship and understanding through education and advocacy,
- creating safe spaces that support both physical and mental well-being, and
- addressing social inequities that stem from the unique intersectionality of queer and rural identities



our vision

At Spencer Pride, our vision is to leverage our diversity and privilege in order to cultivate an inclusive community of compassion and celebration for rural LGBTQ+ people.



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

A commUnity center Sponsor provides much needed support to assist with our current programming as well as with our future building expansion and programming that supports the LGBTQ+ community.

If you or someone you know would like to be a Sponsor, click [here](#) for more details!

Thanks again for your support!

Our Contact Information

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