

MoPride

June 2023 Report ●●●●



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A little bit about



Founded in 2014, MoPride's mission is to serve, educate, and advocate on behalf of the thriving LGBTQIA+ community in our area.

In 2016, MoPride's Board of Directors opened the MoPride Center (formerly Central Valley Pride Center). They recognized the need for a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQIA+ community year round.

MoPride has been recognized by the California State Senate, US Congressman Josh Harder, and NAAPC of Modesto/Stanslaus for their community serve.



Direct Services



People's Pantry: MoPride is delighted to help connect those in need with food that may otherwise go to waste. Every Wednesday and Friday we have donated bread! Canned goods, fruits/veggies, and more are available as the community donates.

Marsha's Closet is Modesto's longest running free, no barrier clothing closet. All are welcomed to get what they need. Youth clothes, extended sizes, shoes, hygiene products, and more.
Open Wednesday - Saturday, 1 pm - 6 pm.

MoPride Mini Library provide free books for all ages and reading levels. Books have a range of representation for marginalized communities and supporting mental health.

Pride Hive is a collection of services and events that MoPride hosts for our LGBTQIA+ youths and families such as Teen Tuesday, Rainbow Prom, educational outreach, and stocking our mini library.

Community Advocacy services such as name / gender changes, educational protections, family & youth support, and safe space for LGBTQIA+ community members. Wednesday & Friday drop in 1 pm - 6 pm or as scheduled.

Cultural Competency Presentations brings awareness to a variety of topics by sharing best practices, real life experiences, and engaging data points to create important conversations and understanding.





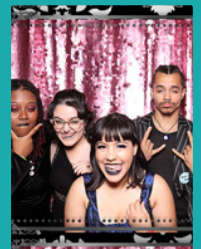
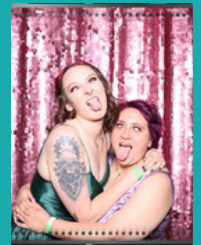
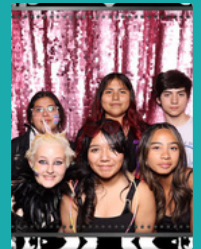
My Chemical Imbalance The Black Rainbow Prom

This year's Rainbow Prom may have been a bit goth but it was filled with laughter, new friends, and flawless performances. Health Plan of San Joaquin brought a professional photo booth which captured this unforgettable night.

Youths came from Stockton, Newman, Waterford, Turlock, and Modesto. Prom attire ranged from full ballgowns to goth chic to 90's grunge.

Performances from local artists Julian Moonlightt, Stardustt, and Magnique made the youths scream with glee. Kristy Moore of Black Sheep's Ink provided face painting of rainbows, bats, spiders, and much more.

Huge thanks to our amazing volunteers that made this possible and had so much fun.





June 10th we hosted our annual youth and family focused Pride Picnic at Graceada Park.

We had 45 vendors at the event ranging from Double Tree giving out free cookies to Paul Michelle hair extensions. The highlight of the event were our amazing LGBTQ+ small businesses, artists, and makers!

Make sure you do not miss MoPride in the Park, September 16th at Graceada Park.



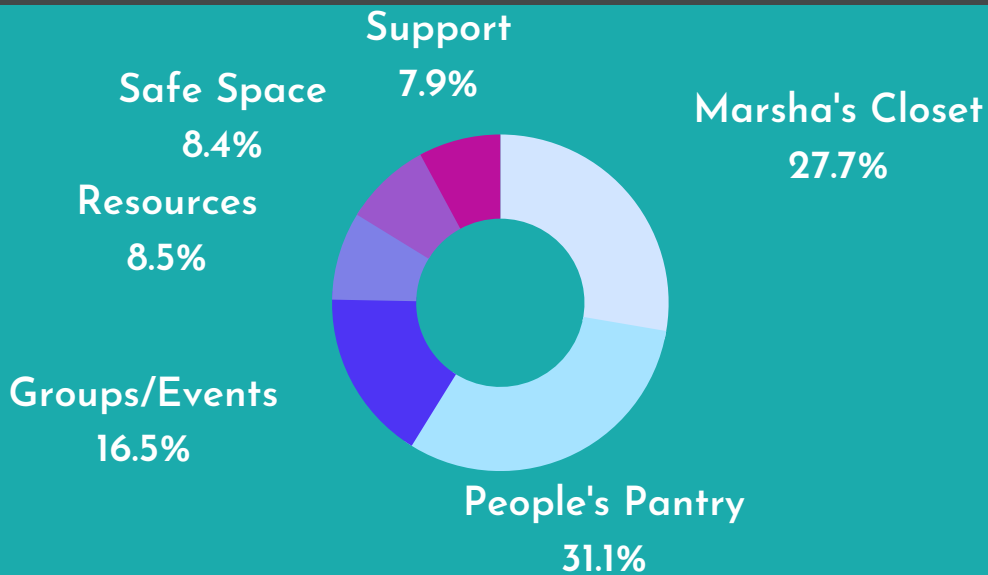
Pride Picnic



MoPride Impact



DIVE INTO THE DATA OF THOSE SERVED, SUPPORTED, AND CELEBRATED BY MOPRIDE DURING PRIDE MONTH.

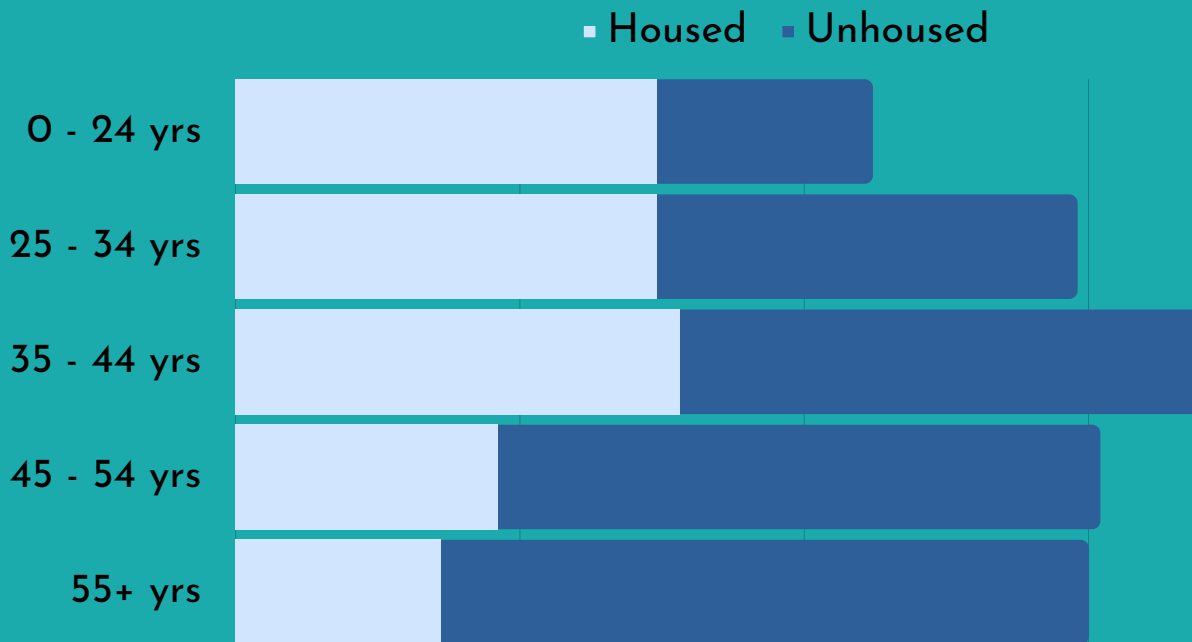


838 Individual Services Provided in June 2023



Services for the Unhoused

28% of LGBTQ+ folks report experiencing homelessness or housing instability at some point in their lives. The rates are even higher at the Black (36%) and Indigenous (44%) LGBTQ+ communities.



Partnerships

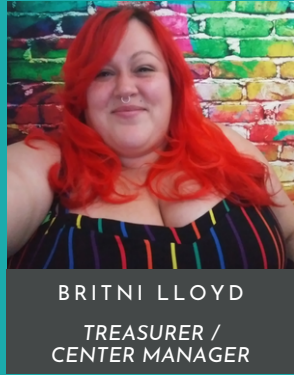
- Stanislaus County Public Library
 - Monthly book club and supporting our mini library.
- Pink Poochiez
 - Create safe/brave spaces for QTBIPOC in the Central Valley!
- The Black Sheep's Ink
 - Weekly Wednesday evening art classes.
- Central Valley PolyAml
 - Monthly polyamorous support and share circle.



MoPride proud to partner with local agencies and fellow non-profits to expand services to the LGBTQIA+ community.



Board & Team Members



MoPride President, Jonathan Grammatico is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a private practice as a sex, kink, non-monogamous/poly, sex-worker, queer & trans-affirming therapist while providing training regarding LGBTQ+ mental health to organizations in the Central Valley. While Jonathan and his partner enjoy their isolated home in rural Turlock, they make time to support the local drag scene and our LGBTQ+ small businesses.

MoPride Board of Director Vice President, June Sparrow has been serving on the MoPride Board of Directors since 2019. They co-founded a polyamorous peer support group in Modesto. Their professional path has led them to work with the Stanislaus County Public Library and Haven serving survivors of domestic violence.

MoPride Treasure & Center Manager, Britni Lloyd's first job was as a member of the Youth STD Prevention Team for the Stanislaus County AIDS Project. She later became the manager of the team after obtaining a Medical Assistant Certification. As manager she developed harm reduction presentations that were given at high schools, juvenile halls, drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers, and court mandated education classes. She continued her work by becoming a housing case manager working with Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS. Her passion to help those who have HIV/AIDS led her to becoming a caregiver and she spent five years as an end of life care giver for folks with AIDS before joining the MoPride team in 2018.

MoPride Community Organizer, Veronica Ambrose has her undergraduate degree in Adolescent Development and has spent decades working with families and education. She began volunteering for the Sacramento LGBT Community Center in 2016 and has been working in LGBTQ+ community ever since. In 2018 Veronica was elected to Pride Center Director on the MoPride Board which led to an expansion of services. She left the board in 2021 to focus on family and working to support homeless youths. We are glad to have her back in the office as Community Organizer. While Veronica's personal passion is dancing with her size inclusive dance family at Big Moves Bay Area, her professional passion is working in community to improve systems of support and empowering marginalized folks to be their own advocates.



MoPride Accepts Donations!

MoPride does not receive any funding from the city of Modesto. Our doors are kept open from community donations. There are many ways you can donate to keep our services going.

- Donate Clothes
- Donate Food
- Volunteer
- Scan the QR codes above to donate directly to the program of your choice.

MoPride In The Park

DON'T DRAG US DOWN

**September 16th
Noon - 7 pm**

Free Family Event

Entertainment

Vendor/Resources



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**Graceada Park,
Modesto, CA**