



2025 Impact Report

To our community

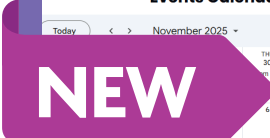
The year 2025 marked the 30th anniversary of the Prairie Pride Coalition. As a community we have accomplished much in the effort to establish Bloomington/Normal and McLean County as inclusive, safe, and equitable environments for LGBTQIA+ people. This document is a broad overview of the activities, projects, and events we coordinate. For more information on our ongoing work and plans for the future, please visit our website at PPC-IL.org.

-Dave Bentlin, Board President

Special Events

- Exhibit and Cabaret-The Harlem Renaissance: As Gay as it was Black
- Exhibit-National Memorial AIDS Quilt
- Author Nico Lang-American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era
- Illinois Youth Leadership Summit
- Annual Trans Resource Fair
- Annual LGBTQ Town Hall
- Annual Bloomington Normal Pridefest

Launched Community Events Calendar



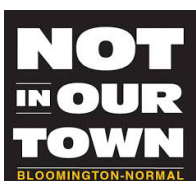
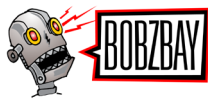
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	5	6	7 10pm Talent N 1pm Gaymers	8 10am WClub B		
9	10 5:30pm B/N P	11	12	13	14	15 1:30pm Sapph
16	17	18 6pm The Bath	19 8pm Transgen	20 5:30pm Rainbo	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 6pm Gender E

2.1k
volunteer
hours served

5 active
social
activities/
groups

- Expressions of Pride Art Classes
- Gaymers Night at Red Raccoon Games
- Over the Rainbow Queer Youth Group
- Rainbows of Steel Group
- True Colors Book Group

Collaborators



25+ events
tabled

"Prairie Pride Coalition has been an incredible help to Gender Euphoria especially with funding and allowing us to do events that would otherwise be impossible without them, like the gender affirming closet. Organizations like this keep small queer communities safe and alive."

- Lex Lowell,
Gender Euphoria

36 new businesses
and resources
added to the...



**Business &
Resource
Directory!**

Grants Received

- Equality Illinois
- Town of Normal Harmon Arts Grant
- Acorn Equality Fund
- For a Better Tomorrow

Prairie Pride Coalition is an
all volunteer organization.



2025 Financial Summary

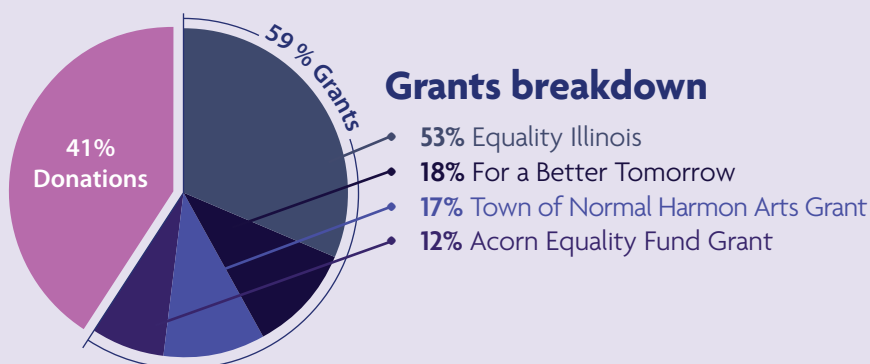
2025 Accomplishments

- Integrated Zeffy fundraising software that will serve as the organization's donor/donor prospect database. This software will also modernize and consolidate our databases to improve consistency and accuracy.
- Launched the \$30 for 30 Years fund drive to encourage donations in honor of Prairie Pride Coalition's 30th anniversary.
- Collaborated on Pride Month fundraisers with area businesses including Bobzby, Grove Street Bakery, Recreation Coffee, Buttercream and Bean, The Bistro, and Donny B's.

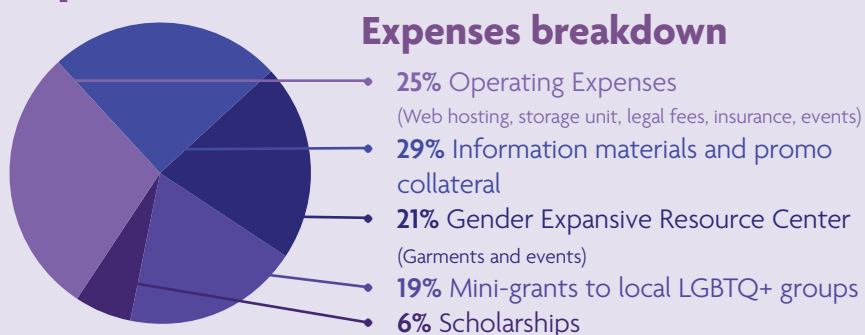
Goals

- Further develop a fully-executed fundraising plan that includes goals, a fundraising committee, an estate planning program, and an annual gift program.
- Activate a finance committee to assist the organization treasurer with responsibilities.
- Acquire Charity Navigator and Candid nonprofit transparency certifications/credentials.

Revenue



Expenses



Long-range plans

- Investigation of a larger space that would house an LGBTQ+ community center. This goal is consistent with 2015 and 2025 community needs assessment survey results that indicated strong need for this type of facility.
- Hiring of a person to help administer the day-to-day responsibilities and functions of the organization. This position would help us organize our ever-growing commitment to the local LGBTQ+ community.



Pride of the Prairie Scholarship Recipient

"Receiving the Pride of the Prairie Scholarship as a queer woman entering college had a meaningful impact on my transition to DePaul University. I used the award to help cover book materials and housing expenses, which contributed to my sense of safety and comfort on campus. Beyond the financial support, being recognized by a Pride-focused scholarship was deeply affirming and reinforced my sense of belonging within the LGBTQ+ community during a major life transition. I am grateful for the support, which allowed me to begin my college experience with greater security and confidence in both my education and my identity."

- Zoe Przybylski (she/her/hers)
University High School 2024
DePaul University 2027



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