

# explore



Kansas City is home to a very supportive LGBTQ community—thousands strong in the KC area. This reference guide is meant to highlight opportunities for LGBTQ individuals to find their community right here in KC. While not comprehensive, this guide should serve as a great starting point. We hope you feel at home here and encourage you to partake in these available resources, amenities and opportunities.

## FRIENDLY FACES/AMBASSADORS

These are a few locals who are friendly, accessible and ready to welcome you to Kansas City. Don't hesitate to reach out to them to become more familiar with the LGBTQ community in Kansas City and help you make new connections.



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## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### **AIDS SERVICE FOUNDATION**

The AIDS Service Foundation works to raise money and awareness through AIDS WALK Kansas City and the World AIDS Day Luncheon for organizations that provide shelter, medical care and emergency services for the more than 5,700 men, women and children in Kansas City affected by HIV/AIDS.

### **HEARTLAND GAY MEN'S CHOIR**

Heartland Men's Chorus provides excellence in performance while advancing men's choral music, building community, and reaching out to diverse audiences.

### **HEART OF AMERICA SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

Heart of America Softball League (HASL) is dedicated to the promotion of amateur softball for all adult persons regardless of race, creed, religion, sex or national origin, with emphasis on the education and participation of members of the LBGTQIA+ community.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN**

As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer civil rights organization, the Human Rights Campaign represents a force of more than 3 million members and supporters nationwide.

### **KC ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECT**

The Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (KCAVP) is a nonprofit corporation committed to providing domestic violence, sexual assault, and hate crimes advocacy and education to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

### **KC CENTER FOR INCLUSION**

The Kansas City Center for Inclusion, Inc. (KCCI) is Kansas City's LBGTQIA+ resource center and provides a safe, welcoming community space where LBGTQIA+ individuals, their families, friends, and straight allies can come for education, resources, and activities.

### **KC PASSAGES**

KC Passages offers LBGTQ+ youth in the greater Kansas City area a place to become strong, proud members of the community by providing a safe, hate-free space for individuals to express themselves.

### MIDWEST ALTERNATIVE FAMILY ALLIANCE (MAFA)

The Midwest Alternative Family Alliance provides support for LGBT parents and their children in Kansas City and beyond.

### PFLAG KC

PFLAG Kansas City offers help for LGBTQIA youth, their families, and communities around the topics of sexual orientation and gender identity.

### SOFFA KC

SOFFA (Significant Others, Family, Friends and Allies) of Transgender Persons is a support group for those close to someone who is or feels they may be transgender or transsexual.

### THE UNION KC

The Union, a midwest Transguy Coterie, is a support, social and resource group that caters to the FTM community.

## PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

### MID AMERICA GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Mid-America Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce's purpose is to create, identify and enhance business opportunities for LGBT and LGBT-friendly organizations, thereby fostering a more inclusive and vibrant economy in Mid-America.

### KC LEGAL

KC LEGAL is a nonprofit bar association committed to promoting and supporting the advancement of LGBTQ rights and uniting those within the Kansas City community who advocate for equality and justice.

## STAY CONNECTED

### CAMP MAGAZINE

### THE PHOENIX MAGAZINE

### THE PITCH

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN BATTLE OF THE BANDS	January 2018
BLOOM PARTY	April 21, 2018
AIDS WALK	April 28, 2018
PRIDEFEST	June 2018
QUEEN'S GARDEN PARTY FOR HOPE CARE CENTER	June 2018
OUT HERE NOW - LGBT FILM FESTIVAL	June 21 - 28, 2018
AIDS BICYCLE CRUISE	September 2018
WORLD AIDS DAY	December 1, 2018
BISTRO 303 TOILET PAPER DRIVE	December 2018

## NIGHTLIFE



- BISTRO 303
- MISSIE B'S
- UPTOWN ARTS BAR
- HAMBURGER MARY'S
- STREETSIDE
- BUDDY'S
- SIDEKICKS
- GRANDMA'S
- WOODY'S
- CAFE TRIO
- THE G SPOT

## FAITH AND CHURCHES

LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

KOL AMI

COUNTRY CLUB  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
(WALDO)

UNITY TEMPLE

VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
(BROOKSIDE)

RED BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

ST. THOMAS MOORE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
(REDBRIDGE)

ALL SOULS KANSAS CITY

HOPE KC CATHOLICS

## MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

HYDE PARK

PLAZA

MIDTOWN

WESTPORT

SOUTHMORELAND

WALDO

RIVER MARKET

BROOKSIDE

CROSSROADS

Information on this guide was sourced from survey responses of individuals in the KC region who self-identify with this community.