



Greetings,

The LGBT Community Center of Charlotte Board has been hard at work during the last few months attending both Black Pride and Charlotte Pride in which we had an awesome turn out at both booths. We would like to thank Your Custom Catering & Events for donating the booth space at Charlotte Pride and also Charlotte Segway Tours for the awesome segways we used in the Charlotte Pride Parade. The Center also hosted Time Out Youth's first Pride Youth Dance to kick off Charlotte Pride!!! The Board has continued to meet with members of the community and fellow organizations to assist in our endeavor to become the Center of today and tomorrow.

In our efforts to grow and utilize the center's space, the Board has voted to partner with CrossFit Surgo until January 1, 2015. This is a very unique relationship, and will assist the Center financially. We have met with the landlord and the owner of Crossfit over the past few weeks and have created a working relationship to meet our goals. As the Center reconstructs our mission, vision and goals, we have agreed that healthy living has a major impact on individuals, families, and our entire community. This partnership with Cross Fit opens the door to a desire for our community to promote a healthy lifestyle. We have also worked out special pricing with the gym and members of the Center. So, come out and join us September 1, 2015. I know I'll be there!

The Crossfit gym will pay the facility rent for the Center each month until January 1, 2015. As of January 1, 2015 the lease for the Center will not be renewed. The Center lease agreement was originally at \$3,500. We do not think it is within the best interest for the future of the Center to rent any space at that amount. During this period the Center will be searching for a new property that will meet the needs of our community and assist in developing the future Center. Just to clarify the relationship that has been established with the gym:

- The gym will have the main floor down stairs and the Center will operate with the 3 rooms on the upper level.
- The gym's management has agreed to remain closed on Sunday so that Unity Fellowship Church services are not affected.
- To ensure that there are not any conflicts in the gym classes and the noise level will not become an issue, we are asking that every organization that meets at the Center will adjust start times to 7:30 pm.

The board struggled with this decision and felt that this was the best option at this time to assist the Center get ahead and plan a better future. The gym will begin classes on Monday September 1, 2014. The Board is focused on improving relationships in the community and becoming the primary resource of information in our LGBT community and for those in the city of Charlotte that support us. The Center is currently seeking board members to join our hardworking team. The highest consideration will be given to those who apply for treasurer. Please visit the website for an application or stop by the Center. The Board will continue to strive to regain the trust in our community and build a better, stronger Center for everyone!

*Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. Remember, no effort that we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost.*

- *Helen Keller*

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