



# Fund Memo

News from the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi  
Fall/Winter 2025



The LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi develops and invests resources supporting a state where all LGBTQ Mississippians live safely, openly and without isolation, prejudice, and discrimination.

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*Dear Friends, Donors, and Grantees,*

As the leaves change and a new season arrives, we at the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi are grateful to reflect on the impactful work made possible by your generosity and partnership. This Fall/Winter, our community continues to grow stronger, braver, and more resilient thanks to your ongoing support. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and belief in a more inclusive Mississippi. Wishing you warmth and joy this season—and looking forward to all we will accomplish together in the new year!

With Gratitude,

LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi

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## NEWS & UPDATES

This year, we awarded over \$135,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations championing LGBTQ rights, health, and visibility across Mississippi. Your donations helped fund youth programs, healthcare initiatives, and education campaigns that are making a real difference in our communities.



Since our last newsletter, we are thrilled to co-host two wonderful House Parties, one in Madison and another in Hattiesburg. Our gracious hosts offered a welcoming space for guests to gather, learn more about our work, and connect with others who support the LGBTQ community. We enjoyed getting together and building momentum for a brighter, more inclusive Mississippi.



We want to extend heartfelt appreciation to our current recurring donors, whose steady generosity forms the backbone of our efforts. Your commitment not only sustains vital programming but also inspires others to invest in a brighter, more inclusive future for all Mississippians. Thank you for standing with us every step of the way. Stay tuned for the official launch of the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi Sustaining Donor Program!

# HIGHLIGHTS & SPOTLIGHTS

Across Mississippi, communities recently came together to observe Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) 2025, honoring the memory of transgender individuals lost to violence and raising awareness of the challenges faced by the trans community. Local organizations and advocates provided safe and inclusive spaces for reflection, solidarity, and education, emphasizing the importance of recognizing trans resilience and fostering allyship. We were honored to have the opportunity to sponsor and attend several TDOR events in November, including those hosted by TRANS Program and Awakening Love, both grantees of the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi.



Lemuria Bookstore recently partnered with the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi to host the release of Sim Butler's **And the Dragons Do Come: Raising a Transgender Kid in Rural America**, a poignant account of one family's experience of parenting and supporting a trans child in Alabama.



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**Year-End Giving and Tax Benefits:** As you consider your year-end giving, remember that donations to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations like the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi (The Community Foundation for Mississippi) and other important programs are typically tax-deductible. Charitable contributions made before December 31st may qualify for federal tax benefits; consult your tax advisor to ensure you maximize your deduction.



Mississippi is incentivizing philanthropy, encouraging charitable giving, and building on the strong tradition of neighbors helping neighbors in our state through the Endow Mississippi Tax Credit Program. This program provides a 25% tax credit to donors who give to permanent endowments at qualified community foundations. For every \$1,000 donated to a qualified endowment, you may be eligible for a \$250 state tax credit. This is a valuable opportunity to make a lasting impact while receiving meaningful financial benefits. Visit [Endow Mississippi](#) for more information.

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



We are honored to recognize Robin Morgan Financial (RMF), a dedicated supporter of the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi. RMF offers the following services: Investment Management, Retirement Strategies, Insurance and Annuity Products, Estate Conservation, Socially Responsible/Impact Investing, and Tax Management. “Our mission is to listen and provide value first and foremost. We are committed to help you identify and reach your goals in the fastest, most efficient way possible while increasing your understanding of what we are doing and why. Your success is my success!” Robin Morgan, owner of RMF, serves on the Advisory Board of the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi. In addition to serving on the Advisory Board, Robin has been a major donor to the Fund each year. Her dedication and monetary donations make it possible to provide grants and community event sponsorships to nonprofit organizations serving the LGBTQ community throughout Mississippi. We are deeply appreciative of the ongoing support and the positive change this helps us make possible in our community.

## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT



Awakening Love is a trans-led Community based organization providing holistic health services for trans, non-binary, and gender nonconforming people founded by Love Latonia. They help community members to overcome adversities with pathways to leadership development, education, housing, mental wellness, and job readiness training. Awakening Love recently opened a Transgender Drop-in Center in Jackson, MS. Its mission is to invest in improving the lives of Transgender & Gender Diverse communities, by creating a community space that provides resources to support health and wellness, personal empowerment, creativity, professional development, and a sense of belonging.

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## EVENTS & RESOURCES

**Upcoming Grantee Convening:** We are excited to announce plans for our inaugural Grantee Convening, scheduled for early 2026. This gathering will bring together grant recipients from across Mississippi to share insights, build connections, and collaborate on advancing our missions. The event will feature workshops, networking opportunities, and discussions on best practices for impact and sustainability. We look forward to strengthening our collective efforts and celebrating our achievements. Please stay tuned for more details.

**Share Your Upcoming Events:** We are eager to highlight more events happening across Mississippi that support LGBTQ inclusion, empowerment, and community building. If you are hosting an event, whether it's a workshop, celebration, fundraiser, or educational session, we invite you to share the details with us. To have your event considered for publication in future newsletters or on our website, please submit the event name, date, location, and a brief description to our team at [info@lgbtqfundms.org](mailto:info@lgbtqfundms.org). By sharing your event, you help connect community members and strengthen our collective impact statewide. We look forward to featuring your events and amplifying your efforts!

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