



Trans Stories and Expression Defy Backlash Against Trans Civil Rights and Justice

Special Event Amplifies Transgender Voices for International Transgender Day of Visibility

(New York, NY) – Listening to and learning from transgender stories and experiences is more essential than ever, as trans civil rights and justice are under attack by legislation across the country, federal executive orders, violence, discrimination, and disinformation. As we celebrate International Transgender Day of Visibility (March 31), New York Transgender Advocacy Group will host a special event with Amida Care on March 28, calling for trans visibility today and every day.

“By sharing our lived experiences, we counter harmful narratives and educate the public about the importance of trans rights, including access to life-saving gender-affirming care,” said Zyrie, TGNB Health and HIV Prevention Coordinator, Amida Care. “Amplifying trans voices helps dismantle the stigma and misinformation that fuel discrimination, and underscores the urgent need for policies that protect and affirm the rights of trans people everywhere.”

New York Transgender Advocacy Group, a trans-led organization that advocates for more inclusive gender-based policies, will be hosting ***Transcending Visibility: A Celebration of Trans Joy*** – a community forum offering powerful performances, engaging discussions and community resources – with support from Amida Care, a Medicaid health plan in New York City, experts in HIV, sexual health, and gender-affirming care. The community and media are invited to help disseminate the program’s stories.

“By sharing these stories, we create a space for empathy, understanding, and solidarity, helping to build a more inclusive society where the fight for trans civil rights and justice remains visible, urgent, and undeniable,” said Yanery Cruz, Director of Advocacy and Programs, New York Transgender Advocacy Group.

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What: ***Transcending Visibility: A Celebration of Trans Joy***

When: Friday, March 28, 2025, 5 pm – 7 pm

Where: LGBT Community Center, 208 W. 13th St., Room 301, New York, NY

The event is free, but registration is required at: <https://bit.ly/4i0TO6D>

About Amida Care:

Amida Care Inc. is a Medicaid not-for-profit health plan in New York City and expert in HIV, sexual health, and gender-affirming care. It specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with complex conditions, including HIV and behavioral health disorders, and people who are of transgender experience or who are homeless (regardless of HIV

status). Amida Care has a wide network of health care providers throughout New York City and is the largest Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP) in New York State. For more information, visit www.amidacareny.org.

About New York Transgender Advocacy Group

The New York Transgender Advocacy Group (NYTAG) is a trans-led organization with a mission to advocate for more inclusive gender-based policies that benefit transgender and gender non-conforming/non-binary (TGNCNB) individuals through building community leaders, educating practitioners, and influencing policy makers. To create an equitable society for TGNCNB people, NYTAG works with stakeholders around New York to train and empower the TGNCNB community to become active leaders in shaping the world around them. For more information, visit www.nytag.org.