

## Spencer Pride Needs You

The seeds for what has become Spencer Pride were started in this church during an LGBTQ Rural Organizing event. The work that we do aligns with the social justice mission of the church, and many church members continually support us.

Spencer Pride has the only LGBTQ+ commUnity center in south central Indiana, and residents of Bloomington and surrounding areas have been referred to the center. Over the past 12 years, Spencer Pride has grown to an organization serving at least 3,000 individuals directly, and the multi-county south central Indiana region in general, through education, outreach, and exposure. Once we established a physical location, the number of individuals seeking support skyrocketed.

The center provides a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community to seek assistance or community simply by walking in. This walk-in service is not available anywhere else in south central Indiana, as other organizations require knowledge of meeting times, schedules, and locations.

Construction of affordable, accessible apartments will allow Spencer Pride to become self-sustaining. There are few monetary resources in Spencer or Owen County. We're working very hard to ensure the sustainability of the organization and this donation would help ensure that goal.

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