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**SAGE's National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI) Baltimore Monthly Newsletter: Dec. 2023**

*SAGE's NHI is dedicated to providing information that helps LGBTQ+ elders and allies make informed decisions when it comes to housing. For LGBTQ+ older people, finding a place that's welcoming—where they can feel free to be themselves and be treated respectfully and compassionately—is a mainstay of our program.*

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**Welcome**

We are so thrilled to bring you our newsletter about SAGE's housing work in Baltimore. This monthly newsletter will provide information and updates about the project, as well as opportunities to get involved. Thank you for joining us on this journey!

Happy Winter from your friends at SAGE!

For our community, the holidays can be joyful, but they can also bring challenges as we navigate memories, relationships, and loneliness. As you prepare for the holidays this year, we hope that you can offer yourself a great deal of love and compassion for the difficulties this time of year can bring. We are sending you our love this holiday season! Check out the blog post linked below for helpful tips for engaging with biological family around the holiday season.

[READ BLOG POST HERE](#)

**World AIDS Day**

December 1st marked World AIDS Day, a global designation to commemorate and raise awareness of the lives affected by AIDS. The first World AIDS Day began in 1988 to raise awareness of the epidemic. This month, we all reflect on the lives that were lost in our community due to this epidemic. Our heart extends to those who experienced very personal losses to the virus. We also uplift the brave LGBTQ+ elders and community members who have spoken up against the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS. We thank those who paved the way for us to better support those living with HIV and/or AIDS today.

Unfortunately, there is a rise in legislation that would limit HIV funding across the country. You can participate in advocacy to stop these funding cuts by writing a letter to your congressperson at the link below. Please help us push back against these funding cuts that will severely limit accessibility to HIV related care across the country.

[STAND AGAINST HIV FUNDING CUTS](#)

## **We Need Your Input!**

In our last month's newsletter, we published a new location survey – asking for your feedback on which neighborhood would best fit an LGBTQ+ affirming, affordable housing development for LGBTQ+ older adults in Baltimore. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to fill out the survey linked below! We need your input to ensure that this building is located in an area that will best serve older LGBTQ+ adults in the city. We appreciate your time and input on these matters!

[TAKE OUR BRIEF SURVEY](#)

## **SAGE Baltimore Team Updates**

We wanted to let you all know that our dear colleague, Alex Kent, will be transitioning off of the SAGE Baltimore Housing project at the end of December. While we are sad to see Alex leave this work, we are excited for her next journey; she will be transitioning to focus on other projects at SAGE with our SAGECare training program. She will still be reachable at the email address below and looks forward to seeing some of you at local events in the future! Thank you, Alex, for all your hard work on this project!

## **National Resource Center on LGBTQ+ Aging**

Do you know about SAGE's National Resource Center on LGBTQ+ Aging? The National Resource Center is the first and only technical assistance resource repository focused on enhancing the lives of LGBTQ+ older adults. The National Resource Center offers a library of resources on LGBTQ+ aging issues, offers technical assistance to aging network providers on best practices to support LGBTQ+ older adults, and offers educational opportunities to any interested in the issues affecting LGBTQ+ elders.

Check out the National Resource Center's website here: <https://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/>

You can check out the National Resource Center's online resources specifically related to housing and long-term care for LGBTQ+ older adults at the link below. These resources are fabulous for anyone interested in housing and long-term care needs, opportunities, and access for LGBTQ+ older adults.

[ACCESS HOUSING RESOURCES HERE](#)

We wish you well this December, and we look forward to all that is to come in the New Year! Please reach out if you have any questions about this work! We will be back in the New Year!

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