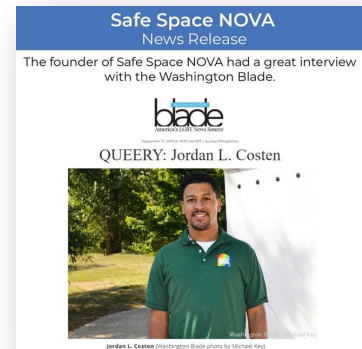




FY 2019 Annual Report



Safe Space NOVA is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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A Message from the Executive Director



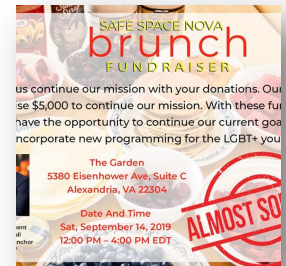
On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and our volunteers, I am proud to share Safe Space NOVA's Annual Report highlighting our work and achievements this past year.

What a year! As the founder and Executive Director of Safe Space NOVA, I am tremendously proud of the work we were able to accomplish this year.

2019 was an outstanding year for the organization; we expanded our local strategic partnerships and kicked off youth social activities with the Northern Virginia Mediation Services, Kids Fashion Week DMV, and the Good Sweat cycling shop. We kicked both our social and print media presence into

high gear through an array of positive messaging and on-air interviews promoting awareness of our efforts across NOVA. For its work in the community, Safe Space NOVA was recognized by the Alexandria-Arlington Gay and Lesbian Association by winning the Equality Award; In September 2019, we were commended by the Virginia General Assembly for our work in the Commonwealth.

Safe Space NOVA hosted its first ever fall brunch fundraiser and gave away \$1,000 in college scholarships to LGBTQ+ youth to support their education. In December, board members Richard Bell and Jeremy Jones hosted a holiday fundraiser and raised over \$2,500 to help fund the organizations operations. We are very grateful for their continued support and leadership.



For our LGBTQ+ and ally youth that we work with, the world is constantly changing and the struggles for safety are real. As an organization, we commit to being urgent and responsive in addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ youth, particularly the voices that are often silenced or unheard.

Thank you for your support of Safe Space NOVA!

Sincerely

Jordan L. Costen

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Executive Director & Founder

In 2019 we...

Made the News

In preparation for our first fall brunch fundraiser, Safe Space NOVA made the rounds at local news outlets to get the word out about the event. The fall brunch fundraiser was an amazing success and we were able to give away \$1,000 in college scholarships to LGBTQ+ youth across the country. The event was hosted by WUSA 9 anchor Lorenzo Hall.



Expanded our Social Media Presence

By using a variety of positive imaging, messaging, and content, we kicked into high gear our connection to youth and organizations online to foster a community of encouragement and networking



Launched Safe Space NOVA Sweater Campaign!

Safe Space NOVA launched an aggressive social media campaign to reach more in the community by releasing a brand of sweaters. Go to our www.safespacenova.org now to get your very own!



BEGINNING OF THE YEAR SALE

Original price \$55.00

10% OFF FOR THE
MONTH OF JANUARY



Upped Our Game on Youth Activities

Safe Space NOVA hosted a record amount of activities in 2019, bringing together youth ambassadors from across NOVA to network, share stories and just have a good time.

Queer Christmas Cheer
"Santa!!!! I know himmm!!"
Ring in the holidays with Safe Space NOVA as we make gingerbread houses and ornaments! Join old friends and make new ones while decorating with and eating candy, listening to music, and making ornaments.

Date: Sunday, December 15th, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
RSVP: Jordan@safespacenova.org
Location: TBD
RVSP before 11/25/2019

SAFE SPACE NOVA
presents
TopGolf Day

COME FOR A FUN AFTERNOON
MUST RSVP FOR ENTRY
USE EVENTBRITE LINK

ALEXANDRIA, VA
MAY 25, 2019
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Your Support Matters!

Safe Space NOVA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY CASH BASIS

January - December 2019

	TOTAL
Revenue	
Donation	16,796.51
Amazon Smile	5.71
Total Donation	16,802.22
Total Revenue	\$16,802.22
GROSS PROFIT	\$16,802.22
Expenditures	
Advertising & Marketing Expenses	2,829.39
Bank Service Charges	267.00
Business Meeting Meals	99.90
Event & Conference Fees	1,916.20
Event Supplies	3,320.11
Legal & Professional Fees	
Accounting & Tax Prep Fees	1,700.00
Legal Fees	299.00

Safe Space NOVA Co-sponsored a host of community outreach events such as:

- Love Simon Movie Social with the Northern Virginia Mediation Services
- Pride Cycling Run with Good Sweat in Arlington Virginia
- Pride on the Patio with Equality Loudon
- Portside in Old Town Summer Festival with Visit Alexandria

Our Community Partners!



2019 Board of Directors



Jordan L. Costen
Founder and
Chairman of the
Board



**Charles A. Sumpter,
Jr.**
Board Member



**Jerome D. Hunt,
PhD.**
Vice Chairman



Jeremy Jones
Board Member



Pam Jamieson
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Board Member,
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Richard Bell, Esq.
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Operations Team

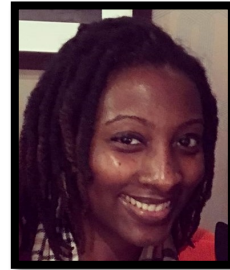
If you are interested in volunteering with our team or would like to partner with us, send an email to info@safespacenova.org. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you!



Jordan L. Costen
Executive Director



Yariana Rodriguez
Operations Coordinator



Courtney Eiland
Website & Social Media Coordinator



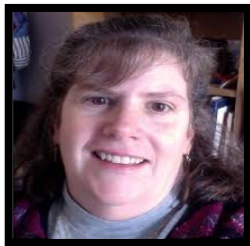
Jamal Gordon
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