



FY2020 Annual Report



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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, which highlights our work and achievements over the past year.

As the Founder and Executive Director of Safe Space NOVA I am very appreciative of the work we have been able to accomplish, especially in such a turbulent time. As you know, the United States and the world at large were exposed to the CoronaVirus, which quickly became a pandemic and caused concern about transmission rates from human contact. The impact of the pandemic is still present today. To ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers, and youth, Safe Space NOVA halted all in-person events within the first quarter of the year.

To assure youth that Safe Space NOVA would remain a beacon of light that they could turn to, monthly virtual meetings were established and they remained in place for the remainder of FY 2020. Some of the activities offered during the virtual sessions included virtual bingo, a virtual escape room and a virtual drag makeup tutorial to name a few. We also expanded our local partnerships with organizations such as the Casa BruMar Foundation and were recognized by Reston Pride with the Best LGBTQI+ Community Organization/Nonprofit Award.

From a fundraising standpoint we continued to receive donations from individuals and companies in the community including the Kearney & Company and Manumission Tours. Lastly, we continued our advocacy efforts by participating in Town Hall events in both Fairfax and Loudoun County, sat on panels discussing the state of mental health for LGBTQ+ Youth in Northern Virginia and met with the Virginia Governor's Director of LGBTQ+ Outreach.



For our LGBTQ+ and allied youth that we work with, the world is constantly changing and the struggles for safety are real. As an organization, we commit to being engaged 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

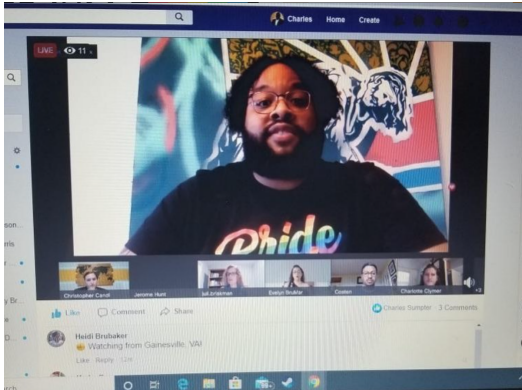
Jordan L. Costen-Sumpter

Executive Director & Founder

In 2020 We...

Went Virtual

Despite the unique challenges we all faced in 2020, Safe Space NOVA was able to create educational, fun, and exciting virtual programs. From Bingo and Kahoot, to virtual drag makeup tutorials, and Netflix parties, we were able to continue our mission of creating a safe and supportive space for young LGBTQ+ people.



Expanded our Social Media Presence

This year we started a few different social media projects in order to engage more frequently with our community. During the first part of the year, we ran a social media quiz where participants had to answer quiz questions based off of things we had posted on Instagram. Their prize was a swag package that included a Safe Space NOVA sweatshirt, wristbands, and more. Additionally, this year we hosted #TellYourStoryTuesday, which gave a space for community members to talk about their coming out experience and experience being LGBTQ+.



Built New Connections

We were honored to be able to build new partnerships in the DMV area this year. Working with Casa BruMar Foundation and their Virtual Fundraiser in September was a great opportunity to connect with our community members. We also partnered with places such as the Torpedo Factory to host a Queer Valentines Event and we participated in Kids Fashion Week DMV in August.

Attended Community Events to Spread the Word

This year we were honored to be invited to events to promote the mission of Safe Space NoVa and spread awareness about mental health in the LGBTQ+ community. We attended gatherings such as the Fairfax County School board meeting, the LGBTQ+ town hall with Equality Loudoun, and even spoke on the "How Come They Didn't Teach Me That in School?" Podcast. We are grateful for the opportunity to discuss mental health challenges amongst LGBT youth and provide local organizations and government structures the tools to help those in our community.



Your Support Matters!

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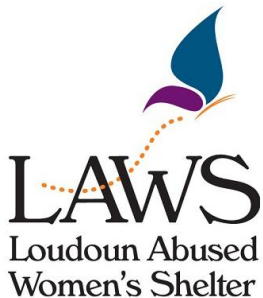
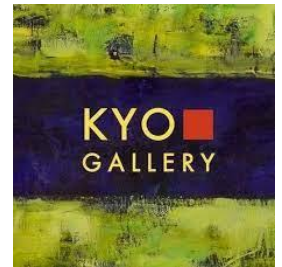
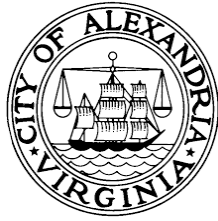
Statement of Activity

January - December 2020

	Total
REVENUE	
Donation	9,680.85
Amazon Smile	31.35
Total Donation	9,712.20
Total Revenue	9,712.20
GROSS PROFIT	
9,712.20	
EXPENDITURES	
Advertising & Marketing Expenses	617.38
Bank Service Charges	120.00
Gifts & Flowers	279.75
Insurance - Liability	1,468.00
Legal & Professional Fees	
Accounting & Tax Prep Fees	985.00
Legal Fees	1,141.95
Other Professional Services	40.17
Total Legal & Professional Fees	2,167.12
Meals and Entertainment	11.42
Office Expenses & Software	6,077.97
PayPal Fees	36.27
Postage & Delivery	168.23
Rent Expense	1,104.00
Sponsorship of Event	412.20
Total Expenditures	12,462.34
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-2,750.14
NET REVENUE	\$ -2,750.14



Our Community Partners



2020 Board of Directors



Charles A. Costen-Sumpter
Chairman of the Board



Jordan L. Costen-Sumpter
Founder and Board Member



Jerome R. Hunt, PhD
Vice Chairman



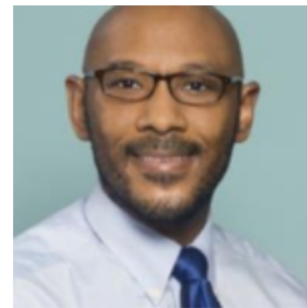
Richard A. Bell, Esq., CPA
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Board Member



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Board Member

Operations Team

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

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