

SAFE SPACE NOVA NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS



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Spring into action with Safe Space NOVA!

We are excited to participate in this year's Spring2ACTion campaign, and **we need your help to reach our goal of \$10,000!**

Spring2ACTion officially takes place on April 27, but you don't have to wait to give--early giving is currently underway! [Visit our fundraising page and be one of the first to give!](#) All giving will end at 11:59PM on April 27. Your donation of any amount will help support LGBTQ+ youth in the Northern Virginia area through programs, crisis services, education, and advocacy.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to our organization as we continue to work to provide a safe, accepting, and supportive environment to combat social stigmas, bullying, and other challenges faced by LGBTQ+ youth.



Spring2ACTion

Alexandria's Giving Day
Presented by ACT for Alexandria

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Message from the Executive Director

JORDAN
COSTEN-SUMPTER, MSW

Hello All,

I am happy to report that spring is here and that the COVID-19 transmission rates are starting to decline. That leaves our staff feeling more encouraged for upcoming programming. Speaking of programming, we kicked off the series called You + Me = We: Queer Sex Ed on April 2nd. The initial turnout was great. Our team is looking forward to seeing attendance increase as we move into the virtual portion of the series, which will make it more accessible to more youth throughout Virginia. We are also continuing our LGBTQIA+ Youth Social Support Group. It is held every two weeks virtually on Sundays with the next session on April 10th from 8:00 to 9:30 pm.

LGBTQIA+ Social Activities are also moving forward with the introduction of Once Upon a Prom. It is an inclusive prom that will be held on June 14th at the St. James. More details will be shared about the prom on April 14th via our social media and website. Lastly, we have a program called Ask the Therapist, which provides a space for LGBTQIA+ youth to chat with a therapist via a virtual room where they can remain anonymous. The next scheduled date for this program is pending but will be posted on our website and social media by April 22nd.

When it comes to fundraising the Safe Space NOVA Team is preparing for what is generally one of our most successful efforts, Spring2ACTion. It will be held on April 27th. We hope to reach our goal of \$10,000.00 to help with the prom and other activities that we have planned.

As I always say, none of this would be possible without our wonderful staff, volunteers, and supporters like you. Thank you for believing in the work of Safe Space NOVA.

Thank you,
Jordan L. Costen-Sumpter
Founding Executive Director



"You + Me = We: Queer Sex Ed" Healthy Relationship Program

Session	Date/Time	Location
Session 1	Saturday, April 2 10:30 am to 12:00 pm ET	Arlington
Session 2	Saturday, April 9 10:30 am to 12:00 pm ET	Virtual
Session 3	Saturday, April 16 10:30 am to 12:00 pm ET	Virtual
Session 4	Saturday, April 23 10:30 am to 12:00 pm ET	Arlington



Follow our new student-run Instagram account @safespacetohang to stay up-to-date with upcoming events!