

YES, I support the goals of

The Avenue Community Centre
for Gender and Sexual Diversity

**Please sign me up as a
member. ***

\$10 for individual membership
\$25 for professional membership
\$50 for organization membership

Name: _____

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Enclosed is my tax deductible donation
of:

\$20 \$30 \$40
\$50 \$75 \$100
Other _____

Please contact me to let me know how I can become
involved in building a healthy community devoid of
heterosexism and homophobia.

* All memberships are subject to the approval of the Board of
Directors.

Return to:

The Avenue Community Centre
for Gender and Sexual Diversity
#201 - 320 21st Street West

Saskatoon Saskatchewan S7M 4E6
Registered Charity # BN 13558 5487 RR0001
Receipts issued for donations of \$10 or more.

Who is The Avenue Community Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity For?

The Avenue Community Centre provides services to all
people dealing with homophobia and heterosexism
issues.

Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered
and questioning people regardless of where they
are in their personal journey. Our programs
reflect the belief that we can all heal and reach our
potential if provided with support, information
and caring.

Many non-gay people access The Avenue
Community Centre services to gain accurate
information about gays and lesbians or to find ways
to support someone they love. Our initiatives have
succeeded in part due to contributions from the
non-gay community. Some contribute to our
organization by being on a referral list as gay
positive professionals. Others volunteer in
program delivery or make regular financial
contributions.

People of all ages. We have many initiatives that
focus on gay and lesbian youth. However, most of
our programs, groups and social events are geared
towards people of all ages and life experiences.

People who need a safe space. We provide a
supportive, non-judgmental place for people in the
lgbtt community regardless of their race, religion,
color, creed, place of origin, family status, marital
status, nationality, disability, ancestry, sex, age,
sexual orientation, gender identity or receipt of
public assistance.

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**...Building
a healthy
community
for all.**



good health - a basic right

The Avenue Community Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity is a non-profit agency in Saskatoon working to address health and social issues in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender & two spirit (glbtt) community. We believe that health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease. Good health is a basic human right and the attainment of the highest possible level of health for glbtt people requires action at all levels of society. We have the right and responsibility to participate individually and collectively in the planning and implementation of our health care. Society has the responsibility to support glbtt people in that implementation.

living with homophobia

Homophobia & heterosexism are two of the leading health issues in our community today. Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender & two spirit people experience substance abuse problems, suicide and mental illness at rates three times those of the general population. Problems with depression, low self-esteem and isolation are also common in our community.

These problems are a direct result of homophobia and the lack of support systems that enable glbtt people to obtain support for who they are. It is still difficult for queer people to find professionals, or other support systems, that enable them to develop positive self-esteem. *The Avenue Community Centre* is dedicated to creating safe environments where queer people can obtain support and information that will enable them to realize their potential.

Many of our families and friends suffer because of homophobia and misinformation. Families often feel isolation because of difficulties in locating knowledgeable and non-homophobic support. Homophobia affects everyone in society.

educating the community

The Avenue Community Centre is working to educate students & professionals working in many different settings, including health care, social services, and other helping professions, about how we can build partnerships & better meet the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community.

The Avenue Community Centre staff members are available to provide training and support for agencies and professionals. This training can be done through inservices, educational seminars and one-day workshops.

The Avenue Community Centre is working to educate the community, and the education system on ways to address homophobia in the educational system and develop activities to educate educators on how homophobia affects glbtt students and staff. Part of this work involves establishing GSA's (Gay Straight Alliance) in high schools.

*Together we
will build a
community of
acceptance,
understanding
and love!*

building a healthy community

Peer Support & Info line

A place where people can call to confidentially discuss issues of being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or two spirit and to obtain information on services, organizations and activities in the glbtt community.

resource library & drop-in centre

A safe environment where glbtt people can meet, browse through the library, have a coffee and receive support for who they are. Meeting space is available for groups providing support in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender & two spirit community.

groups, programs & Activities

The Avenue Community Centre operates a variety of groups and activities to meet the needs of the community. These include OPY (Out & Proud Youth), Women's Nite Out, Queer Mirror and social/recreational programming.

The Avenue Community Centre also provides ongoing support and expertise to groups like Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG), Circle of Choice AA Group, Lambda North and the Gay & Lesbian Teachers Group. Information about all groups and activities can be obtained by calling *The Avenue Community Centre*.

out in saskatchewan

The Avenue Community Centre has developed programs and services in an effort to network with glbtt people in smaller cities and rural areas to assist them in developing support groups that meet their needs. We are also working throughout the province to educate professionals and agencies about providing quality services to our community.