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## SisTers PGH celebrates 13 years of servicing Trans and nonbinary BIPOC in SWPA

(Pittsburgh) – SisTers PGH released the following statement today celebrating the organization's 13th year of service:

Every June, not only do we here at SisTers PGH get to celebrate Pride Month, but we also get to celebrate our organization's birthday. We use this time to reflect on how far we've come and how much more work there is to be done, and it remains our great honor to do that work on behalf of Trans and nonbinary BIPOC (Black Indigeneous People of Color) within southwestern Pennsylvania.

Since 2010—when our Executive Director Ciora Thomas founded SisTers as a adolescent homeless sex worker, drug addict, sexual assualt survivior and victim of many failed cistems—we have serviced more than 500 LGBTQ+ people and spent more than \$500,000 on housing support, one of our community's most pressing needs. We've built and maintained partnerships with organizations both locally, including health centers and unions, as well as globally, including Refugee Trans Initiative in Kenya. We've organized a reimagined People's Pride, now an annual tradition held each summer, with a focus on grassroots artists and activism.

In part, we've been able to do all of this because of support from people like you, the donations you make and sponsorships you set up with us. We want to thank everyone who has uplifted our work.

We hope you help us continue to grow and expand our reach in the challenges ahead, and we hope you remain to celebrate our future wins.

Donate to SisTers PGH: Checks can be mailed to:

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SisTers PGH is a BLACK- and TRANS-led nonprofit organization that serves Trans and nonbinary BIPOC (Black Indigeneous People of Color) within southwestern Pennsylvania.