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SisTers PGH marks Transgender Day of Visibility

(Pittsburgh) — We are living in a time when the cis-tem, particularly in America, is doing everything it can to erase trans people from society. Its proponents see us succeeding, being recognized as our authentic selves, and they are desperate to stop that because it threatens their comfortable position in power. They pass bills that aim to cast us out to the margins and spread misinformation to fuel hate.

It is up to individual activists and organizations like ours to advocate loudly and publicly for trans rights and show up unapologetically in every space. SisTers PGH plans to continue doing just this and being the only trans-led organization running at our capacity in the region.

We plan to continue telling our stories, from local media to national outlets like The Daily Show. We plan to continue hiring the best staff to care for our vulnerable community and having conversations with governmental bodies like Swissvale City Council and the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs. We plan to continue building programs like Grow to Succeed and Project T to foster trans well-being and provide safe transitional housing, and creating spaces for queer and trans youth to thrive.

And, of course, we plan to continue producing the biggest, baddest, and brightest Pride festival centered around Black, trans, and nonbinary people. Because it has never been more important to embrace who we are and make unabashed joy part of the process.

It has never been more important to rise.

SisTers PGH is a Black- and trans-led 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves trans and nonbinary people of color within Southwestern Pennsylvania. Learn more at www.sisterspah.org.