SAGE
Advocacy & Services for LGBTQ+ Elders

We refuse to be invisible®
SAGE’s Mission

- Founded in 1978, SAGE is the world’s oldest and largest organization dedicated to improving the lives of LGBTQ+ older people.

- SAGE’s mission is to lead in addressing issues related to LGBTQ+ aging. In partnership with its constituents and allies, SAGE works to achieve a high quality of life for LGBTQ+ older adults, supports and advocates for their rights, fosters a greater understanding of aging in all communities, and promotes positive images of LGBTQ+ life in later years.

- We fulfill our mission through advocacy, direct services, education, training and technical assistance programs, locally, nationally and internationally.
National LGBTQ+ Elder Housing Initiative (NHI): Five Interlocking Strategies

- Building Housing
- Training Providers
- Changing Policy
- Educating Consumers
- Expanding Services
HISTORY IMPACTS
LGBTQ+ ELDERS TODAY

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HERE MAKING THE SITE OF GENE
COMPTON'S CAFETERIA WHERE A RIOT
TOOK PLACE ONE AUGUST NIGHT WHEN
TRANSGENDER WOMEN AND GAY MEN
STOOD UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND FOUGHT
AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE, POVERTY,
OPPRESSION AND DISCRIMINATION
IN THE TENDERLOIN.
WE, THE "RANGLER, GAY, LESBIAN AND
BISEXUAL CO-" KNOW, ARE DEDICATING
THIS PLAQUE TO THESE HEROES OF
OUR CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

DEDICATED JUNE 22, 2006.
Homes should be our havens – shelters safe enough to be ourselves as LGBTQ+ people. Especially as we age.

CHALLENGES

- Economic Insecurity
- Housing Discrimination
- Lack of Legal Protections
- Racial and Gender Disparities
What is LGBTQ+ Affirming Elder Housing?

- Housing that provides a welcoming environment of community, peers, and allies, often including voluntary culturally competent services for LGBTQ+ elders.
SAGE’s Role in Developing LGBTQ+ Affirming Elder Housing

Stonewall House & Crotona Pride House
New York City
Cultural Competency

- Protocols and procedures
- Understanding of unique needs
- Opportunities to break isolation
- Onboarding and culture building
Practical Tools:
Affirming intake forms, community agreements, signage and programming

Box II.1. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Questions on Agency Forms and in RHYSWS

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<td>What is your sexual orientation and/or gender identity?</td>
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<td>☐ Heterosexual (straight)  ☐ Homosexual (gay or lesbian)  ☐ Bisexual  ☐ Transgender  ☐ Gender confused</td>
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<th>Agency C: Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Intake Forms</th>
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<td><strong>Gender</strong></td>
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Marsha P. Johnson artist: Micah Bazant
Thank you!

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Walton House opened in the Summer of 2018 and is located in the Fordham Heights section of the Bronx. Walton House is the newest of Jericho’s 7 Supportive Housing Programs*

We serve:

- 33 – Young Adults: 15/15 Young Adult Supportive Housing
  - Funded by the Department of Health & Mental Health
  - Referrals are from HRA – CAP System
- 56 – Veterans: HUDVASH
  - Referred by the VA (BX/Manhattan)

Programming:

- Art Therapy
- Horticultural Therapy
- Zen Hour
- Bingo
- Independent Living Skills