

Tapestry advocates Alex, Carla and Alicia
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Peace for Rainbow Families

When societal oppression is NOT the context for social justice, regarding domestic violence/intimate partner violence, the result is harm by service providers, first responders, faith communities, schools, social services and the justice and social systems as a whole.

LGBTQ+ people have higher rates of abuse and violence in their relationships, and are the least likely group to have resources and options for leaving and gaining safety.

Because many of the rainbow community have abusive families of origin or are without supportive families within a society that is unsafe, options to access mainstream services often result in additional abuse from service providers and even domestic violence advocates for more than 60 percent of those seeking services.

Now available is California's first state-certified domestic violence agency, TAPESTRY. Its mission is to bring comprehensive, relevant and sensitive programs for the underserved and marginalized LGBTQ, black, brown and undocumented victims/survivors loving and living with intimate partner violence (IPV) in the greater context of societal oppression in the Sacramento region.

TAPESTRY is a culturally specific program of A Community for Peace (ACFP). Staffed by and for the diverse LGBTQ+ community, ACFP advocates understand the complex trauma and barriers that contribute to the patterns of abuse and violence in our homes.

Born from ACFP's Executive Director Elaine Whitefeather's personal experiences of IPV in her own lesbian relationship, she discovered that there were no "safe" people or resources accurately addressing the internal AND external safety issues with dominant culture, which contributed to the challenges of leaving.

community," said Jacquie Marroquin, director of programs at the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence. "A Community For Peace has embraced the ideals of Beloved Community by providing culturally responsive support services, thereby enhancing well-being and safety through equity."

ACFP is hosting a benefit for TAPESTRY, "Love Transcends," at the Grand Opening of Transcendent Boutique and Artisan Gallery, June 22, 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and available online at acomunityforpeace.org. Transcendent caters to a Gender Diverse community offering gently used clothing, shoes and accessories with FREE custom clothing, wig and makeup consultations. Artisan handcrafted self-care products and one-of-a-kind items are available for beauty, balance and well-being; and TAPESTRY Drum Project for LGBTQ youth will be making, buying and/or distributing "Your Life is Sacred" drums to all our youth in our region.

ACFP is also recruiting the right volunteer advocate to join our team as we open the first LGBTQ & Trans-specific Safe Refuge, 24-hour crisis access and on-site advocacy and support at Transcendent Boutique. The next Domestic Violence Advocate Academy and Community Education Training starts on July 29. We are looking for a diverse representation of people in the rainbow who want to serve and invest in the health and wellbeing of our community. To learn more, please contact Laura Clegg at laura@acomunityforpeace.org.

This retail business is a social renewal project of a Foundation for Peaceful Communities, a 501c3, whose mission supports the free and unlimited services of A Community for Peace's all LGBTQ-staffed TAPESTRY and Safe Refuge Program.



"Transcendent Boutique and Artisan Gallery and TAPESTRY Services is the result of deep listening to LGBTQ, black and brown survivors in the Sacramento



TRANSCENDENT BOUTIQUE AND ART GALLERY

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