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2022 was a big year for A Queer Endeavor, and because of you we were able to connect with communities, support educators, and build new partnerships with youth. The work we did this year, and the relationships we developed, have us setting even bigger goals for next year. You can read about where we've been and where we are going in our [2022 Impact Report](#).

As we continue to combat violence and attacks on our community, we hold both grief and healing side by side. And, this year, we asked ourselves these important questions: *What would it look like to engage in the struggle for collective liberation without ignoring our pain or the attacks on our communities, but by centering love and joy? What might be possible with this new mindset? In working to answer these questions, we hit the ground running.*

In order to keep this powerful momentum going, we need your help.

Historically, our work has supported educators and school communities. While we continue to prioritize adults in school spaces, this year we manifested [D.I.R.T. \(Doing Intersectional Research Together\)](#) – a project that aims to support youth beyond survival. Through participatory research, we co-create spaces of joy, community, family, and interpersonal healing. This year's pilot program consisted of students from Denver Public Schools; in the future, our plan is to invite students from across Colorado to learn together in community.

[Your gift will allow us to expand our work](#), especially as it relates to our D.I.R.T programming, in the following ways:

1. Extend our reach to LGBTQ+ youth across Colorado
2. Develop our programming to increase time spent with youth, including summer programming
3. Co-create resources and tools for educators
4. Support youth through research to develop actions plans for their unique school contexts

AQE thrives because of the relationships we've built; our community is so full of heart. Your gift helps us deepen those relationships and further develop that community so that we build a world that embraces queer and

trans joy in their truest form. Thank you for sharing this journey with us.

Make a Gift to A Queer Endeavor

With deep gratitude and appreciation,
Bethy, Sara, and Brittni Laura
A Queer Endeavor

“The research and lived experience [AQE] provided gave me the language and understanding to support all my students. As a middle school educator... it was crucial that I be versed in, and prepared to discuss, issues impacting the LGBTQ+ community... It is not an exaggeration to state that LGBTQ+ students having support in schools is literally a life and death issue. Bethy & Sara understood the demands of classroom teachers and provided us with... moves we could consider in order to show up for all our students and create a community where students felt safe and ready to learn.”—Meghan McCracken (she/her/hers), itinerant teacher coach of culturally & linguistically diverse education at Boulder Valley School District



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