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Image taken at Deloitte volunteer event earlier this year.

WHAT'S NEW AT TREVOR



Pride Season 2014: Show your Support!

This season The Trevor Project is excited to be joining cities nationwide to celebrate diversity, love, and acceptance! Show your support by helping us spread our life-saving mission to communities all over the country. If you're located near our Pride cities, we hope you consider getting involved. Plus, the first 50 volunteers to sign up in each city will receive a free Trevor Pride t-shirt!

We're also a proud partner of Johnson & Johnson's Care With Pride campaign. Look for their special coupons – available at Trevor's table in select Pride cities and online – and redeem them to benefit The Trevor Project, PFLAG, and the Family Equality Council. **You can learn more about their campaign at carewithpride.org.**

Wondering if we'll be at your Pride? See where Trevor will be by visiting TheTrevorProject.org/Pride. Here, you can also sign-up to volunteer and help raise awareness of The Trevor Project, nationwide.

Logo TV's 1st Annual Trailblazers



We are proud to be the inaugural community partner for Logo TV's new LGBTQ Pride Month event, "Trailblazers." This one-hour special airing at 9pm on June 26th will honor pioneers in the quest for LGBTQ civil rights who are leading the way to equality for our nation and future generations.

Trevor Youth Innovators, Cason Crane and Adam White, as well as several members of Trevor's Youth Advisory Council will be honored as Youth Trailblazers, making appearances in the show and online. Plus, we'll debut a brand new public service announcement created by YouTube stars, Matthew Lush, Nick Laws, Ryan James Yezak, Davey Wavey, Miles Jai, Kingsley, and Will and RJ.

With celebrities, politicians, activists, and trendsetters who are transforming our cultural landscape, and musical performances from some of today's biggest artists, "Trailblazers" will be a very special event, and Trevor is honored to be part of it! **T**

Serving LGBTQ Youth for 16 Years

By Abbe Land, Executive Director and CEO of The Trevor Project



On August 8th, it will have been 16 years since The Trevor Project answered its first phone call from a young person in crisis. That inaugural night, the Trevor Lifeline took more than 1,200 calls, and showed the country how urgent our newly created resource truly was. Much has changed since Trevor began in 1998; and yet, some things have not. LGBTQ young people still

need support, hope, and encouragement – and that’s why we’re here.

Suicide is still the 2nd leading cause of death among youth, ages 10-24. Our phones and computers continue to light up with calls, chats, and texts from LGBTQ youth who truly have nowhere else to turn. Many parents, classmates and friends are still sending a message of non-acceptance, telling them they should not be who they are.

Thankfully, you – our volunteers, donors, and supporters – have helped us grow to continue meeting their needs.

In 2007, when research illustrated the dire situations many LGBTQ students faced at school, we expanded our programs to provide workshops, trainings, and resources to educators and students, nationwide. And now, in 2014, we have adapted some of our education programs to digital formats so they are even more readily available. We are proud that four of our online and interactive trainings, including the Trevor Lifeguard Workshop, are listed in the SPRC/AFSP Best Practices Registry for Suicide Prevention. We also recently created a roadmap for school district leaders to make implementing suicide prevention policies easy and accessible.

When our youth began gravitating toward the digital world in 2008, we launched TrevorSpace, a social network where LGBTQ youth and their friends could build lasting connections in a safe, secure environment. In 2010 we introduced TrevorChat – the first suicide prevention and crisis intervention instant message service specifically serving LGBTQ youth. Now we are working to expand

TrevorText, a text-based service that is currently in its pilot phase.

When it became clear that some protections for youth could not be gained without changing laws and policies, we began to advocate for the rights and wellbeing of LGBTQ youth. Over the years, we have helped pass inclusive, enumerated anti-bullying laws, increased funding for youth mental healthcare, and helped transgender students stay safe at school. In just the past, year, we have worked to ban the practice of “conversion therapy” in several states; convinced the Department of Education to clarify that Title IX protects transgender students, too; and successfully encouraged the CDC to collect data about sexual orientation, to better understand the health risks faced by youth.

None of these innovations and expansions would be possible without your support, and for that, we sincerely thank you. By giving to The Trevor Project, you ensure that we can have staff and volunteers who provide invaluable resources that reach more youth than ever before. It’s not just about growing our services; it’s about supporting the people who make it happen.

That’s why, as we approach our 16th anniversary of service, we ask for your help to honor the LGBTQ youth whose lives we have touched and those who still need our help by giving to a campaign we are calling, “Trevor’s Sweet 16.” From June 26 - August 8, you can share messages of support for LGBTQ youth on social media, and encourage

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friends and neighbors to do the same, while also funding a cause that each year reaches thousands of LGBTQ youth in crisis. Then, on August 8th, our 16th anniversary of operation,

we invite you to celebrate Trevor’s Sweet 16 online, or host a Sweet 16 event in your community, and share your support for LGBTQ youth.

Our Sweet 16 wish is for a day when The Trevor Project is no longer needed – when every LGBTQ young person can imagine a bright future free from discrimination, harassment and hate. But, until that day, we need your help to ensure Trevor will always be here for LGBTQ youth in crisis, 24/7, on the phone, online, in communities and at our nation’s Capital. Thank you for standing by us on this journey to meet the unique needs of the youth we serve, and to ensure each one of them is inspired to find their future.

Trevor and unite4:good Come Together

unite4:good

The Trevor Project and unite4:good are starting a partnership to bring the message of understanding, compassion, and impact to people nationwide. Founded in 2013 by Anthony Melikhov, unite4:good has become a global movement to trigger lasting change through empowering action, creating new programs, and uniting individuals and organizations.

Leslie Morrison Faerstein Ed.D., LCSW, consultant to unite4:good focusing on developing long-term partnerships with the Founding Affiliates, spoke to us about what our new relationship has in store.

What inspired unite4:good to support The Trevor Project?

unite4:good supports nonprofits that are making a significant impact through compassion and inclusion. We identified six areas of social good, as well as organizations that had proven sustainability and success. Each organization we chose to support also needed to demonstrate accountability and governance through its financial and organizational audits. The Trevor Project's mission of ending suicide among LGBTQ youth through different modalities met this criteria, and is a perfect fit with our mission.

We are inspired by the great work that has already been accomplished by The Trevor Project through its existing

services to both LGBTQ youth and to the community at large. That's why we are proud to give Trevor a grant to specifically support their volunteer and community outreach services.

This grant will allow Trevor to expand its volunteer base in new communities around the country so they can assist the staff with counseling, administration, ambassadorships, workshops and the youth advisory council. A perfect match with unite4:good's mission!

How does this new relationship support unite4:good's mission and vision?

Through education and outreach, The Trevor Project increases awareness of the issues facing LGBTQ youth while encouraging understanding and compassion. With all the important work that The Trevor Project has accomplished and will continue to accomplish, we know that our missions are intrinsically aligned.

What do you hope people will take away from the partnership between Trevor and unite4:good?

In partnering with The Trevor Project, unite4:good is committed to supporting its mission of bringing additional awareness to the issues facing LGBTQ youth. unite4:good targets those who are not active in social good as well as those who volunteer as a way of life. We want to work together to increase volunteerism at Trevor through leveraging unite4:good's platform and community. This partnership will expand The Trevor Project's reach through increased support from new stakeholders, and we're excited for this opportunity to bring awareness of unite4:good to The Trevor Project's community! [T](#)



Tyler Oakley Celebrates Trevor

For the second year in a row, YouTube celebrity and Trevor Youth Innovator Award honoree Tyler Oakley chose to use his birthday to make a difference in the lives of LGBTQ youth.

Through his incredible online presence, Tyler hoped to raise \$150,000. In the following months, fans and supporters from all over the country

chipped in, quickly surpassing Tyler's initial goal and bringing the final gross total to \$525,704!

"We are so grateful that Tyler chose to celebrate his birthday by raising awareness for The Trevor Project. The difference he's making will impact thousands of LGBTQ youth, and will help brighten so many futures. To the people who contributed to Tyler's birthday campaign, The Trevor Project offers a huge 'Thank you!' - with your support, we can do so much," said Ron Silverman, Vice-President of Development at The Trevor Project.

Tyler shared why giving to Trevor was so important to him this year:

"Every day I hear from young people all around the world who are going through their own challenging moments in life. Although I try to offer my advice and support to as many as I can, having The Trevor Project to refer them to is life-saving. Their trained staff and volunteers are able to provide help and support in ways the average person can't. Whether making videos about it on my channel, being an intern for the organization in 2009, or hosting their annual benefit's red carpet, it has always been important for me to include The Trevor Project in my work. It's necessary for me to use my birthday to help young LGBTQ people across the nation strive to celebrate many more birthdays - it's as simple as that."

Thank you again Tyler, for your incredible support! [T](#)



Donor Spotlight: Brittany Larson

"Being a teenager will always be hard, but seizing the opportunity to help them feel less isolated and alone is an easy step we can all take." - BRITTANY LARSON, FRIEND OF TREVOR

Brittany Larson, a straight ally living in Washington D.C., has been a Friend of Trevor since 2011. Read on to see what inspires her to give!

What motivated you to get involved with Trevor? I have a very close family member who came out in her late teens, and despite the best efforts of those of us who love her, she struggled. When I learned about Trevor, my first thought was, "Wow, I wish I'd known about this when..." My next thought was, "How can I help someone else with something I wish I'd done a better job with myself?" My husband and I currently only donate to one other organization besides Trevor: a small nonprofit called Lalmba that provides services to refugees and rural villagers in East Africa. Trevor and Lalmba are very different, but are both so close to our hearts.

Is there a particular Trevor program strikes a personal cord with you? I actually love the idea of the Trevor Lifeline; we live in a world filled with text messages and emails and IMs and tweets, but the value of a real, person-to-person conversation

can't be replaced. It's important to hear someone's voice crack when they're upset or their laughter when things are looking up, and to have a place like The Trevor Project that offers both for young people is really amazing to me.

What would like to say about LGBTQ youth or The Trevor Project? Now, those of us who made it through our teenage years only to come out stronger have an opportunity to help those behind us. In a world where young people are trying to find their way in both the physical world and the digital one, while struggling with everything from their sexuality or gender identity to threats of violence in school, every single resource is invaluable. When you support Trevor, every dollar, every volunteer, every response to an online letter or phone call might represent one less LGBTQ young person who takes their own life. **T**

Friends of Trevor is the annual membership group of Trevor's major supporters giving \$500 or more. To learn more, visit tvr.org/FriendsofTrevor.

TrevorLIVE New York is Here!

On June 16th, TrevorLIVE New York will take the stage in the heart of the theatre district at the Marriott Marquis and presented by Wells Fargo.



Hosted by five-time Emmy Award-winning comedian and bestselling author, Wanda Sykes, and directed by the incomparable Adam Shankman - who is making his TrevorLIVE NY debut - this incredible event is sure to be our biggest east coast show yet!

YouTube phenomenon, Tyler Oakley, will receive the Trevor Youth Innovator Award, presented by Wells Fargo, for

his work to promote acceptance for LGBTQ youth and to spread awareness of suicide prevention. Our Trevor 20/20 Visionary Award will be accepted by Marty Chavez, CIO of Goldman Sachs for the company's philanthropic work on behalf of the LGBT community.

Guests and supporters can get a sneak peek at our silent auction items through ClickBid. Then, no matter where you are in the U.S., on June 16th you can bid on our unique items alongside TrevorLIVE guests.

We hope you will join us for this entertaining evening. Your attendance will help support The Trevor Project's resources and programs, which reach over 100,000 youth every year. **T**

Tickets may be purchased at
TheTrevorProject.org/TrevorLIVENY

Ashby Dodge, LCSW - Crisis Services Director

Ashby Dodge, our Crisis Services Director, shares how she came to The Trevor Project, what inspires her, and what she's excited to help Trevor accomplish in the coming years.



As Crisis Services Director, what is your role at Trevor? I am responsible for overseeing the operations of the Trevor Lifeline and its call centers around the country. I also manage our Crisis Services Managers, Lifeline Coordinators, the Lifeline volunteer counselor process (evaluation, training, on-going education) and the Ask Trevor program. I am an on-call clinician for The Trevor Project as well as a supervisor

for graduate social work interns throughout the academic year.

Tell us about how yourself - What makes you a great fit for Trevor's program team? I think I bring great experience, passion, energy, humor, leadership, diplomacy and ambition to The Trevor Project - a willingness to listen and to learn. I think these qualities (among many others) are necessary to do meaningful work at this organization.

What drew you to The Trevor Project? From the moment I joined my friend Jason Mraz at TrevorLIVE in 2010, I was moved to see what I could do for The Trevor Project. TREVOR had always been one of my favorite short films; the main character reminded me of my youngest brother. Throughout the whole film I just wanted to reach out and tell Trevor how beautiful he was. As each one of the speakers at TrevorLIVE gave their testimonies that year, describing what The Trevor Project had done for them, I knew this was a team of talented professionals and dedicated workers that I wanted to be a part of. I was so thankful Jason had invited me, to better understand this organization that he was so interested in supporting.

As a clinical social worker with a background in working for non-profit organizations and reaching out to and working with LGBTQ youth, I really wanted to explore my passion and desire to work at The Trevor Project. Three years later, my dream became a reality and I became the Senior Crisis Services Manager in charge of the Lifeline. Now, I have grown to become a Crisis Services Director.

What are the top things you hope to help Trevor accomplish? I hope to help Trevor perfect their crisis services, increase morale, understand leadership, and work with the utmost integrity possible; instilling joy, understanding and inspiration amongst each of their associates. That's my goal...this year. ;)

What or who is your greatest inspiration? I gain inspiration every day from people who wake up with a smile on their face and love in their heart - then give of themselves to help others. I gain inspiration from folks who challenge themselves to make the hard choice to do the right thing; to live and work with dignity and integrity. Some authors I love that inspire me are: Charlotte Kasl, PhD, "If the Buddha Got Stuck"; Brene Brown, PhD, LMSW, "The Gifts of Imperfection". Both amazing books and ones I highly recommend! **T**



Trevor Discusses Family Acceptance

On May 29, The Trevor Project hosted a briefing on Capitol Hill, sponsored by Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and in partnership with the Family Acceptance Project. This policy briefing highlighted the critical issue of suicide among LGBTQ youth and the important role of family acceptance in preventing tragedy.

Among the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth is the practice known as “conversion therapy.” Too often, families turn to this dangerous and discredited therapy because of its promise that a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity can be changed. For young people who are forced to participate in “conversion therapy,” the treatment is often seen as a form of rejection by their family, which can lead to negative consequences including depression, anxiety, drug use, and suicidality. Through government advocacy, however, The Trevor Project is working to protect youth from these harmful practices.

Our Capitol Hill briefing helped draw attention to the continued need for our policy makers to get involved in LGBTQ youth suicide prevention by promoting family acceptance, protecting youth from dangerous conversion therapy, and uplifting the health of LGBTQ youth across the country.



Panelists included: Trevor’s Executive Director and CEO, Abbe Land, and Government Affairs Director, Alison Gill; Dr. Caitlin Ryan, Director of the Family Acceptance Project; Brian Altman, Legislative Director at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); and Charlie Kerr, Trevor Youth Advisory Council member. **T**

For more information about Trevor’s policy priorities, visit: [TheTrevorProject.org/Advocate](https://www.thetrevorproject.org/advocate)

Volunteer Spotlight



Tara

Tara joined The Trevor Project’s crisis services team in January, and already feels like she’s been with the group for years. “Tara’s care and concern for young people who need Trevor is fierce, her skills are incredibly strong, and she’s a natural at supporting our youth. We’re so glad she’s on our team!” said Brock Dumville, Crisis Services Manager at The Trevor Project and Tara’s supervisor.

When asked why she chose Trevor, Tara explained: “I was looking for a way to give back, and knowing the important work that Trevor is doing inspired me to sign up for a volunteer orientation. I knew it would be rewarding, but I never anticipated the depth of the impact it would have on my life.”

“It’s amazing that I only just began volunteering! Already, it’s one of the most enriching experiences I’ve had. I’ll admit, I was a bit intimidated at first, and am still nervous sometimes, but it’s a privilege to hear LGBTQ youth share their stories, bring me into their lives, and ask for help. And, beyond the gratifying experience of supporting these young people, I have found an extended family through Trevor’s staff, volunteers, and the organization itself!”

We are so excited to welcome Tara to the Trevor volunteer team, and encourage anyone with an interest in changing the lives of LGBTQ youth to sign up for a volunteer orientation. As Tara said, this experience doesn’t just help save young lives – it might even change your own, too. **T**

Visit [TheTrevorProject.org/pages/volunteer](https://www.thetrevorproject.org/pages/volunteer) to find an orientation that works for you!

Volunteer Spotlight



Shoko

Trevor volunteer, Shoko, has already spent over 80 hours supporting LGBTQ youth since becoming a TrevorChat counselor in 2013.

When asked about her experience as a volunteer, Shoko said, “What I love most about being a TrevorChat counselor is the sense of unity I feel with the people on my team. We acknowledge that there are infinite ways to be human, and we are committed to empowering those who need help finding pride in who they are.”

“The most rewarding part of volunteering with Trevor, for me, is knowing that I am directly making a difference in people’s lives,” explained Shoko, who volunteers from Louisiana. “It is rewarding for me to know that by starting a conversation with a chat visitor, I have created a safe space for them that they might not otherwise have. I’m honored to provide them emotional validation, encouragement, and resources through TrevorChat.”

“Shoko is a stellar volunteer because of how much she connects with each young person she chats with. Making a connection with each chat visitor isn’t as easy as it might sound because non-verbal cues – like facial expression, body language, and vocal tone – get lost in an online chat,” said her supervisor and Trevor’s Crisis Services Coordinator, Kevin Holt. **T**

Being a TrevorChat counselor is more than just a volunteer opportunity...

“Every moment you spend on TrevorChat, you’re giving youth hope, acceptance, and trust.”

“The youth we talk to make every tough moment worth it.”

“Don’t let anything stop you from potentially saving the lives of LGBTQ youth.”

“I can’t change the world, but with TrevorChat I can change at least one young person’s day.”

...it’s life-changing. Sign up for an online orientation today at TheTrevorProject.org/Volunteer

- Quotes from actual TrevorChat volunteers.



Meet Our New Youth Advisory Council!

The Trevor Project is proud to announce the new Youth Advisory Council for 2014! This inspirational group of young people represents a myriad of diverse accomplishments, stories, and aspirations.

In March, the council gathered at the Hotel Palomar Los Angeles-Westwood, a Kimpton Hotel, for their yearly conference. During intensive 3-day

training, they learned about Trevor’s life-saving, life-affirming work, built bonds with each other, and set goals for the year.

In the coming year, stay tuned for more YAC stories and accomplishments! We are honored to have such a motivating force of young leaders to help us inform our programs, resources, and life-saving goals. Welcome, YAC of 2014! **T**

Trevor also extends a huge thank you to Toyota Financial Services for sponsoring the conference; to Palomar Westwood, A Kimpton Hotel for hosting the meeting and housing each member; and to Orbitz for funding the flights for our new YAC group.

Travis Amiel from Westchester, NY
Marisol Cervantes, from Boise, ID
Tara Dugel, from Paradise Valley, AZ
Rachel Epperly, from Columbia, SC
Eli Erlick, from Willits, CA
Madelyn Gelpi, from Slidell, LA
Jeff Iles, from Saginaw, MI
Kegan Jones, from Marblehead, MA
Charlie Kerr, from Baltimore, MD
Luke Knudsen, from Dallas, TX
Hannah Kopach, from Elmhurst, IL
Detrick Manning, from Baltimore, MD
Ashley Mardell, from Minneapolis, MN
MaKayla Reed, from Belfast, ME
Anna Talajkowski, from Castro Valley, CA
Adam White, from Ashburn, VA
Tom Woerner, from Watertown, CT
Kimberly Yu, from Los Angeles, CA
Emma Zyriek, from Bel Air, MD

FROM THEIR VOICE

Small Town, Big Pride

By: Luke Knudsen



Imagine a place where your therapist and medical providers have no idea how to treat your unique needs; where your annual LGBTQ Pride parade consists of 20 locals and a rainbow flag, floating down a slow river; where there are no resources that speak directly to what you're going through. These unsettling situations became my reality when I moved from Dallas, Texas to attend college in rural Durango, Colorado.

Nestled in the Rockies with a teeny population of around 17,000 people, my new home was 5 hours away from the nearest big city, with the closest Target conveniently located in the next state over. So when I tell people I was isolated, I mean it - us Durango citizens were all by ourselves.

The size of Durango was thrown into even sharper relief when I started searching for an LGBTQ community to connect with. I was coming to terms with my gender identity, and my parents were far from accepting. So, I searched. Month after month went by, until I found out that my local LGBTQ community matched the Colorado town itself: tiny, tucked away, and quiet. Suddenly, my rural home became much, much smaller.

Sadly, my experience in Durango is not atypical for LGBTQ young people in rural areas. National organizations like HRC, PFLAG, or even The Trevor Project have yet to reach their schools, centers, and homes, and you may never know that you're looking into the eyes of someone who can relate to your struggle. With such limited access to accepting communities and affirming resources, it's no wonder that rural youth are at an increased risk for suicide.

In Colorado, the suicide rate has been climbing for the past decade, and now has one of the highest in the country. This problem won't go away on its own. It's up to me, my peers, our community leaders, and even you - as a Trevor supporter - to help bring life-affirming outreach to youth in communities like mine. This simple act of sharing information is amazingly important. Often times, it is the only positive affirmation that LGBTQ young people in rural areas have ever seen; and that is potentially life-saving.

It quickly became clear that I couldn't sit by while LGBTQ youth in my community struggled. While searching online for help, I discovered The Trevor Project, and enthusiastically applied to be on their Youth Advisory Council (YAC). I was

thrilled to get the opportunity to make a difference for the youth I'd found in my community. As a part of my new membership duties, I made a plan to host a community connection event to bring the few local resources I had uncovered to the community I had found. The event was a huge success, and soon my friends and neighbors discovered that they weren't alone; the local youth finally had the chance to see the services near them that could help them live happier, more fulfilled lives.

I'm so proud of the work I've done, and continue to do, through The Trevor Project. I'm now serving as co-chair of the YAC, and love knowing that the young people I speak to are gaining connections that they didn't have before. Still, we need your support to keep our momentum going. What I'm doing is only a part of what needs to be done - not just in Durango, but in rural areas around the nation.

There are so many ways you can help by getting involved with The Trevor Project. Volunteer from any state through TrevorChat or TrevorText, or in Los Angeles or New York on the Trevor Lifeline, to connect with youth who may have nowhere else to turn. Spread the word about Trevor's social media site, TrevorSpace.org, and encourage the young people in your lives to build lasting friendships from wherever they live. Join an Ambassador group, or bring some of Trevor's education resources to your school and help spread the word about Trevor's life-affirming tools for youth and adults. Give to Trevor and help them grow to reach more LGBTQ youth - like my friends in Durango, Colorado - so that no young person ever feels like they're alone in the world.

Please, visit TheTrevorProject.org today and find out how you can make a difference. Together, we can make every small town feel a little bit bigger by bringing Trevor to LGBTQ youth around the country. **T**

Help Students Thrive With New School Policy



We are often asked, “What can I do to make a difference in my school?” While Trevor’s school-based training for youth is a best practice for suicide prevention, we know that trainings and resources sometimes aren’t enough. In fact, many states do not require school districts require suicide prevention trainings for staff, educators, and students, nor do they offer resources to help prevent tragedy.

That is why we are so excited to share our new Model School District Policy on Suicide Prevention. This accessible model, which can be found on our website, is designed to help educators and school staff protect all students, and help prevent youth suicide. Unlike other resources that offer guidance for school officials, Trevor’s Model School District Policy is short and concise. At only 16 pages long, it’s packed with model language, inclusive commentary, best practices, and resources that will empower school districts to build comprehensive suicide prevention policies and pair it with resources and tools for all students.

Its unique design can complement existing state laws requiring suicide prevention training for school staff, or education for students; it can also be paired with current policies and programs that already support the emotional and behavioral wellbeing of young people.

The Model School District Policy on Suicide Prevention was created in collaboration with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the American School Counselor Association, and the National Association of School Psychologists. **T**

You can start creating a safer space for your young people by sharing this exciting new resource with your local schools, by visiting:
Trvr.org/ModelPolicy



Kimpton Shares Vision for New Trevor Partnership

Recently, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants came up with an idea to partner with Trevor to support our Ambassador program, and already, we are building great new connections. Barry Pollard, Senior Vice President of Hotel Operations at Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants shares his excitement about their new partnership with The Trevor Project.

How did Kimpton first get involved with The Trevor Project? As a company we’re always looking for ways to partner with like-minded organizations that align with our values. Last year a few of our employees who were active with The Trevor Project brought this wonderful organization to the attention of our senior leadership and we began a pilot program to ensure it was a strong brand fit on both sides. We donated event space for their key fundraising and program events and provided hotel rooms for the Trevor staff in 2013 to offset the cost of work travel. We’re very excited to expand our support this year and make an even bigger difference for the people Trevor helps.

What is it about The Trevor Project that resonates with Kimpton so strongly? I think what resonates so strongly for us and The Trevor Project is our values and how we treat people. We both believe in acceptance, diversity and inclusion as philosophies of life and business. Being truly accepted for who you are is at the core of any person’s ability to be happy and reach their full potential. That’s one of the great things about Kimpton – we want our employees to be themselves, and we embrace their differences. You can see that in the way we treat guests, too, as our employees provide unscripted service that comes from the heart. We strive to make peoples’ lives better through genuine, heartfelt care of our guests and employees, and we want to work with organizations that have this same approach. The Trevor Project literally saves lives every day. That we can be a part of that is really important and rewarding.

How do you hope to help the Trevor Ambassadors achieve their goals in the coming year? Our goal is to have active employees in each Trevor Ambassador city where Kimpton operates, and participate in fundraising events, awareness campaigns, volunteer opportunities, event support and social media support for The Trevor Project. We have a dedicated internal committee of people here, in addition to myself, who are developing the details of our partnership, as well as plans to leverage our existing KPRIDE employee group. We’ll also be activating local representatives around various Pride parades and festivals around the country – another way for our employees and Trevor to work together.

What do you hope people will take away from the partnership between Trevor and Kimpton? As a company we’ve been very involved in a lot of community organizations over the years and this partnership is another way we are giving back to those in need. As we both work toward a world where nobody faces hate or considers suicide, we hope that our partnership allows LGBT youth to live and thrive in an accepting, loving environment without bullying, harassment or discrimination. It’s our hope that with more awareness of this serious issue, more and more of our guests and employees will want to join the cause to make a difference in the lives of LGBT young people.

How do you see this partnership evolving in the future? The sky’s the limit! We’re looking at how we can work together to help The Trevor Project achieve its mission and are excited about what the future holds. As we learn and grow, I imagine we’ll become even more involved with Trevor, and we feel good about supporting them any way we can. **T**

Back to School Resources for Educators

Summer is already here, and it's time to start planning for the next school year! The Trevor Project offers innovative education tools that can help educators, school counselors, and other professionals working with youth spread awareness of suicide prevention to create safe and inclusive spaces that support the wellbeing of all students in their care.



TREVOR LIFEGUARD WORKSHOP: This one-hour, interactive DVD or in-person workshop will help youth in middle and high school identify the challenges facing LGBTQ youth, recognize the warning signs of suicide, and understand how to respond in a safe way. Listed in the SPRC/AFSP Best Practice Registry for Suicide Prevention, this resource can be ordered online at: trvr.org/Lifeguard

TRAINING FOR ADULTS: Would you like to learn more about LGBTQ youth and why they are at such a high risk for suicide? Take one of our adult trainings, in-person or online, and learn more about the unique challenges facing this group – as well as how you can help. Learn more about these trainings and how to register by visiting: Trvr.org/AdultEducation

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TREVOR RESOURCE KIT: Inside this free kit, you will find a curriculum guide full of empowering tips, activities, and information for adults who work with youth. Visit: Trvr.org/RequestMaterials. **T**

Donor Spotlight: Reggie Van Lee



Reggie and Trevor Executive Director & CEO, Abbe Land

A philanthropist, author, and leader, Reggie Van Lee has made a significant impact this year as a first-time Friends of Trevor donor. In March, Reggie hosted an elegant fundraising event at his home in Washington DC, where

like-minded leaders came together to support LGBTQ youth in crisis by contributing to The Trevor Project. With Reggie's help, Trevor raised more than \$70,000 at the event, which exceeded expectations. We were also proud to have over 50 new supporters that night, dozens of whom joined Friends of Trevor.

"I give to Trevor today because I believe that all young people – regardless of background or identity – deserve the chance to grow up and experience their dreams," said Reggie. "When we discover that so many youth are struggling because of who they are, it should be a wake-up call; especially when many of us can empathize with their pain, having experienced discrimination in our own lives.

I encourage others to learn about the life-changing work The Trevor Project does, and join their inspiring mission."

Reggie currently serves as Executive Vice President to Booz Allen Hamilton's Washington DC location, where he leads the firm's Global Commercial business. He has co-authored a number of articles on the topic of strategy implementation, been appointed to numerous boards and councils, and has helped numerous private and public organizations transform to better achieve their missions and growth. The Trevor Project is honored to have Reggie's support as a Friends of Trevor donor, and thankful for his commitment to helping our programs save young lives. **T**

To learn more about supporting The Trevor Project like Reggie, visit Trvr.org/FriendsofTrevor

To learn more about becoming a Friend of Trevor event host, contact:
JasonDaniel.Fair@TheTrevorProject.org

TrevorLIVE Honorees

At TrevorLIVE LA, presented by Audi of America and Wells Fargo at the Palladium in Los Angeles, Jane Lynch was honored with the Trevor Hero Award, while Mike Groff, President and Chief Executive Officer of Toyota Financial Services, accepted the Trevor 20/20 Visionary Award. Adam White accepted the Trevor Youth Innovator Award.



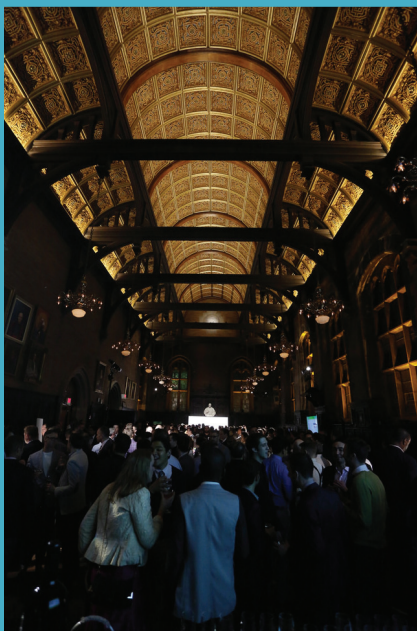
TrevorLIVE Showstoppers

Sia's performance of "Diamonds in the Sky" brought the crowd to their feet, and Adam Lambert set the mood with his powerful voice.



NextGen NY Spring Fling

On April 5 at The Highline Hotel in New York City, Trevor NextGen NY hosted an incredible Spring Fling event, with live music, a silent auction, and an exciting raffle.



Celebrating Valentine's Day

NextGen Los Angeles planned a Valentine's Day Soiree at Bugatta in Hollywood, CA, complete with white cabanas, candle light, and Sprinkles Cupcakes.



DC Ambassador: A Night Out for Trevor

Trevor's Washington D.C. Ambassadors hosted "A Night Out for Trevor" on May 16. Co-Chairs Nick Seaver (sixth from left) and Bo Billups (not pictured) helped coordinate this successful awareness fundraiser



Garden Party

Hosts Paul Colichman (first from right) & David Millbern (second from right) welcome guests to their home for Trevor's annual Garden Party in Los Angeles.



San Francisco Ambassadors Holiday Skate

The 3rd Annual Trevor Holiday Skate in San Francisco's beautiful Union Square was hosted by San Francisco Trevor Ambassadors, and sponsored by Safeway.



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