

18th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20, 2016



Baltimore, Maryland

<http://tdorbaltimore.weebly.com>

2016 Transgender Day of Remembrance Baltimore, Maryland Sponsorship Invitation

Become a Sponsor for as little as \$25.00!

November 4, 2016

Dear Ally:

On November 20, 2016, Maryland's transgender and allied communities will come together to observe Transgender Day of Remembrance in Baltimore. Two events are planned to celebrate the lives of transgender people and to memorialize those who have been taken from us by hate violence.

Sunday, November 20th will begin with the National Transgender March of Resilience. Led by trans* people of color and organized locally by the Baltimore Transgender Alliance, the National Transgender March of Resilience is in its second year. This peaceful protest is an appeal to justice and equality, which strives to lift the voices of trans* people, specifically trans women of color, in the face of daily discrimination and violence. Marchers will carry the pictures and names of transgender persons who have lost their lives to violence.

The annual TDOR candlelight vigil and memorial service will take place at the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, 12 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, in the Sanctuary. Doors open to the public at 6:00 pm, and the program begins at 6:30 pm.

More information about these events is available at the official Transgender Day of Remembrance web site at <http://tdorbaltimore.weebly.com> and the Baltimore Transgender Alliance Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/641175786061200/>

These events are made possible through a collaboration between the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, the Transgender Response Team, and the Baltimore Transgender Alliance.

This observance is open to the public and we hope to reach people from across the state of Maryland. Last year, over 125 people attended the memorial service and vigil. There will be a portion of the program dedicated to remembering members of our Maryland community that we have lost due to violence motivated by transphobia or negligence in health care and services, and those who were so tormented by transphobia that they took their own lives. We

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will also take this time to acknowledge the many community organizations and service providers who work with transgender and gender nonconforming people.

Each year, the Organizing Committee for the Transgender Day of Remembrance receives small donations from individuals and organizations to help defray the cost of holding the event. Our total expenses in 2015 (for a similar event) were less than \$800. Event costs are kept to a minimum through the generous support of in-kind donations of materials, supplies, or services from our Transgender Response Team organization members and community-based organizations that care about and serve transgender and gender nonconforming Marylanders.

Our partner and host, the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, has generously provided the venue at no cost, but that still leaves a few important expenses to plan for. This year, we are seeking funds to help cover printing costs and sign making materials for the march, candles for the vigil, and American Sign Language interpreters for the march and memorial service. Individuals and organizations can become event sponsors for as little as \$25.00. Donations made toward TDOR are received and managed by our fiscal agent, AIDS Action Baltimore (501c3), and are tax-deductible.

Our sponsors will receive recognition in many ways, including:

- Name recognition on our web site and a link back to your web site
- Name recognition on printed promotional and event materials
- Name recognition on event signage (for sponsors at the \$75 level and above)
- Certificate of Appreciation (for sponsors at the \$100 level and above)

If you would like to help support efforts to raise awareness and eliminate violence and discrimination against transgender Marylanders, please complete the attached Sponsorship Form and send in your tax-deductible contribution today.

Sincerely yours,

2016 Transgender Day of Remembrance Organizing Committee & Transgender Response Team

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2016 Transgender Day of Remembrance Baltimore, Maryland Sponsorship Form

Thank you for your generosity in sponsoring the 2016 Transgender Day of Remembrance in Baltimore, Maryland. Please fill out the form below and submit it with your check, made payable to **AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc.** Please write "TDOR" in the memo line. **In order to be acknowledged in print materials and the web, we must receive your sponsorship no later than November 16, 2016. For expedited processing, FAX your completed Sponsorship Form.**

Today's Date:

Organization or Name:

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City, State, Zip code:

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Please indicate your sponsorship level:

\$25

\$50

\$75

\$100

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You may fax this completed form to AAB at (410) 837-2438 to get a head start on processing your donation. Please mail your check with this completed form to:

AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc.

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Baltimore, MD 21202

Please email your logo or other image you would like to use for recognition on the web site to j_brevelle@yahoo.com (Min 150 dpi at 200x200pix, .png, .jpg, or .gif)

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About the Transgender Day of Remembrance

The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the Remembering Our Dead web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester's murder — like most anti-transgender murder cases — has yet to be solved.

Although not every person represented during the Day of Remembrance self-identified as transgender — that is, as transsexual, crossdresser, or otherwise gender-variant — each was a victim of violence based on bias against transgender people.

We live in times more sensitive than ever to hatred based violence, especially since the events of September 11th. Yet even now, the deaths of those based on anti-transgender hatred or prejudice are largely ignored. Over the last decade, more than one person per month has died due to transgender-based hate or prejudice, regardless of any other factors in their lives. This trend shows no sign of abating.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, an action that current media doesn't perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the vigil, we express love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred. Day of Remembrance reminds non-transgender people that we are their sons, daughters, parents, friends and lovers. Day of Remembrance gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who've died by anti-transgender violence.

Description taken from taken from <http://www.rememberingourdead.org/day/what.html>

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