



Guide to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records

This finding aid was created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives staff. This copy was published on July 15, 2024. Please contact special.collections@unlv.edu for questions regarding this collection.

Persistent URL for this finding aid: <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1qk74>

© 2024 The Regents of the University of Nevada. All rights reserved.

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special
Collections and Archives.**

Box 457010

4505 S. Maryland Parkway

Las Vegas, Nevada 89154-7010

special.collections@unlv.edu

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
Historical Note	3
Scope and Contents	4
Arrangement	5
Administrative Information	5
Names and Subjects	6
Collection Inventory	6

Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada
Title:	Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records
ID:	MS-00537
Date [inclusive]:	1992 to 2023
Physical Description:	2.55 Cubic Feet (3 boxes, 2 oversized boxes, 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	2.21 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract :	The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records (1992-2023) and include news articles, institutional records such as bylaws, agendas, and meeting minutes, ephemera, and programs for the Center's annual Honorarium fundraiser. Additional materials include materials relating the the wellness clinic.

Preferred Citation Note

Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records, 1992-2023. MS-00537. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1qk74>

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Historical Note

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada (now known as the Center), a 501(c)3 organization, was founded in the fall of 1992 through efforts inspired by the Friday Night Men's Rap Group at the Community Counseling Center. Initially, the Center board of directors met in a small room at Community Counseling, but in 1993 the Center obtained its own building at 912 East Sahara Avenue. This small former dental office on a side street became the first safe public space in Las Vegas for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. The Nevada legislature that year repealed the state's sodomy law and the Las Vegas gay community rallied to celebrate and dedicate its new Center on October 15, 1993.

Within a few months of opening the Center offered the community a host of services and programs. It provided free HIV testing; office space for the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, the NAMES Project, the Lambda Business Association, PFLAG, the Delta Lambda Phi gay fraternity, SAGE [Senior Action Gay Environment]; and meeting space for groups in support of lesbians, gay youth, gay and lesbian parents, Hispanics, gay seniors, transgender people—even a gay science fiction club. On January 23, 1994 the Center sponsored the first annual Man and Woman of the Year Award, known today as the Honorarium.

By 2001, however, the Center had outgrown its small building and the board searched for larger space. They found a 6,000 square-foot storefront across Sahara Avenue in Commercial Center which once housed the Second Time Around Thrift Shop, a fundraising enterprise for Aid for AIDS of Nevada. The Center moved into this space in February 2002 and held its ribbon-cutting and dedication on October 11, 2002 as part of Las Vegas's National Coming Out Day celebrations. In 2006 the Center moved a couple of doors down where it expanded to include a computer lab, two large meeting/game rooms, and a comfortable community room/library. It now has a community health center and wellness clinic.

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada, was founded

1992

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada obtained its own building

1993

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada sponsored the first annual Man and Woman of the Year Award, known today as the Honorarium

1994

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada moved to a new location

2002

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada moved again and expanded

2006

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Contents

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records (1992-2023) and include news articles, institutional records such as bylaws, agendas, and meeting minutes, ephemera, and

programs for the Center's annual Honorarium fundraiser. Additional materials include materials relating the the wellness clinic.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement

Material remains in the order in which it was received.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights

Materials in this collection may be protected by copyrights and other rights. See [Reproductions and Use](#) on the UNLV Special Collections and Archives website for more information about reproductions and permissions to publish.

Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Antioco Carillo in 2001 and Dennis McBride in 2007; accession numbers 2001-01, 2007-25. In 2024, additional material was donated by John Waldron on behalf of the Center; accession number 2024-071.

Processing Note

Collection was processed by Dennis McBride in 2007. The finding aid was revised by Jocelyn Ascencio in 2014 to bring it into compliance with DACS. 2001-01 addition was added by Maggie Bukowski in 2017. In 2024, Sarah Jones added the 2024 addition. Duplicate flyers and a condom-covered dress and hat were discarded.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Names and Subjects

- Gay liberation movement
- Fund raising
- Gay community

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Articles from Las Vegas Sun and Las Vegas Review-Journal newspapers, 1993	box 01	folder 01
Articles of Incorporation, 1993-1994	box 01	folder 02
Bylaws, 1993-2000	box 01	folder 03-06
Agendas, Minutes, Reports, 1992-2000	box 01	folder 07-16
Ephemera, 1982-2007	box 01	folder 17-32
Annual Report, 1998-1999	box 01	folder 33-34
Board of Directors Handbook, 1998-1999	box 01	folder 35
Candidates Forum, 1999 April 22	box 01	folder 36
Center Stage agreement, 1999	box 01	folder 37
Employee and Volunteer Handbook, 1998	box 01	folder 38
Center Foundation, 2000	box 01	folder 39
Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation: media essentials training, 1999 May 29	box 01	folder 40
Grand Opening, 2002 October 11	box 01	folder 41
Honorarium, 1995-2007	box 01	folder 42-53
Insurance, 1998		

	box 01	folder 54
Job descriptions and searches, 1999-2000	box 01	folder 55
Plans and Planning, 1996-2002	box 02	folder 56-59
Scandal, 1995-1999	box 02	folder 60-61
Village in Progress, 1999	box 02	folder 62
Volunteer training program, 1997	box 02	folder 63
Youth, 1999-2000	box 02	folder 64
Youth Zone agreement, 1999	box 02	folder 65
Pride Flags, undated	oversized box 03	
Pride Flags, undated	oversized box 04	
Health Center pamphlets, informational brochures, posters, and stand-up displays related to HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, medication, and testing options, approximately 2000 to 2019	box 05 oversized box 06 flat file 07	
"Mpowerment Project" manual, training support, and videotapes, 2002 Physical Description: 2 Files Physical Description: 2 VHS Tapes	box 05	
Proclamation from Mayor Carolyn Goodman "The LGBTQ Center Day in Southern Nevada", 2018 July 18	box 05	
Artwork from exhibit held at the Center, 2017	oversized box 06	
"Red & WILD" PRIDE poster, 2023 October	flat file 07	
Photograph collages and posters celebrating LGBTQ+ celebrities, approximately 2010 to 2019	oversized box 06	