

Queer Youth Task Force (QYTF) and Santa Cruz Gives Holiday Campaign

The Queer Youth Task Force is proud to be part of Santa Cruz Gives Holiday Campaign. With the help of Santa Cruz Gives, we are fundraising for our Trans Teen Visibility Campaign.



Our big idea for 2023 is to support trans, nonbinary, and gender-expansive teens in Santa Cruz County to control their own narratives and share stories and experiences that are important to them. We will do this through promoting existing resources available for the trans community on our website, making short documentary films, implementing teens-led small projects, promoting an activity titled "Unbox Me," and hosting radio shows.

Please help us raise funds to hire a part-time coordinator to keep the site updated and work with partners such as Santa Cruz Trans, TransFamilies, and Big Brothers Big Sisters to support Trans teens in Santa Cruz county; provide honorariums to trans youth for internships; and pay student filmmakers for our documentary.

We are humbly asking for you to asking for community members to share the Queer Youth Task Force Santa Cruz Gives Holiday Campaign with their friends and family. Even a \$5 donation will help show the community how important our work is, and every donation will help us reach our fundraising goals for this important project. The fundraiser ends December 31st.

Adam Spickler, Cabrillo College Trustee and local out Queer and Trans activist, shares why our campaign is so important:

"I am honored to be a Santa Cruz Gives supporter of the Trans Teen Project's Visibility Campaign, which is project of the Santa Cruz County Queer Youth Task Force. LGBTQ+ youth face so many insurmountable hurdles, even in Santa Cruz County. This is especially true for trans youth who may not have family or support networks in place to otherwise turn to for affirming and transformative supports. This is what makes the Visibility Campaign so important, and also their ongoing Unbox Me activity so special. The activity, for those who participate, is a way to fundamentally put a positive spin on how we each leave our legacies behind, to both re-discover ourselves and our journey of self-determination in the future, as well as leave this pathway of acceptance and affirmation as a light to shine for future generations. I hope you will join me in supporting this necessary project by donating through Santa Cruz Gives to the Trans Teen Project's Visibility Campaign."

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Queer Youth Task Force of Santa Cruz County
SantaCruzGives.org/nonprofit/QYTF

