

## **Guide to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Photograph Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada
<b>Title:</b>	Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00410
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1993 to 2000
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.37 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.42 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Photograph Collection contains mainly candid photographs of events and individuals affiliated with the Las Vegas-based Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada (GLCCSN) dating from 1993 to 2000. Photographs depict events honoring prominent members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer community; meetings at GLCCSN; and candidate nights for members of the community running for public office. The collection also includes a number of photographs of the Freedom to Marry celebration at the GLCCSN and the Gay Pride Las Vegas festival from 1998 to 1999.

### Preferred Citation

Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Photograph Collection, 1993-2000. PH-00410. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Historical Note

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The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada (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 The Nevada legislature that year repealed the state's sodomy law and the Las Vegas gay community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 (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), 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 and 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 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 had 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 within Commercial Center to a larger space and added a computer lab, two large meeting/game rooms, and a comfortable community room/library. In 2012, the Center expanded again and moved to a free-standing building at 401 S. Maryland Parkway. The Robert L. Forbuss building is named for the Las Vegas, Nevada businessman and community philanthropist and held its grand opening on April 6, 2013.

Source:

Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records. MS-00537. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

"The Center: Mission & History." The Center. Accessed October 22, 2019. <https://www.thecenterlv.org/about/mission>.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2019 by Dennis McBride; accession number 2019-015.

### Processing Note

This collection is unprocessed. Materials were arranged by Dennis McBride. In 2019 Tammi Kim rehoused the collection and created box-level summaries. No other work has been performed on the materials.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada Records. MS-00537. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Photographs

- Gay community
- Special events
- Politics and government

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada event photographs, 1993 to 2000	box 01