



## **Statement Regarding Orlando Massacre**

The shooting at a gay nightclub a week ago has left a deep and profound impact on our staff, board and the people we serve. We send our wishes of hope, healing, and strength to the LGBTQ, Black, and Latinx communities of Orlando and beyond.

Even though it was hundreds of miles away, the massacre has opened the wounds that live in so many of us. More than a third of our patients and a majority of our staff identify as a member of the LGBTQ community.

We are hurting. We are struggling. We don't feel safe. We are aware of the targeting of this violent act on queer and Trans people of color.

Family Tree supporters have asked what they can do during this incredibly emotional and trying time. If you have LGBTQ folks in your life...reach out to them. Ask them how they are doing. Listen to what they say. Support them. And know that we are all mourning.

As we head into Pride weekend here in the Twin Cities, in the face of incredible pain and loss, we revel in our community as an act of perseverance. We lift up our love as an act of resilience. And we celebrate our lives as an act of defiance.

To our LGBTQ family, you are magic.

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