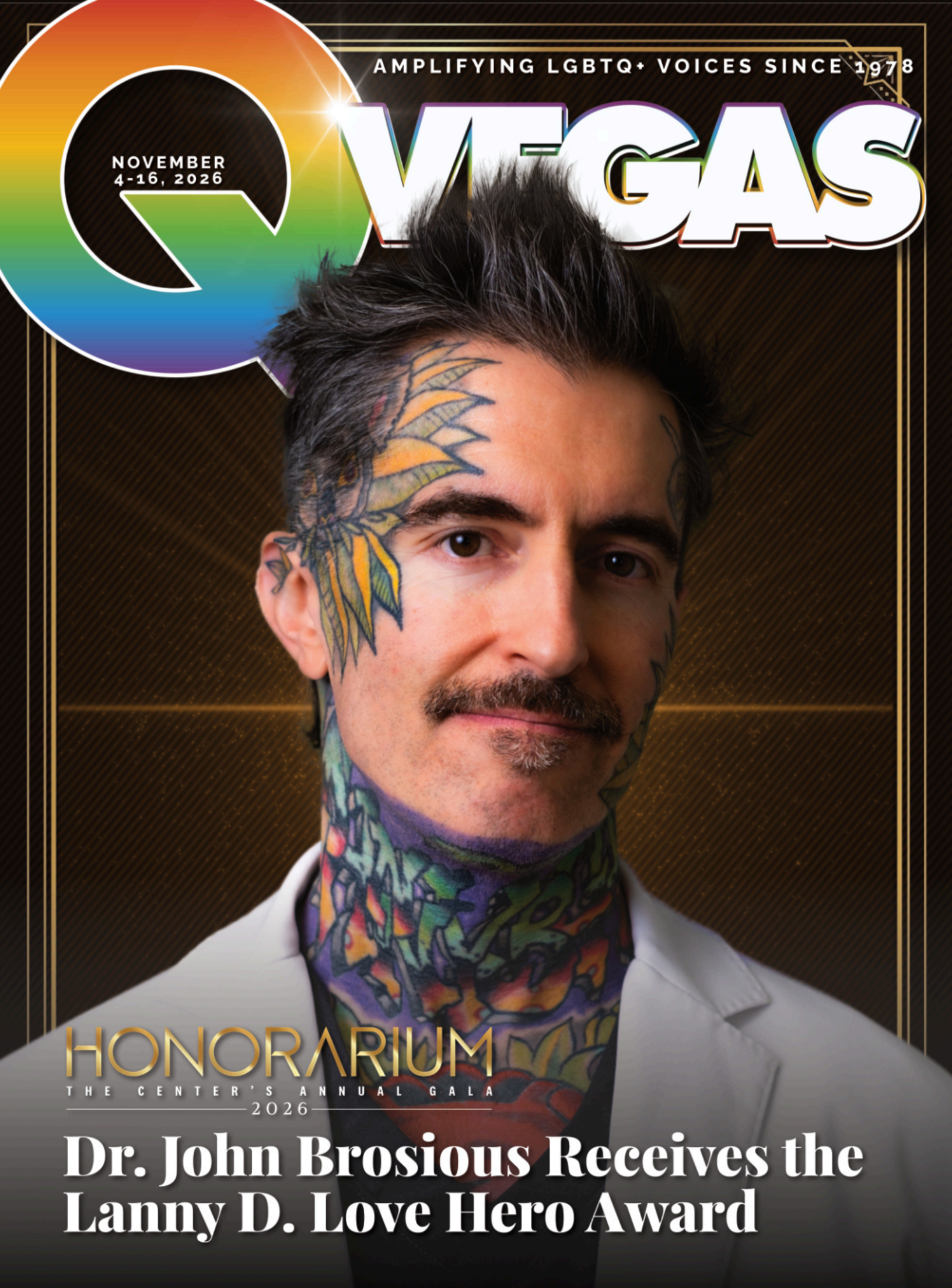
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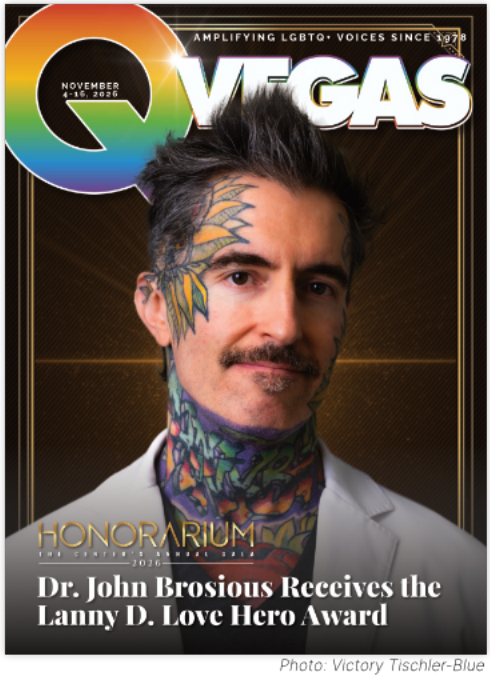


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With a proud publishing legacy that dates back to 1978, QVegas has been at the heart of Las Vegas' LGBTQ+ community for over four decades. What began as a grassroots newsletter has evolved into a dynamic weekly publication that informs, celebrates, and amplifies queer voices across Southern Nevada. QVegas is available in print at over 30 LGBTQ+ establishments, community nonprofits, and partner advertiser locations, making it a vital part of the local scene.

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Roaring Forward, Together

Every year, Honorarium reminds us how much of this community was built by people who simply decided to show up. On Friday, Nov. 6, The LGBTQ+ Center of Las Vegas gathers in the Lafite Ballroom at Wynn Las Vegas for "Roaring Forward: A 1920s Gala for Unity & Pride." This issue is our salute to the people it honors.

Michael Prest, this year's Russell Davis Volunteer of the Year, first came to The Center looking for a place to set up a folding table. He reluctantly agreed to one day a week at the front desk. Today he's a certified advocate and a fixture at coat drives and trunk-or-treats. He was also the person a frightened young man found on the worst day of his life.

Dr. John Brosious, the Lanny D. Love Hero, walked in a decade ago promising a gender surgery program the room had heard promised before. He delivered, performing Nevada's first gender-affirming genital surgeries, and he'd still rather you not call him a hero.

Wendy Kraft, our Legacy Award honoree, helped build The Center's financial foundation and is now making sure its history is preserved. Wynn Resorts, Organization of the Year, has spent nearly a decade proving that real partnership means more than a June logo.

Read their stories, and then buy a ticket if you can. These are the people who make the work possible.

The same spirit runs through Threads of Pride, Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. at Love MCC. It started with one congregant, Mara. When she donated her old wardrobe to The Center, she learned it had far more men's clothing than women's. So she organized a concert and clothing drive. Bring gently used women's clothing in larger sizes, larger shoes, purses and makeup. Thousands of paper butterflies will guide you to the stage. If you'd like to help make them, join the congregation's work session on Nov. 7.

Finally, we're proud to introduce our sister publication, The Fabulous. QVegas has spent nearly five decades amplifying queer voices. The Fabulous brings that same commitment to Las Vegas as a whole, covering schools, neighborhoods, local government, sports and everything else that shapes daily life from Henderson to North Las Vegas. It's written for residents, not tourists, and it lands in your inbox at 9 a.m. with the stories you choose. Sign up free at thefabulous.news, and preview its Race Week coverage in these pages.

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One Day a Week Became a Calling: Meet the Center's Volunteer of the Year

Michael Prest didn't set out to become one of the most familiar faces at The LGBTQ+ Center of Las Vegas. He set out to find a spot for a folding table.

At the time, he was volunteering with Silver State Equality during the push for the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, and he'd been asked to set up a table to collect signatures. He called all over the city. Nobody would allow it. Flipping through the phone book in desperation, he found a listing for an organization he didn't know existed.

After a couple of transfers, he reached the Center's director at the time, a man named Brian. Brian said yes. The table went up, and something else got started.

"I'm Never Going to Get This"

Later that month, after wrapping a Pride shift for Silver State Equality, he wandered the festival grounds and stopped at the Center's booth. Jason Sherman, who heads the Gay Men's Forum, was running it and invited him to the meetings.

Through the forum, he learned the Center needed hands for its food drive, so he pitched in. Then the director of volunteers asked him to come inside and work the front desk. He said no. She kept asking, and kept telling him how badly they needed the help, until he agreed to one day a week.

That first shift, by his own account, was rough. "I was petrified," he says. "I thought this was way too much to learn." He didn't yet know what programs the Center offered and felt completely lost. "I thought, I'm never going to get this."

Wherever They Need Me

He got it. Today the front desk is his home base, and he's a certified advocate for the Center. He's also taking classes to become certified to work with victims of crime, helping the people who come through the doors find the assistance they need.

Then there are the events. At children's programs like this week's trunk-or-treat, he sets up his button-making machine and lets kids design their own. During the coat drives, for kids and adults alike, he's there handing out coats. "Wherever they need me, that's where I go," he says, "whether it's on site or off-site."

The One Who Came Back

Asked about a moment that has stayed with him, he doesn't hesitate. A few months ago, a young man walked in after coming out to his parents. They had kicked him out. He was living on the street with no money, and he had been beaten and robbed.

Prest was the only advocate on duty. He took the young man aside, and they talked for more than an hour. Shelters terrified him, and he didn't want to go. Eventually Prest convinced him to try one, got him food and clothes, and sent him on his way.

About two months later, the young man came back to say thank you. He had a job. He had met his partner at the shelter, and the two had gotten an apartment together. "That doesn't happen often," Prest says. "That stands out."

People Matter

Prest has volunteered most of his life, starting as a kid, and says he's never been prouder of where he gives his time. What most of Las Vegas doesn't realize, he says, is that the Center serves everyone who walks through the door. "Gay, straight, bi, trans, it doesn't matter," he says. "We're there to be of help to the community, period."

That open door is also the hardest part. So many people come in needing help, and some can't be served because of money or because no program exists for what they need. "The frustration of not being able to do enough is annoying, to say the least," he admits. What keeps him coming back is that the Center is there at all, and that the people who walk in learn somebody cares.

The work has changed him, too. He had never met a trans person before coming to the Center. Learning what trans people have gone through to become who they are, he says, opened his eyes to a world he hadn't known.

His advice to anyone on the fence about volunteering: take the step. "It just enriches your life."

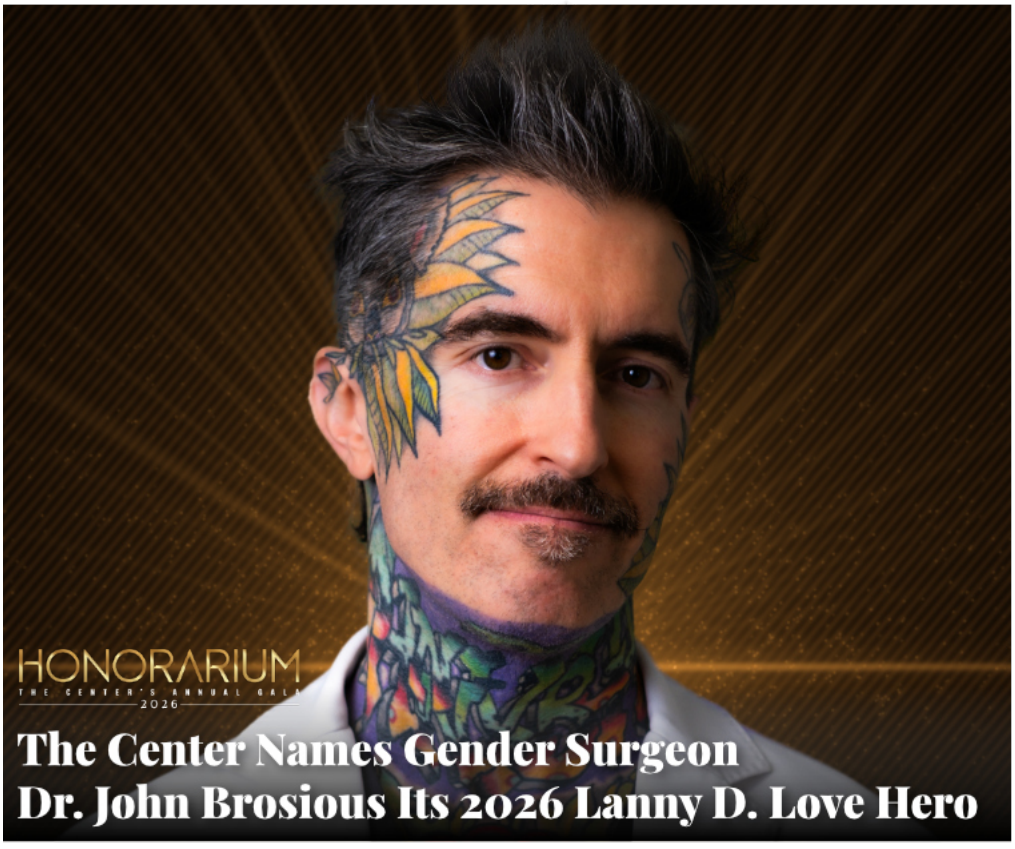
The Award, and a Dragon Pin

He learned a couple of months ago that he'd been named this year's Russell Davis Volunteer of the Year. Emily, the Center's director of volunteers, had told him she planned to submit his name, so he knew it was possible. He was surprised anyway. The honor came with homework: recruit three people to speak on his behalf and film his own acceptance speech.

He never met Russell Davis, but he has heard about his work and calls it an honor to accept an award carrying his name.

He's quick to share the credit. He points to Emily, who he says sets the tone for the entire front desk, and to Jimmy, who runs the library. He singles out the trans women who staff the desk and keep giving of themselves after everything they've faced. "There are so many volunteers there that really deserve the recognition," he says.

As for next week's 1920s-themed stage, nobody mentioned the theme until recently. He had already bought a new three-piece suit, his first in years. After more than two decades managing hotels and troubleshooting for Holiday Inn, then serving as a transit authority union president in Massachusetts, he once lived in suits. Thirteen years of laid-back Las Vegas changed that. He'll wear the new suit anyway, with a dragon pin from his collection on the lapel. A zoot suit, he says, was never in the cards.



The Center Names Gender Surgeon Dr. John Brosious Its 2026 Lanny D. Love Hero

Dr. John Brosious receives the Lanny D. Love Hero Award for a decade of building gender-affirming surgery in Nevada — and he'd rather you didn't call him a hero.

Dr. John Brosious first walked into The LGBTQ+ Center of Las Vegas about ten years ago and announced he wanted to build a gender surgery program. The room was polite, and unconvinced.

"They kind of looked at me like, you're not even affiliated in any way, shape or form with the LGBTQ community," Brosious recalls. "And they also told me, hey, we've heard this before." Other doctors had come to town promising hormones and surgeries. Those programs never materialized.

His did. A decade later, Brosious has performed Nevada's first gender-affirming genital surgeries and built a program that began at UNLV and now lives in his private practice. Patients regularly tell him he saved their lives. On Friday, November 6, The Center will present him with the Lanny D. Love Hero Award at Honorarium 2026, "Roaring Forward: A 1920s Gala for Unity & Pride," in the Lafite Ballroom at Wynn Las Vegas.

An accidental specialty

Gender-affirming care was never part of his training. In medical school at Indiana University, he says, there was no instruction on hormones. In his plastic surgery residency here in Las Vegas, which he finished in 2013, top and bottom surgery "wasn't even a thing."

What he did have was an appetite for variety. "We get to work head to toe on every body part, every type of tissue," he says. "There's a lot of creativity involved."

At his first job, at the University of Pittsburgh, word spread that he liked unusual cases, and transgender patients started calling.

His first was a trans woman seeking breast augmentation, about 12 years ago. At the end of the consultation, she began to cry. Brosious was sure he'd misgendered her and apologized. "She said, no, these are tears of joy. You're the first doctor that took me seriously and treated me like a human being."

"That's when this light bulb went off in my head," he says, "that there's this whole population of people that have been left behind by healthcare, and as one surgeon, I could have a big impact on them."

Coming home

He moved back to Las Vegas in 2016, just as major insurers, including Medicaid, began covering gender-affirming surgery here. As an assistant professor at UNLV, he started giving talks to trans groups at The Center, moving them online when COVID hit. His caseload went from one surgery every couple of months to multiple patients a week. In 2020, he performed the first gender-affirming genital surgery in Nevada.

About five years ago, he and Dr. Joshua Goldman left UNLV to open Vegas Plastic Surgery Institute, taking the gender program with them. They remain affiliated with the university so residents can still learn the work.

The relationship with The Center runs both ways. "I refer a lot of patients there, and I get a lot of referrals from them," he says. He credits its health center with covering the first layer of care: primary care, gynecology, hormones and mental health. The gaps he sees, in endocrinology, affirming urology, facial feminization and phalloplasty, are Nevada's, not The Center's. "Specialized care is really hard to come by here in Nevada," he says, "not just for trans patients, but basically everybody."

Earning the community's trust took time, and an unlikely asset. Brosious has tattoos on his face, neck and hands, and people warned him they would hurt his practice. Instead, they disarm patients who arrive braced for judgment. "They saw me as a non-conformist, and they very much are non-conformists as well," he says. "We have this mutual understanding: we're not gonna judge each other."

Watching patients live openly, day after day, changed him too. "I decided that, you know what, I wanna live my authentic life and not really care about people judging me."

From altar boy to gender surgeon

Friends and family back home in Pennsylvania still ask how a Catholic schoolboy ended up here. He was an altar boy who went to Catholic grade school, Catholic high school and the University of Notre Dame. His answer to them is simple.

"You taught me to serve the marginalized, you taught me to serve discriminated people, and you taught me to serve people who were outcasts," he says. "I couldn't find a better population to work with as a doctor."

A milestone year

Brosious has attended Honorarium for years, watching others accept awards and thinking that if he kept at it, one day it might be him. This year also marks ten years since he came home to start the gender program. "It makes 2026 a really special year for me," he says. "The perfect year for me to get this award."

Still, he resists the title. "The bar has been set so low for the transgender community from the healthcare perspective that all you have to do is be respectful and provide decent care, and all of a sudden, you're a hero," he says. "It's sad that that's the case."

He doesn't pretend it has been free. He has lost friends, and some colleagues won't speak to him. He could likely earn more doing only cosmetic work. "It would be a lot easier for me to just do tummy tucks and Botox," he says. "But people wouldn't be hugging me, telling me that I saved their lives."

The practice is growing: two new surgeons join Brosious and Goldman in the spring. The mission hasn't changed.

"If everybody was a good person, this wouldn't be heroic work," he says. "This would just be another guy offering a service to a population."

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Building It, Then Preserving It: Wendy Kraft Earns Legacy Award

Some people build institutions. Others make sure we remember how they were built. Wendy Kraft has spent decades doing both.

The LGBTQ+ Center of Las Vegas has named Kraft the recipient of its 2026 Center Legacy Award, honoring a record of service, generosity and advocacy that stretches across Southern Nevada's LGBTQ+, Jewish and nonprofit communities. It is an award about history, and few people in this valley have done more to protect ours.

For many in the community, Kraft has simply always been there: at the board table, at the fundraiser, behind the scenes making the call that gets something done. The Legacy Award puts a name to what longtime Center supporters already know.

A steady hand at The Center

Kraft's relationship with The Center runs deep. As a longtime member of its Governing Board, she served as Board Secretary, helping steer the organization through years of growth.

When The Center decided it needed a separate foundation to secure its long-term financial future, Kraft stepped up again. She became the founding President of The Center Foundation of Nevada, the body created to make sure the organization's work can outlast any single budget cycle or leadership team.

That kind of role rarely makes headlines. It means building something meant to last long after the ribbon-cutting photos fade. Throughout her tenure, Kraft has given her time, her resources, her relationships and her leadership to help The Center grow into the institution it is today.

An advocate on many fronts

Kraft's commitment never stopped at The Center's doors. She has been a longtime voice for LGBTQ+ equality on the national stage, serving on the Las Vegas Human Rights Campaign Steering Committee, as Co-chair of HRC's Federal Club, and on HRC's National Board of Governors. In 2015, the organization named her its Volunteer of the Year.

Her service list reads like a map of Southern Nevada's civic life. She has lent her leadership to LAMBDA, the Jewish Community Center of Southern Nevada, the Senior Citizen Law Project, Jewish Family Service Agency, the Women's Division of Jewish Nevada, the Southern Nevada Continuity of Care Association and Hadassah. Today she sits on the Board of the Anti-Defamation League.

Those communities have noticed. Hadassah named Kraft its Woman of the Year in 2014.

What ties that work together is a belief that communities are stronger when they show up for one another. Through her LGBTQ+ advocacy, her leadership in the Jewish community, her nonprofit service and her philanthropy, Kraft has consistently used her influence to bring people together and fight for dignity, equality and opportunity for others.

Partners in life and work

At the center of Kraft's life is her wife, Laura Sussman. The two were longtime partners before they married in 2015, the year marriage equality became the law of the land.

They have shared more than a home. Kraft and Sussman co-own Kraft-Sussman Funeral and Cremation Service, a business built on caring for families at their most difficult moments. In 2018, Temple Sinai honored the couple together.

The family they have built reflects the same values that define Kraft's public life: community, compassion, social responsibility and a willingness to stand up for others.

Carrying the story forward

What makes Kraft a fitting Legacy Award honoree is her understanding that legacy is not only about looking back. It is about carrying history forward.

As The Center has grown and changed, Kraft has stayed closely involved, championing its work while making sure the people who built it are not forgotten. That includes the struggles, the victories, and the acts of courage and generosity that got Southern Nevada's LGBTQ+ community to where it stands today.

She is now putting that conviction into practice. Kraft is helping The Center develop an upcoming historical display that will preserve and tell the story of The Center and the region's LGBTQ+ community. The goal is simple: future generations should know the people and experiences that made today's progress possible.

In The Center's view, the organization itself is a legacy. It belongs to generations of LGBTQ+ people and allies who believed Southern Nevada needed a place of safety, belonging, dignity and connection, where people could live authentically. It was built by those who gave their time, talent, money, relationships and voices so the next generation would inherit something stronger.

Kraft is one of those people. And as The Center writes its next chapter, she remains committed to making sure we remember the chapters that came before.

A legacy still being written

The 2026 Center Legacy Award recognizes more than a résumé of board seats and honors. It recognizes the lasting imprint Kraft has left on an organization and a community she has loved, championed and strengthened for decades.

Her enthusiasm for preserving our history, and for inviting others to become part of it, is exactly what the award was created to celebrate. For Wendy Kraft, the story of LGBTQ+ Las Vegas is not finished. She just wants to make sure it is told right.



Wynn Resorts Named The LGBTQ+ Center of Las Vegas' 2026 Organization of the Year

Nearly a decade of grants, volunteer hours, and leadership training earns the resort company The Center's top partner honor

The LGBTQ+ Center of Las Vegas has named Wynn Resorts its 2026 Organization of the Year, honoring a partnership The Center says helped carry it through years of rapid growth, and one that has strengthened not just The Center but the nonprofit sector across Southern Nevada.

For nearly a decade, Wynn has been one of The Center's most consistent champions. The Center says the company stood alongside it through a period of tremendous growth and transformation, investing in its mission and helping it become the thriving organization it is today, one that serves the LGBTQ+ community through community building, advocacy, and comprehensive health and wellness services.

"We are incredibly grateful to be recognized as Organization of the Year," said Monica Moradkhan, Vice President of Community Relations at Wynn Las Vegas. "This honor reflects the commitment of our employees and community partners who continue to show up for Southern Nevada in meaningful ways."

More Than a Check

What sets the partnership apart, according to The Center, is that Wynn's support has never been purely financial.

The company's approach to community investment combines charitable grants with employee volunteerism and a set of programs designed to strengthen nonprofits and the people who lead them. Those include Wynn's annual Nonprofit Leadership Retreat and its Nonprofit Leadership Fellows program, along with other opportunities aimed at helping organizations succeed over the long term.

The Center says it has benefited directly from that investment. Beyond resources, its participation brought knowledge, relationships, leadership development, and greater business acumen, all of which The Center credits with contributing to its growth and sustainability.

That model matches how Wynn describes its own community strategy: building partnerships with nonprofit organizations and investing both financial resources and the talents of its employees to strengthen the communities where it operates. Wynn team members contribute thousands of volunteer hours to nonprofits, and the company backs programs focused on creating meaningful, lasting impact. The Center says it has experienced that commitment firsthand.

A Partner Who Pushed

At the heart of the relationship is Moradkhan herself.

The Center describes her leadership, counsel, and belief in the organization as invaluable, and says she has been much more than a community partner. She took the time to understand The Center, its opportunities, and the community it serves, according to the organization, while challenging and encouraging its leadership to think bigger, both about its impact and about the organizational strength required to sustain it.

That combination of support and challenge, The Center says, helped it expand its reach while continuing to mature as an organization.

Moradkhan, for her part, pointed the credit back toward the community.

"Giving back to the community we call home has always been an important part of who we are at Wynn," she said, "and we are proud to stand alongside organizations like The LGBTQIA+ Center that create connection, provide meaningful resources, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those they serve."

Built Over Time

In announcing the award, The Center made the case that the partnerships that matter most can't be measured in a single transaction.

"The strongest community partnerships are not defined by a single grant, event, or moment of generosity," The Center said. "They are built over time through trust, shared purpose, and a genuine investment in one another's success. That is the partnership Wynn Resorts has created with The Center."

Looking back on the past eight years, The Center said Wynn is woven into its story. The company's generosity, volunteerism, leadership development, counsel, and steadfast belief in the mission, it said, have left The Center better equipped to serve the tens of thousands of people who turn to it for connection, advocacy, care, and community.

Why It Matters

Corporate support for LGBTQ+ causes is often measured in June sponsorships and logo placements. The relationship The Center describes is something different: year-round investment not only in programs, but in the people and systems that keep a community institution standing. Grants keep services running. Leadership training, volunteer hours, and hands-on counsel help an organization build the capacity to keep running them, and to grow when the community needs more.

For the tens of thousands of LGBTQ+ Southern Nevadans who rely on The Center, that kind of capacity is the difference between an organization that survives and one that can plan for the future.

The Center closed its announcement with special gratitude to Moradkhan and the entire Wynn team, saying they have shown what it means to be a true community partner: one that doesn't simply support organizations doing important work, but helps them become stronger so their impact can endure.

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Live Music and Race Week Events Fill November at Cosmopolitan Bars

The Barbershop Cuts & Cocktails and Clique Bar & Lounge at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas are hosting live music, themed events, and race week watch parties throughout November. The Barbershop features nightly acoustic performances and live bands, plus special events like Emo Night and '80s Night, while Clique Bar & Lounge offers football viewing, UFC watch parties, and race weekend simulators.

Elite Medical Center Extends F1 Grand Prix Partnership for Fourth Year

Elite Medical Center, an extension of Valley Hospital, will serve as an official medical supplier for the 2026 Formula 1 Heineken Silver Las Vegas Grand Prix for the fourth consecutive year. The facility, located near West Harmon, will provide emergency medical services and trauma care during the November 19–21 event.

Neon Museum Preserves F1 Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023 Sign

The Neon Museum has added a Formula 1 Heineken Silver Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023 sign to its Neon Boneyard collection, along with a "shoey" exhibit and track layout model. The Las Vegas Grand Prix contributed $25,000 to support the museum's preservation efforts, recognizing the city's evolution as a global sports destination.

F1 HUB Opens at the Venetian with Designer Collabs and Fan Favorites

The F1 HUB Presented by American Express will open November 7 at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas, featuring new merchandise collaborations with fashion and lifestyle brands including Etai LA, Greg Yuna, and Off Season, alongside returning partners Disney, BAPE, the Vegas Golden Knights, and F1 ACADEMY x Hello Kitty.

Disco Dom and Icona Pop Headline Heineken Stage at F1 Las Vegas Grand Prix 2026

The Formula 1 Heineken Las Vegas Grand Prix 2026 announced its Heineken Stage entertainment lineup for November 19-21, featuring headliners Disco Dom and Icona Pop alongside performances from The Australian Bee Gees Show, Now You See Me Live, PACK Drumline, Super Cr3w, and DJ sets by LP Giobbi and Eli & Fur. All 22 Formula 1 drivers will participate in live Q&A sessions throughout the weekend at the race's largest fan zone.

Wynn Las Vegas Unveils 2026 Race Week Programming

Wynn Las Vegas has announced its 2026 Race Week programming, running November 18–22 around the Formula 1 Heineken Las Vegas Grand Prix. The resort will offer celebrity golf at Wynn Golf Club, limited-edition retail collaborations including Lewis Hamilton's +44 brand, interactive motorsports activations, and four nights of entertainment at XS Nightclub featuring HUGEL, The Chainsmokers, Calvin Harris, and RÜFÜS DU SOL.

La Cave and ONE Steakhouse Launch Prix Fixe Menus for Big Race Weekend

La Cave Wine & Food Hideaway at Wynn Las Vegas and ONE Steakhouse at Virgin Hotels Las Vegas are offering special menus during Big Race weekend (Nov. 19–21). La Cave will serve a four-course prix fixe dinner at $149 per person, while ONE Steakhouse features three race-themed cocktails at $18 each.

Sean Paul, DISCLOSURE, Two Friends Headline F1 Las Vegas Grand Prix 2026

The Formula 1 Heineken Las Vegas Grand Prix announced its 2026 music lineup for the T-Mobile Stage at Sphere, with Sean Paul, DISCLOSURE, and Two Friends headlining November 19-21. Additional performances by Natasha Bedingfield, Gorgon City, Ja Rule, Collect 200, and DJ Mandy will accompany on-track racing action at the 3.8-mile Strip circuit.



MGM Resorts Revs up for Formula 1 Race Week with Celebrity Dinners, Art Pop-Ups

MGM Resorts is launching MGM Zone, a race-week lineup of activations across Bellagio, ARIA, The Cosmopolitan and Park MGM for the Formula 1 Heineken Las Vegas Grand Prix Nov. 19-21. Events include a Haas F1 Team car display, celebrity chef dinners, live art installations, a Ferrari boutique pop-up and themed food-and-beverage experiences at multiple restaurants.





Las Vegas Grand Prix Taps EquipmentShare for F1 Race Infrastructure

Las Vegas Grand Prix, Inc. has selected EquipmentShare, a major U.S. construction equipment rental company, as an Official Supplier to manage technology-enabled fleet operations for Formula 1's Las Vegas race weekend. EquipmentShare will deploy its T3 platform to coordinate equipment, labor and machinery across the event's full lifecycle on the 39-acre Grand Prix Plaza site.

Grand Prix Plaza Reopens Jan. 8 with Kids Karts and New Event Spaces

Grand Prix Plaza, North America's largest Formula 1 attraction, will reopen Friday, Jan. 8, 2027, near the Las Vegas Strip with expanded family-friendly offerings including Kids Karts, an F1-themed indoor playground, three new private event spaces, and enhanced driving experiences at F1 DRIVE.



Flight Club Las Vegas Offers Exclusive Race Weekend Packages Nov. 19-21

Flight Club Las Vegas is offering group and individual race weekend experiences November 19-21, featuring premium viewing of Turn 12 from inside The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Resort. Packages include tech-enabled social darts gameplay, chef-driven cuisine, craft cocktails, and live DJ entertainment, ranging from $150 to $8,000.

F1 Las Vegas Grand Prix 2026: Single-Day Tickets, Backstreet Boys Afterparty Announced

The Formula 1 Heineken Las Vegas Grand Prix unveiled 2026 race details, including single-day ticket options starting at $81 and a new Official F1 Afterparty featuring the Backstreet Boys at Sphere on Nov. 21. The event runs Nov. 19-21 on the 3.8-mile Strip circuit, with entertainment options including Sean Paul, DISCLOSURE and Two Friends performing at the T-Mobile Zone.



Amaya Modern Mexican Brings Race Weekend Energy with Special Cocktails and Brunch

Amaya Modern Mexican at The Cosmopolitan will feature race-themed cocktails, a specialty dessert, and an energized brunch celebration Nov. 19-21 during Big Race Weekend. Extended hours and live entertainment including dancers, DJ, and saxophonist will run through Saturday.



Topgolf Las Vegas Hosts Grand Prix Watch Party Nov. 21

Topgolf Las Vegas will host a Grand Prix watch party on Saturday, Nov. 21, beginning at 7 p.m., featuring the race on more than 300 screens. Four ticketed packages range from $41 general admission to $500 premium bay experiences with golf, food, and drinks.





Bottled Blonde Las Vegas Launches Race Week Party Package

Bottled Blonde Las Vegas, a rooftop nightlife venue at Grand Bazaar Shops on the Strip, is offering race week hospitality packages November 19–21. Options include two-day ($475) and three-day ($550) passes with open bar and buffet service, plus premium trackside table packages starting at $12,500. The rooftop overlooks the race circuit and Bellagio fountains.

Threads of Pride: A Concert, a Clothing Drive and Hundreds of Butterflies



On Saturday, Nov. 14, Love MCC will fill its new home at 2650 S. Maryland Parkway with music, community and a few thousand paper butterflies. Threads of Pride, a concert paired with a clothing drive benefiting the transgender community, begins at 1 p.m.

The event is the brainchild of Mara, a congregant who began living full time as herself on Oct. 14, 2025. It started with a steady stream of song ideas she kept bringing to the church's music director, Lawrence, for Sunday worship.

"There were just so many ideas coming through," Mara said. "Why keep it to a service? Why not do a whole concert?"

She took the idea to Pastor Wanda, then to Lawrence, art director Subash and a growing circle of volunteers. The name came out of plenty of brainstorming. "I wanted something that connected with what we're trying to do," she said, "and make it sound fun and different."

Filling a gap at the Center

The clothing drive grew out of Mara's own transition. When she donated her old wardrobe to the LGBTQ Center, which runs a program that lets people exchange clothing to match their gender, staff told her they had more men's clothing than they could use and not nearly enough women's.

"I dropped off all my old male clothing, and they said they have too much of it," Mara said. "They don't have enough female clothing. That's what made me decide to do this."

After talking with Terry Robbins at the Center, Mara has a clear picture of what's most needed: women's clothing in larger sizes, larger shoes, and handbags and purses. "We all need our purses," she said. Gently used makeup is also welcome, since it's an expensive necessity for many trans women.

Any clothing, men's or women's, will be accepted. Items should be gently used, not torn or soiled, and organizers plan to screen donations. Donations will be collected at the concert, and the church is working out logistics to accept drop-offs beforehand. Pastor Wanda has already said yes; the only question left is where to store it all.

Follow the butterflies

Guests won't need directions to the sanctuary. Subash, who has led crafts at Love MCC for the past year, is hanging paper butterflies in baby pink, baby blue and white, the colors of the transgender pride flag, from the ceiling all the way from the front entrance to the stage.

"Once you open the door, there's going to be butterflies hanging," he said. "Those butterflies are going to guide you." He plans to arrange them in the flag's stripes.

The design took trial and error. Early prototypes weren't popping, so Subash kept refining them, eventually filling his own ceiling at home to see the effect. He has close to 1,000 butterflies finished and expects the final count to run into the thousands. The congregation has been called in to help cut and assemble at a work session on Saturday, Nov. 7.

The symbolism deepened when associate pastor David Gillentine told Subash that butterflies also represent spirituality. For the trans community, they carry another meaning too: transformation, the journey from caterpillar to something entirely new.

Many LGBTQ people, and transgender people especially, carry wounds from faith communities that rejected them. Mara knows that feeling. "You spend your whole life with somebody telling you that your existence is wrong," she said. "And you walk into somewhere and you feel like you're with your family."

She first walked into Love MCC in February. "I was given a hug. There was a smile. Nobody looked at me different," she said. "I felt like I've been here my whole life."

Subash said the church's reputation as a safe place reaches even people who haven't been through its doors in years. "Nobody is turned away from here, no matter who you are, what you look like, what you're wearing," he said. "You are safe, and you belong." Pastor Wanda also leads workshops on religious trauma, focused on LGBTQ and trans people who were hurt by churches.

The church has been at its Maryland Parkway location since March 1, and Pastor Wanda's message hasn't changed with the address. "God's love is unconditional, and God loves us regardless of who we are, because God created us as we are," she said. "It's hard to live in a closet or live a lie 24/7. Being authentic and honest with yourself is where it starts." Some people take a while to get there, she added, "but that's all part of the journey."

One person at a time

The organizers measure success modestly. "If just one person comes back to this space because they thought, 'Hey, there's a place that I can go to,' we can call it a success," Subash said.

Mara, who had never organized an event before, hopes Threads of Pride becomes an annual tradition. "Let's see how much hair I have left after this," she joked. Her bigger hope is that newcomers leave knowing support is out there. "You just have to take that first courageous step," she said. "Eventually, you'll find a hand that'll reach out to you and pull you up when you need it."

Threads of Pride takes place Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. at Love MCC, 2650 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas. Bring gently used women's clothing in larger sizes, larger shoes, purses or makeup to donate.



LGBTQ+ Resources

THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
thecenterlv.org

ACLU
aclunv.org

ADL
lasvegas.adl.org

ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER
alcoholicstogetherlasvegas.com

BEARS LAS VEGAS
bearslv.org

HENDERSON PRIDE
hendersonpride.org

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
hrc.org

IMPERIAL ROYALE SOVEREIGN COURT OF THE DESERT EMPIRE
irscdei.org

LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
lambdalv.com

LAS VEGAS MEN'S CHORUS
lvmenschorus.org

LAS VEGAS PRIME TIMERS
lasvegasprimetimers.com

LEATHER UNIFORM CLUB OF LAS VEGAS (LUC OF LV)
thelucoflv.com

MAMA DRAGONS
mamadragons.org

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
ngra.com

THE PRIDE TREE
thepridetreelv.com

SILVER STATE EQUALITY
silverstateequality.org

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snapiqs.org

YOUNG: EQUAL
youngequal.org

Wellness Resources

THE GAVIN J. GOORJIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
thecenterlv.org

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affiniderm.com

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
cccofsn.org

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hpvlv.com

HUNTRIDGE FAMILY CLINIC
huntridgefamilyclinic.org

PARCS DENTISTRY
parcsdentistry.com

SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
southernnevadahealthdistrict.org

UMC
umcsn.com

STI/HIV/AIDS Resources

THE ARLENE COOPER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
thecenterlv.org

AID FOR AIDS OF NEVADA (AFAN)
afanlv.org

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF)
aidshealth.org

CAN COMMUNITY HEALTH
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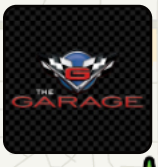














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