

## THE CENTER FOR HEALTH AND HOPE & LGBTQ PERSONS

The Center's Commitment The mission of the Center is to support & advocate for persons infected & affected by HIV and AIDS in the world through programs of education, prevention, care & treatment.



- Integral to achieving this purpose is opposing stigma and discrimination in every form.
- Persons in the LGBTQ community have been disproportionately impacted by HIV & AIDS around the globe, & the Center seeks to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ community in a quest for equality, justice, care & human rights. The Center's Policies
  - To receive a grant from the Center, persons & agencies must agree in writing they will not discriminate "on the basis of age, race, religion, national origin, caste, ancestry, creed, disability, gender or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression." The Center's Programs & Projects • Past Center programs include sessions in Colorado educating on what it means to be a transgender person, plus LGBTQ forums & dialogues in Kenya, Rwanda, India, & Indonesia.
  - In 2019 the Center financially sponsored in Rwanda a non-profit organization designed to promote inclusiveness in church & society, plus a hair & pedicure salon employing LGBTQ persons & people living with HIV. Also in India the Center started an alternative economic employment program requested by MSM (men who have sex with men) who have been engaged in professional survival sex work.
  - In 2021 the Center Co-Sponsored the Webinar Series "Courageous Connections: Transgender Life Stories."