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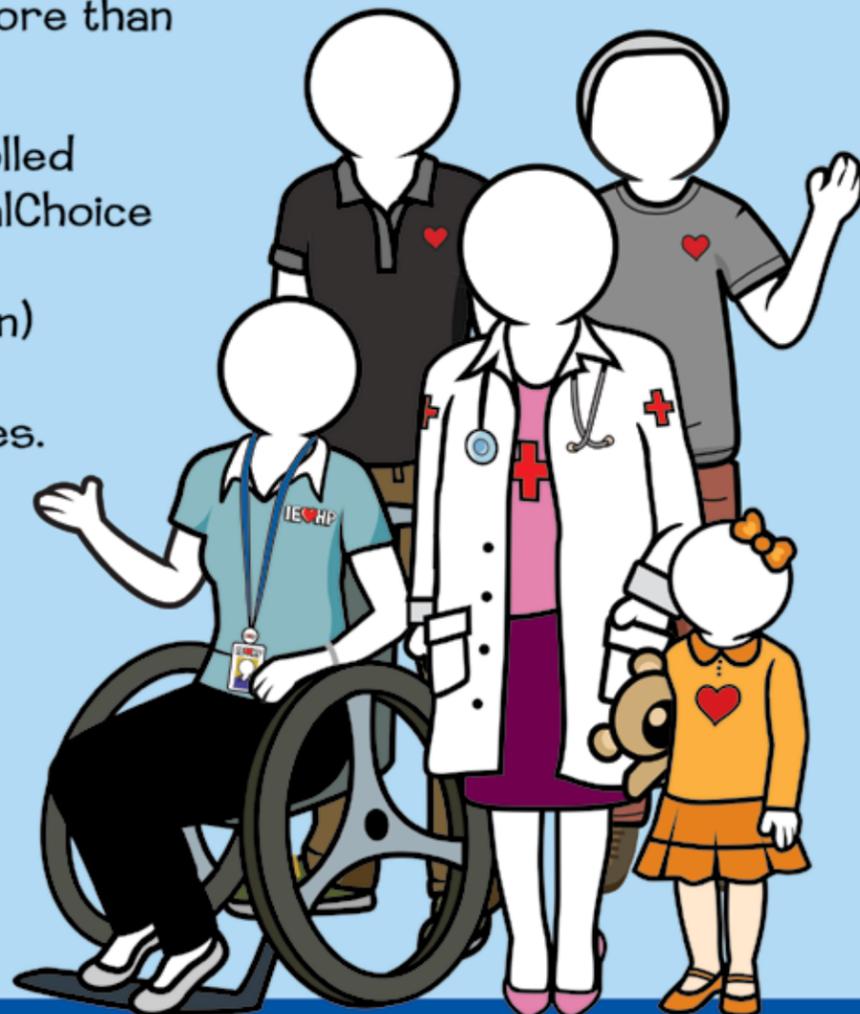
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What's in a name? This is a question I have had to ponder a lot this year.

First a little history. In 2014 I was part of creating an organization called TDoR Palm Springs to create a vigil to remember transgender people lost to violence. We created a powerful Memorial Cenotaph Statue which is displayed at Palm Springs City Hall.

We quickly grew to build advocacy for our community and changed our name to the Transgender Community Coalition to represent our growth. Over time, we saw the great need for social support and direct services to help transgender people in the Coachella Valley to achieve safety, stability, employment and to help many in the process of transitioning.

To provide this support a new organization was created, the Transgender Health and Wellness Center. In May of 2018 we opened our first 1,098 square foot facility to house both the Transgender Community Coalition and Transgender Health and Wellness Center. We quickly outgrew this space with our counseling, behavioral health therapy, laser hair removal, peer support, crises management and intervention, education and electrolysis services for members of our community preparing to transition. We quickly moved into a much larger 3,300 square foot office in the same office complex at suite 143 on July 1, 2019.

While this has been a true labor of love for me and those that work and volunteer to make this happen, operating two organizations with redundant policies, boards and regulatory compliance processes, has become downright exhausting.

To make things more simple, the two boards made the decision to merge the two organizations. I am very happy because this will make our lives a bit easier. But it is also a melancholy moment for me as we let go of the name Transgender Community Coalition (TCC) – my baby. My whole heart and honestly much of my time and effort for the past few years has been connected to TCC. But the good work will continue under the merged name of the Transgender Health and Wellness Center.

In 2019 we have provided free behavioral health therapy to more than 160 people. We have provided hair removal as part of the gender transition process for dozens of people this year. We have assisted people with financial assistance through our Raina Chessman Fund. This Fund will continue as part of the merged Transgender Health and Wellness Center. Ms. Chessman reminds all of us that we are not free from violence. She was the Palm Springs transgender woman that was dismembered in Whitewater California. Her perpetrator was never caught and she never received justice for the crime against her. So far in 2019 we have 24 transgender women murdered and a great deal brutally tortured. One was attached to the back of a SUV and dragged for blocks in Texas.

While our direct service work is what people most want to hear about, the truth is we have also focused a great deal of energy on enhancing our infrastructure. We have focused on improving our financial and operating policies and procedures this year. We have built a very strong Board of Directors for the merged organization. Along with the merger that will be finalized in December 2019, we are positioned for significant growth in 2020.

We have also seen many more donors this year providing direct financial support to our transgender-led organization. We could not exist without the financial support of our cisgender allies, especially those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and ally communities. We greatly appreciate your support for helping ensure our continued growth and success through your charitable giving.

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NOVEMBER 20, 2019
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TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

3 pm
Resource Fair begins

5 pm
Transgender Day of Remembrance begins

Opening, Thomi Clinton

Thank yous and acknowledgments

Les Young, speaker

Reading of Names

Ryan Cassata, special guest speaker

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Closing, Thomi Clinton

6:30 pm
Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil ends

7 pm
Resource Fair ends



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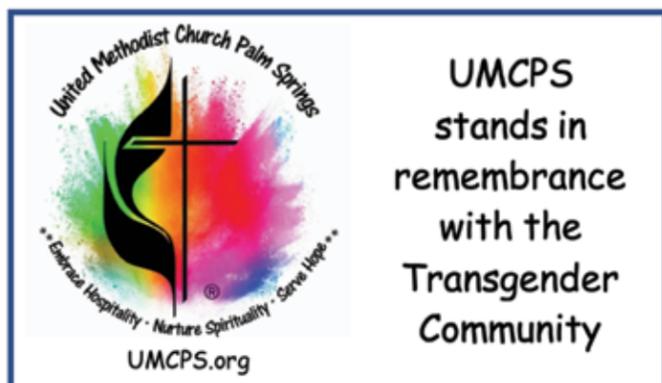
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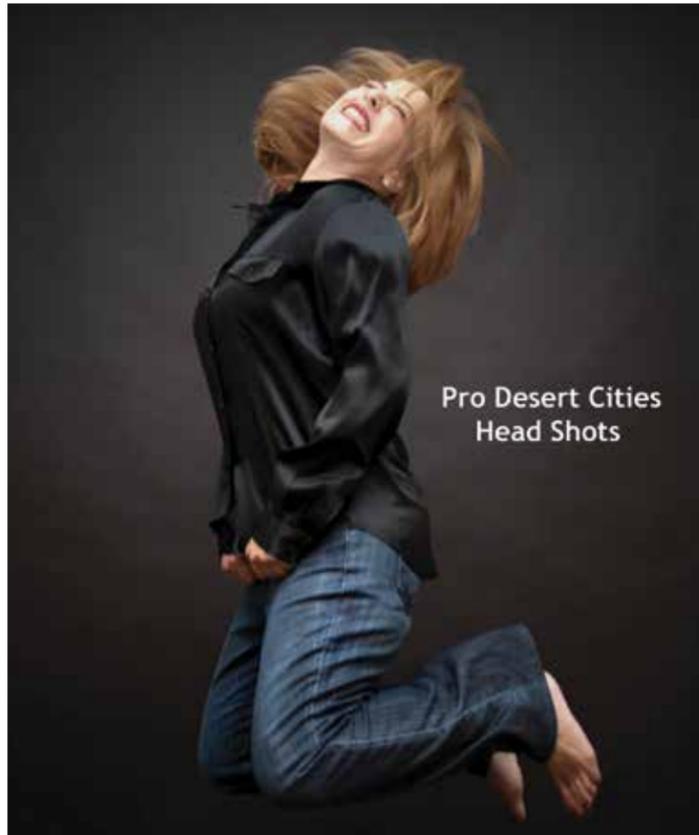
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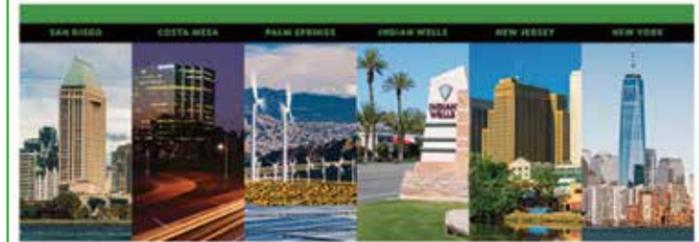


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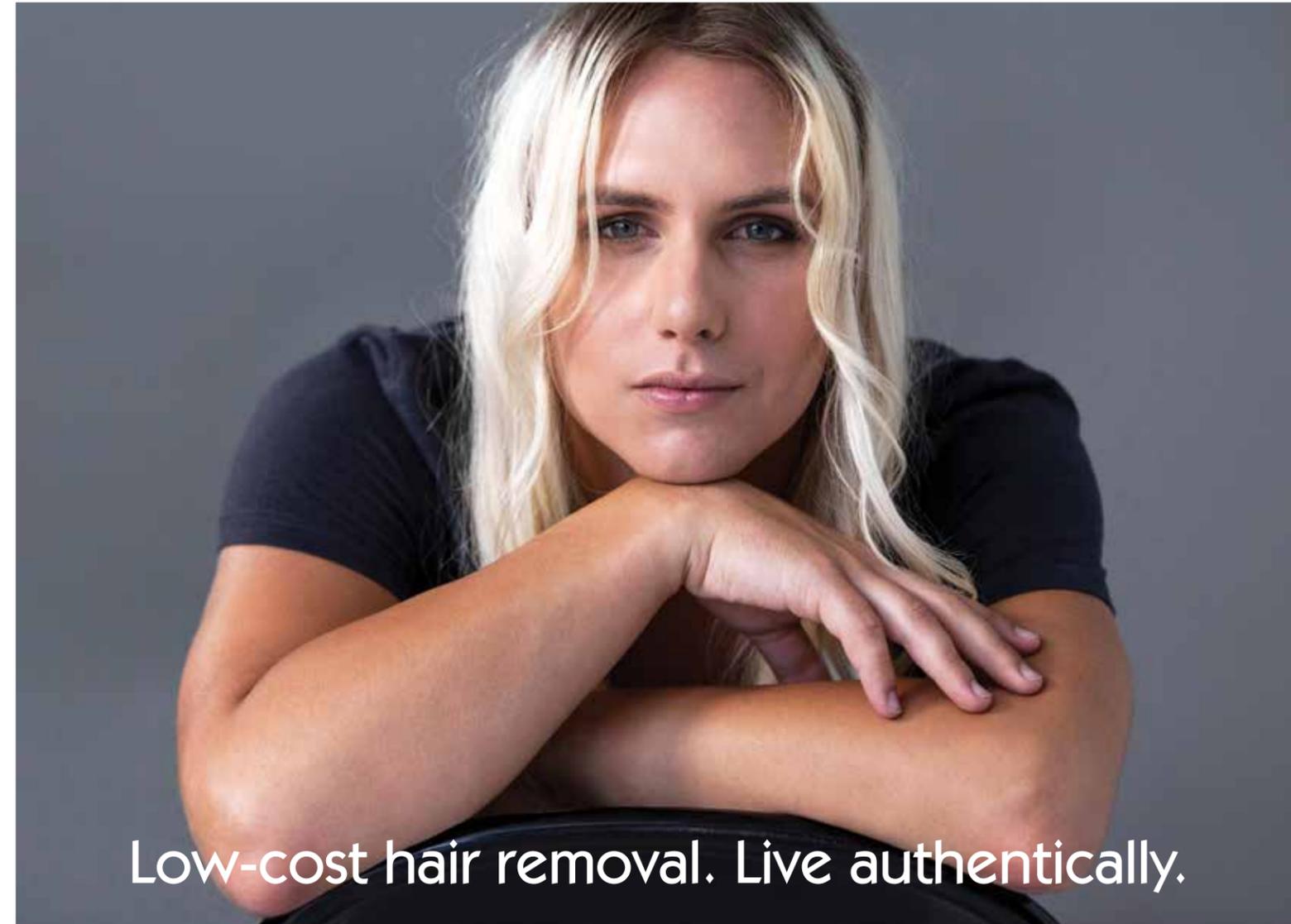
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Jill Soloway (lower center), writer and producer of the Amazon original series, *Transparent* becomes a donor of the Transgender Health and Wellness Center.



We celebrated Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Riverside. Ashley Marie Preston sharing her story with youth to empower them.



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Transgender Health and Wellness Center

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Marconi goes global with his 3D mural at the Transgender Health and Wellness Center.



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TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE READING OF NAMES – Those lost but not forgotten*

1. Dana Martin, 31, a trans woman of color, was fatally shot in Montgomery, Alabama, on January 6. Reports stated that she was found in a roadside ditch in her vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. Daroneshia Duncan-Boyd, an Alabama-based trans advocate, said that “she was a person that was loved by many.”

2. Ellie Marie Washtock, 38, a transfeminine person who identified as both a man and a woman, was found dead by their teenage son on January 31 at their World Golf Village condominium in St. Augustine, Florida. It was ruled a homicide according to the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office. No suspect has been identified. Washtock became posthumously notable for amateur investigative work regarding the September 2010 cold case of Michelle O’Connell. Patty O’Connell, mother of Michelle, stated to reporters she believed Washtock’s investigating was a factor in their murder.

3. Jazzaline Ware, a trans woman of color, was found dead in her Memphis apartment in March. Her death is being investigated as a homicide, according to *The Advocate*. “Our community in Memphis is mourning the death of Jazzaline Ware, a black trans woman and beloved friend,” said the Transgender Law Center in a press release. Further details are unknown as of May 31, 2019.

4. Ashanti Carmon, 27, a trans woman of color, was fatally shot in Prince George’s County, Maryland, on March 30. “Until I leave this earth, I’m going to continue on loving her in my heart, body, and soul,” said Philip Williams, Carmon’s fiancé. “She did not deserve to leave this earth so early, especially in the way that she went out.”

5. Claire Legato, 21, a trans woman of color, was fatally shot in Cleveland on April 15. Local media reports that Legato was shot in the head after an argument broke out between her mother and the suspect. She was taken to a nearby hospital and died from her injuries on May 14. Friends and family took to social media to mourn Legato’s death, remembering her as someone who was “full of life.”

6. Muhlaysia Booker, 23, a trans woman of color, was fatally shot in Dallas on May 18. Local media reported that Booker was found dead, lying face down with a gunshot wound near a golf course in east Dallas. In April, Booker was viciously attacked in what Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings described as “mob violence.” Officers say that there is no indication as of May 20, 2019, that the April attack is linked to Booker’s killing.

7. Michelle ‘Tamika’ Washington, 40, a trans woman of color, was fatally shot in Philadelphia on May 19. Police responded to reports of shots fired in North Philadelphia’s Franklinville neighborhood, according to the *Philadelphia Gay News*. Washington, who was also known by the name Tameka, was found with several gunshot wounds and transported to Temple University Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. She is remembered by friends and loved ones as a beloved sister and “gay mother.”

8. Paris Cameron, 20, a trans woman of color, was among three people killed in a horrific anti-LGBTQ shooting in a home in Detroit on May 25, according to local reports. Alunte Davis, 21, and Timothy Blancher, 20, two gay men, were found dead at the scene and Cameron was taken to the hospital, where she died from her injuries. Two other victims were also shot but survived. “This case illustrates the mortal danger faced by members of Detroit’s LGBTQ community, including transgender women of color,” Fair Michigan President Alanna Maguire said.

9. Chynal Lindsey, 26, a trans woman of color, was found dead in White Rock Lake, Dallas, with signs of “homicidal violence” on June 1, according to police. The Dallas Police Department has reached out to federal law enforcement to aid in the investigation. As of June 4, no further details were available.

10. Johana Medina Leon, 25, a trans woman from El Salvador seeking asylum in the United States, died in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody in El Paso, Texas on June 1. After applying for asylum on April 11, Leon was detained at the facility where she informed officials of her medical condition, including complications resulting from HIV. Leon passed her interview determining that she had credible fear of persecution should she return to El Salvador on May 18, but was not paroled until she entered the hospital later that month. According to family and advocates, during her incarceration at the facility, she had been denied medication and treatment resulting in her death at the Del Sol Medical Center.



11. Chanel Scurlock, 23, a trans woman of color, was found fatally shot in Lumberton, North Carolina, on June 6. Few details are yet public about the crime, but police told a local news outlet they have “great leads” in their investigation. “RIP baby,” wrote a friend on Facebook. “You [lived] your life as you wanted. I’m proud of you for being unapologetically correct about your feelings and expectations of YOU.”

12. Zoe Spears, 23, a trans woman of color, was found lying in the street with signs of trauma near Eastern Avenue in Fairmount Heights, Maryland, and later pronounced dead on June 13, according to local reports. “She was my daughter, very bright and very full of life,” transgender advocate Ruby Corado, the founder and executive director of Casa Ruby, told HRC. “Casa Ruby was her home. Right now, we just want her and her friends and the people who knew her to know that she’s loved.”

13. Brooklyn Lindsey, 32, a trans woman of color, was found dead on the front porch of an abandoned home in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 25, according to local news reports. “I love you, Brooklyn Lindsey,” wrote a friend on Twitter. “I shall live on for you. Rest in power, sista.”

14. Denali Berries Stuckey, 29, a trans woman of color, was found fatally shot in North Charleston, South Carolina, on July 20. “I lost my best friend, first cousin,” wrote a family member on Facebook. “We were more than cousins. We were like brother and sister. I love you so much, Pooh.”

15. Tracy Single (née Williams), 22, a trans woman of color, was found dead in west Houston, Texas on July 30, a victim of homicide. Single’s body was discovered in a convenience store parking lot around 2:30 am and moved to a morgue where she laid unidentified for ten days. The victim’s homelessness delayed the identification process. Single is the third transgender death of 2019 in Texas, following Muhlaysia Brooker and Chynal Lindsey. Single’s boyfriend was charged with her murder in late August.

16. Kiki Fantroy, 21, a trans woman of color, was fatally shot in Miami on July 31. Fantroy’s mother remembered her as having “a heart of gold” and being “a very loving person.” She also pleaded for justice for her daughter, saying, “My baby, my baby. Please help bring justice to my baby.”

17. Jordan Cofer, 22, was among the nine victims killed in a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, on August 4. While Cofer was only out to a handful of close friends and used the pronouns he/him/his on his social media profiles, he is remembered by friends as “extremely bright” and “well-liked.” A friend told *Splinter News* that “Jordan was probably one of the sweetest people you would ever meet, a true saint, but he was also very scared constantly. He tried to give the best to everyone.”

18. Pebbles LaDime “Dime” Doe, 24, a trans woman of color, was killed in Allendale County, South Carolina, on August 4. She was found dead in a car parked in a driveway, according to reports. Doe’s friends and family remembered her as having a “bright personality,” and being someone who “showed love” and who was “the best to be around.”

19. Bailey Reeves, 17, a trans teen of color, was fatally shot in Baltimore, Maryland, on September 2. As of September 6, little is known about the circumstances surrounding her death.

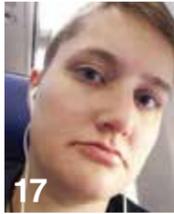
20. Bee Love Slater, 23, was brutally murdered in Clewiston, Florida, on September 4. Slater is remembered by loved ones as someone “with a really, really sweet heart” who “never harmed anyone.”

21. Jamagio Jamar Berryman, a gender non-conforming person of color, was killed in Kansas City, Kansas, on September 13. Local activists and community members joined family and friends at a vigil and took to social media to mourn Berryman’s loss.

22. Elisha Chanel Stanley, 46, a trans woman of color, was found dead by homicide September 16 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at 6:30 pm at the Westin Hotel. No other details about death have been released by officials, however Pittsburgh Police have stated they were investigating. Local activists and friends of the victim alleged investigation by officials and coverage of media was sparse due to the victim’s transgender status. Stanley’s funeral was held three days after on September 19.

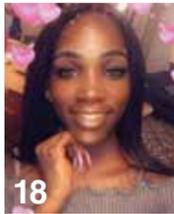
23. Itali Marlowe, 29, a trans woman of color, was shot multiple times and found by police in the driveway of a local home in Houston on September 20. She was transported to a nearby hospital where she was pronounced dead, as reported by Monica Roberts of TransGriot.

*As of October 25, 2019. Any additional names will be read at the event.



24. Brianna "BB" Hill, 30, was fatally shot in Kansas City on October 14. She was pronounced dead when officers arrived on the scene. Kansas City Police Capt. Tim Hernandez told local press that the alleged shooter remained at the scene until they arrived. She was a beloved member of her community, a fan of the Kansas City football team and loved spreading joy by sharing funny videos on her Facebook page.

Additionally, we are deeply concerned about the deaths of **Layleen Polanco** and **Bubba Walker** whose stories we are following closely. Polanco was found dead in a cell at Riker's Island on June 7. Walker, 55, had been missing since July 26 and was found dead in the aftermath of a house fire in Charlotte, North Carolina, on July 30.



THE CENOTAPH



The Cenotaph can currently be viewed in the front lobby of Palm Springs City Hall.



Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR) was founded in 1999 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith when she held a vigil for Rita Hester, a transgender woman that was murdered. It has become a global event to address the violence and oppression against this community. It is a time when the community that supports LGBTQ+ equality comes forward with their direct support to end violence against the transgender, intersex, gender non-conforming and non-binary communities.



2017 was a historical year for the City of Palm Springs, as Transgender Community Coalition donates the first Transgender Day of Remembrance Memorial Cenotaph in memory of those transgender people that have been murdered and committed suicide due to a world that is not understanding nor accepting. The piece was inspired by the murder of transgender woman of color Yaz'min Sanchez, who was thrown into a Florida alley and burned to death. The scorched burned marks from her remains inspired a breathtaking sculpture of a person laying in a somber fetal position covered in butterflies preparing to return to their creator in the heavens. Butterflies are the spiritual symbol of transgender people.



THE ARTIST

HEATH SATOW (b. February 6, 1969) is an American artist who works primarily in fabricated metals. He received national attention for his 9/11 Memorial sculpture of hands – created with 3,000 stainless-steel doves – lifting one of the twisted steel beams from the World Trade Center to the sky. His passion is art that expresses social justice issues and the inequality of the discriminated and oppressed. Inspired by the scale model that Thomi Clinton presented to him, he has created a unique piece of Cenotaph art – an empty tomb or a monument erected in honor of a person or group of people – that embodies the murders and injustices faced by the transgender community in hopes of increasing public conversation to support transgender equality.



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