

Chapter Network Update • Q1 2024

Celebrated the 4th Anniversary of Out Pro Los Angeles

Jan. 30—The **City of Los Angeles** recognized our chapter's success with a **City Commendation** as we celebrated our largest event ever, **296 attendees**. Chapter Founder **Andrew Barmann** and current Lead Ambassador **Ivan Maldonado** received awards recognizing their commitment to building the first chapter outside Metro New York.



Launched Out Pro Chicago, Our 10th Location

Feb. 8—In true Chicago fashion, not even a hail storm dampened spirits or turnout for our first event, atop the Hotel Lincoln off Lake Michigan. The buzz among our **134 participants** was electric. Keeping to the skies, our follow-up event will be held at **360 Chicago** on the 94th floor of the **John Hancock building** on Thu., April 11.



Increased Our Community Service Initiatives

Feb. 20—We're increasing our community service events in cities with mature chapters. Metro New York reengaged with **One Sandwich at a Time**, which was on hiatus during COVID lockdown. We will be holding **monthly sandwich-making events** for **at-risk LGBTQ youth** and others. More service events are in development.



Received a Grant Award from the Surdna Foundation

Mar. 14—Our foundation will invest grant funds toward comprehensive **outreach and relationship-building** with **BIPOC, transgender, and women's groups**. Our goal is to increase participation at our events from underserved parts of the LGBTQ community, increasing access to opportunities.

