**In Spite of Political Setbacks and Attacks, Local Trans Community Unites and #WontBeErased**

**Norfolk, VA** – [The Transgender Assistance Program of Virginia](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://tapvirginia.org/&sa=D&ust=1521041447192000&usg=AFQjCNEri5-pkkzEEc0_hU8VHKk_j2zmzw) (TAP VA) along with ODU SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance), ODU Gay Cultural Studies, New Life Metropolitan Community Church, LGBT Life Center, PFLAG of Norfolk/South Hampton Roads, Stonewall Sports Norfolk, Hampton Roads Pride, and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia are pleased to announce **the second annual Hampton Roads Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31, 2019**. The event will be held at **Old Dominion University, Mills Godwin Building, 1320 W 44th St, Norfolk, VA 23508 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m**., and will showcase and celebrate the art and expression of local transgender and gender non-conforming artists in honor of International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Hampton Roads’ Transgender Day of Visibility is focused on all forms of art, talent, visibility, and celebration of who we are. TAP VA believes that art and creativity are natural expressions of life and that every transgender and gender non-conforming person in the area has something to offer our community. At the Hampton Roads Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV), we seek to exemplify how the transgender community is thriving in spite of political setbacks and a rise in hate crimes. Members of the community will highlight their art and talents and join the international day to spread love and knowledge of transgender issues to the public.

For Hampton Roads’ TDOV, we define an artist as anyone with a creative spirit; you do not need to be "professional" to participate! Transgender and gender non-conforming youth are also welcomed and encouraged to participate in this family friendly event.

Transgender artists are warmly invited to display their skills and art. This includes transgender individuals who run their own local businesses and transgender performers (poetry/spoken word/dance/music/etc.). Space will also be provided for transgender teachers to lead small group activities such as face painting, nail designs, photography, and creative writing. The sky is the limit!

Prospective volunteers and artists are encouraged to message Transgender Assistance Program of Virginia on their Facebook page, or email transactivistva@gmail.com.

For more information on the LGBT Life Center, please visit www.lgbtlifecenter.org or call 757-640-0929.

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**ABOUT LGBT LIFE CENTER**: LGBT Life Center was formerly known as CANDII House, Full Circle CANDII, and ACCESS AIDS Care/LGBT Center of Hampton Roads until June of 2017 when it expanded its mission and rebranded as LGBT Life Center. For 29 Years, LGBT Life Center has been a trusted leader that empowers the LGBTQ communities and all people affected by HIV through improving health and wellness, strengthening families and communities and providing transformative education and advocacy.