



PUSH Buffalo

PUSH Buffalo (People United for Sustainable Housing) is a nonprofit whose stated mission is [“to mobilize residents to create strong neighborhoods with quality, affordable housing; to expand local hiring opportunities; and to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice in Buffalo.”](#) It was founded in 2005 as an initiative to help ordinary residents take part in making decisions involving housing and employment in the city of Buffalo. However, this organization promotes LGBTQ+ activism and so-called “reproductive justice”, and has partnered with other organizations acting in opposition to Catholic moral and social teaching.

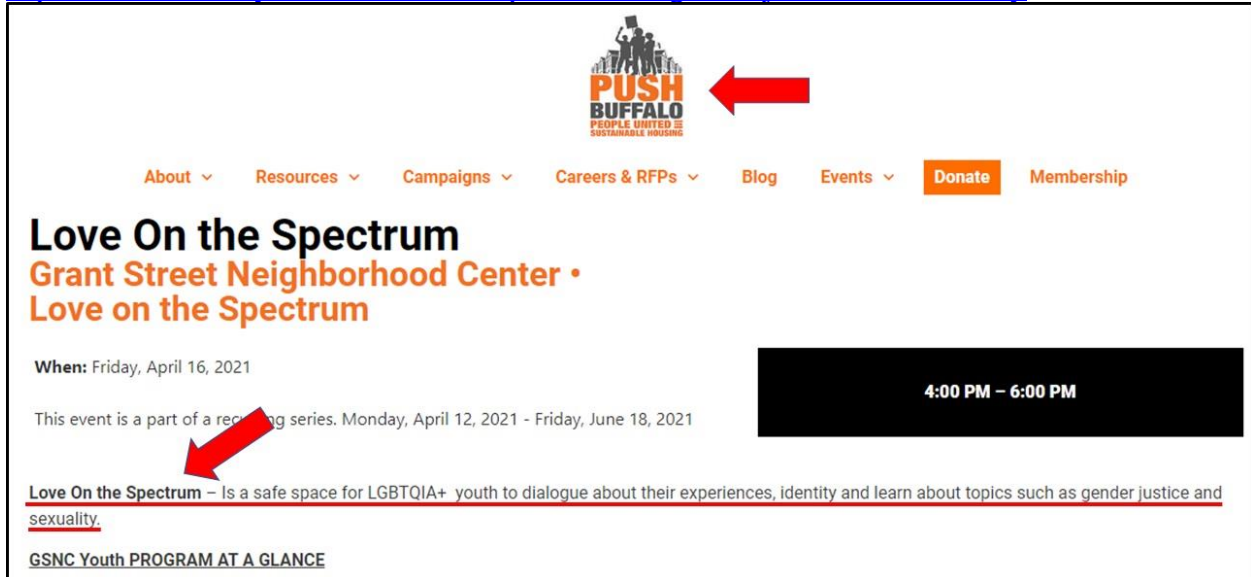
Since 2006, PUSH Buffalo has received a total of \$530,000 from the CCHD, including its most recent grant of [\\$60,000 in 2020](#).

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Diocese of Buffalo	People United for Sustainable Housing, Inc.	Housing	60,000.00

PUSH Buffalo Supports LGBTQ+ communities and activism

In 2021, one of [PUSH Buffalo’s projects, the Grant Street Neighborhood Center](#) ran what can only be called a grooming session for youth ages 14-20 called “Love on the Spectrum.” PUSH

Buffalo described the program as “[a safe space for LGBTQIA+ youth to dialogue about their experiences, identity and learn about topics such as gender justice and sexuality.](#)”



The screenshot shows the PUSH Buffalo website. At the top center is the PUSH Buffalo logo, which includes the text 'PUSH BUFFALO' and 'PEOPLE UNITED IN SUSTAINABLE HOUSING'. A red arrow points to the logo. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: 'About', 'Resources', 'Campaigns', 'Careers & RFPs', 'Blog', 'Events', 'Donate' (highlighted in orange), and 'Membership'. The main heading reads 'Love On the Spectrum' in large black font, followed by 'Grant Street Neighborhood Center • Love on the Spectrum' in orange. Below this, the event date is listed as 'When: Friday, April 16, 2021'. A black box on the right indicates the time '4:00 PM – 6:00 PM'. A red arrow points to the text 'This event is a part of a recording series. Monday, April 12, 2021 - Friday, June 18, 2021'. At the bottom, a red underlined text reads 'Love On the Spectrum – Is a safe space for LGBTQIA+ youth to dialogue about their experiences, identity and learn about topics such as gender justice and sexuality.' Below that is the text 'GSNC Youth PROGRAM AT A GLANCE'.

On [January 22](#) and [May 7](#) of 2021, PUSH Buffalo advertised the program on facebook, making it clear that this was all about pushing homosexual and transgender ideologies.



Grant Street Neighborhood Center PUSH Buffalo

May 7, 2021 · 🌐



Meet new friends and engage in important conversations with us this afternoon!

LOVE ON THE SPECTRUM

Fridays from 4-5pm
zoom meeting code: 97096115251
<https://bit.ly/GSNClove>

Spring classes April 12- June 18 | Online Application Below
<https://forms.gle/dixf2MRvNUc5MXv96>





Grant Street Neighborhood Center PUSH Buffalo

January 22, 2021 · 🌐



Happening this afternoon from 4-5!! 🏳️‍🌈

**LOVE ON
THE
SPECTRUM**

Take pride in yourself. Be one with
the LGBTQ+ community.

January 11th - March 26th 2021

Fridays from 4-5pm

zoom meeting code: 97096115251

The year before, in [October 2020](#), PUSH Buffalo hosted another creepy youth grooming program about LGBTQ+ issues called ABC Talk. With a similar mission of providing a “safe space” for youth to “dialogue” about their "experiences, identity and learn about topics such as gender justice and sexuality."



Grant Street Neighborhood Center PUSH Buffalo

October 16, 2020 · 🌐



ABC talk every Fridays at school 77 !



On [June 30, 2021](#), PUSH Buffalo commemorated Pride Month with a post which was openly supportive of LGBTQ+ activists.



PUSH Buffalo
@PUSHBuffalo

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As we wrap 🏳️‍🌈 🏳️‍⚧️ PRIDE month, let's carry on the courage, determination, and strength of all the people that paved the way to liberation to love who we love and be who we are. THANK YOU ❤️ Marsha 🧡 Sylvia 🧡 Bayard 🟢 James 💙 Audre 💜 Christine and so many more 🌈 !



1:14 PM · Jun 30, 2021 · Sprout Social

On [March 8, 2021](#), PUSH Buffalo also released a post for International Women’s Day which celebrated transgender women.



Besides running youth programs and making social media posts which advance an LGBTQ+ agenda, PUSH Buffalo has partnered with numerous other organizations with similar problematic agendas.

On [May 9, 2015](#), PUSH Buffalo partnered with the Buffalo Dyke March, a lesbian activist event, co-hosting a “community forum” about the March. They advertised the meeting on Facebook as

“mixing activism with a good time.”

Buffalo
Dyke March Meeting
Today, Sat. May 9th

12pm-2pm
@ #TheCenterOnGrant
271 Grant St, Buffalo NY

PUSH Buffalo
May 9, 2015 · 🌐

The Dyke March of Buffalo and PUSH are hosting a community forum on Saturday, May 9th (tomorrow) from 12pm-2pm. The future of the March will depend on community involvement, and this year, the goal of this forum is to make sure everyone feels invited and engaged and has a lot of fun-mixing activism with a good time.

The 2015 Buffalo Dyke March will gather at 4 p.m. on June 6 at Potomac Avenue and Grant Street, officially stepping off at 5 p.m.

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

PUSH Buffalo’s Pro-Abortion Activities

On July 29, 2022, Rahwa Ghirmatzion, the Executive Director for PUSH Buffalo, [signed a letter critical of the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade](#). The letter, ostensibly opposed to a new bill which would expand federal funding of police forces nationwide, attempted to portray expanded police funding as dangerous in light of the recent overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, complaining, “With *Roe v. Wade* **no longer able to safeguard reproductive rights nationwide...**” police might “enforce laws that **explicitly criminalize choice itself.**”

July 29, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
House Majority Leader
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Clyburn
House Majority Whip
H-329, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
House Judiciary Chair
2142 Rayburn
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Senate Judiciary Chair
224 Dirksen
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer, Whip Clyburn, Chair Nadler, Leader Schumer, Chair Durbin,
and other members of Congress,

In the coming months and years, these negative effects are likely to grow. With *Roe v. Wade* no longer able to safeguard reproductive rights nationwide, police and prosecutors are poised to expand their footprint dramatically—not only to enforce laws that effectively criminalize poverty and race, but to enforce laws that explicitly criminalize choice itself. Already, police departments have spent years surveilling and blocking progressive social movements, including communities mobilizing for labor rights, racial justice, environmental preservation, and more. As people take to streets and squares nationwide, advocating for their fundamental civil rights, we cannot fuel the very entities now tear gassing and otherwise assaulting these democratic protesters.⁹ Now, more than ever, we must think critically about whose power we are entrenching and how.

Sincerely,

Thea Sebastian, Director of Policy, Civil Rights Corps

Sakira Cook, Co-Interim Vice President of Campaigns, Color of Change

Tralonne Shorter, Director, Legislative Affairs, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Sara Kugler, Senior Legislative Manager, MoveOn

Rahwa Ghirmatzion, Executive Director, PUSH Buffalo

Judy Greene, Policy Analyst, Justice Strategies

On [February 3, 2021](#), PUSH Buffalo’s Grant Street Neighborhood Center advertised the Teen Reality Theater, a program run by Planned Parenthood. The post advertised for “local highschoolers with a passion for the arts and reproductive justice” and promoted learning about “sexual health and reproductive justice”.



Grant Street Neighborhood Center PUSH Buffalo

February 3, 2021 · 🌐



we're hiring.

Teen Reality Theatre is hiring!

Did you know you can get paid to learn about sexual health, reproductive justice, AND do theatre?!

If you're interested call Brooke at 716-200-5923.

Make sure to leave a message with your name and contact phone number.

ppmoxie.org

TEEN
REALITY
THEATRE

Teen Reality Theatre

January 29, 2021 · 🌐

Seeking local highschoolers with a passion for the arts and reproductive justice! ✨

On the [facebook page it linked to](#), Teen Reality Theatre made it very clear that it is a project of Planned Parenthood.



Teen Reality Theatre

@TRTCreates · ★ 4.4 reviews · Nonprofit organization

About

TRT seeks to replace fear and shame with education, information and support. We are teens helping teens!

Additional information

TRT is a group of teens dedicated to educating their peers in the Buffalo community. We write and produce stage plays about sex, relationships, gender, LGBTQI, anti-bullying and more.

We are a program of Planned Parenthood - the safe place to go for your sexual health needs. PP is Confidential, supportive, and on your side - 100!
See less

In 2019, [PUSH Buffalo co-sponsored the Women's March Buffalo/WNY](#), an event which promoted both LGBTQ+ and abortion ideologies. The [march's statement](#) clearly outlines as one of the march's goals: "destigmatize and improve access to pregnancy prevention and termination/abortion, and pass the Reproductive Health Care Act which preserves women's right to choose in NYS no matter what happens to Roe v. Wade nationally."

Women's March 2019 Buffalo/WNY!!! MARCH 10!! International Women's Day Weekend #WomensWave



The Women's March Buffalo/WNY (WM) will be held Friday, March 10, 3-4:30pm at Niagara Square, Buffalo NY on International Women's Day!!

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO HEALTH:

- More advocacy for women in the healthcare system (measurable goals: address language, cultural and other barriers in the healthcare system, for women of color, women living in poverty and low-income women, and women in general, by: having more doulas in hospitals, more birth education in hospitals, more advocacy in hospitals).
- destigmatize and improve access to pregnancy prevention and termination/abortion, and pass the Reproductive Health Care Act which preserves women's right to choose in NYS no matter what happens to Roe v. Wade nationally.
- Buffalo as a CEDAW city (see 1st goal, above)
- Buffalo as a Sanctuary/certified Welcoming city

COSPONSORS

Many thanks



<3 to our cosponsors!, currently 58 and still increasing:

1199SEIU, WNY Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, Activists of Buffalo, Anonymous for the Voiceless WNY, BEE Social Marketing, Brothers Doing Better, Buffalo State College's The Anne Frank Project, Buffalo Dyke + March 2019, Burning Books, Bury The Violence, Center for Inquiry WNY, CEJ Buffalo, Community Health Worker Network of Buffalo, Confident Girl Mentoring Program, Daughters of Creative Sound, El Buen Amigo & LACA Non-Profit, Food For All, Girls Inspire, Global Justice Ecology Project, Inclusive Theater of Western New York, Ismail & Company, Indigenous Women's Initiatives, Interfaith Peace Network, Jewish Voice for Peace, League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara, Inc., Muslim Public Affairs Council, NAACP Buffalo Branch, Nek Chesakt/ Buffalo Supports Standing Rock Water Protectors, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence WNY, Open Buffalo, Organize for Action WNY, NYSUT SRPs, New York Civil Liberties Union - NYCLU, Peacejam Buffalo, Poor People's Campaign- WNY, Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York, Push Buffalo, Pretty As A Daisy Mentoring & Enrichment Program, Rahama, Riverside Salem Environmental Cottage, Science Demands Action - Buffalo March for Science, Sierra Club Niagara Group, Sister District for Western New York, a NYPAN Chapter; StandUp WNY, Stopthe Violencecoalition, Stronger Together WNY, Corp. - Action Together Network, Survivor Activists of Domestic Violence, UB Gender Institute, Ujima, Veterans For Peace #128, We Are Women Warriors, WNY Coalition of Peace-Justice-Nonviolence Advocates, WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE (W.A.V.E), We Exist Coalition- Buffalo NY, WNYmedia Network, WNY Resistance Revival Chorus, WNY Women's Foundation

In addition to being a co-sponsor of the event, PUSH Buffalo was an active participant, joining

WNY Peace Center and Planned Parenthood among the list of scheduled speakers.

Speakers:

- Betty Jean Grant, *We Are Women Warriors*, former co legislator, longtime community activist (Government)
- Cindy Odom, *WNY Women's Foundation* (Government)
- Rahwa Ghirmatzion, *Push Buffalo* (Business, Organizations And The Workplace)
- Marie Malinowski, *Poor People's Campaign- WNY Disability Rights Activist* (Business, Organizations And The Workplace)
- Silver Light *WNY Peace Center* (Education)
- Cheryl Hughes, *WNY Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO/NYSUT* (including true costs of militarism)
- Jenn Flick *Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York*, (Health, Choice)
- Deidra EmEl, *WNY Peace Center, Congregation of Israel* (Health)

Membership in WNY Peace Center

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an [FAQ on the USCCB website](#), the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Given this prohibition, PUSH Buffalo should have been disqualified from funding for its membership in the Western New York Peace Center.

PUSH Buffalo is listed [on the website of the Western New York Peace Center](#) as an “organizational member.”



WNY Peace Center

#UniteTheStruggles

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Organizational Members:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndigenousWomensInitiatives>

Interfaith Peace Network

Partnership for the Public Good

Peace Education Fund <http://fundpeace.org>

PeaceJam Buffalo <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceJamBuffalo>

People United for Sustainable Housing – PUSH Buffalo <http://pushbuffalo.org>

Under the heading “[Gender Justice](#),” the WNY Peace Center firmly states that it is fighting for LGBTQ "rights" as well as "bodily autonomy." Given the hashtag "stop the bans," it is clear that bodily autonomy is a reference to abortion.

The Gender Justice Taskforce of the WNY Peace Center promotes respect, dignity, and justice for all genders. We fight for the equitable distribution of power, knowledge, and resources regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, class, race or ethnicity.

In addition, the WNY Peace Center has organized the Women's March – WNY since its inception in 2017, with marches of 4K, 5K, and several hundreds out in 65-mph-galeforce winds for two years in a row. We held a special Women's March October '20 to support continuation and improvement (vast improvement needed) of our democracy, and to stop violence against women, people and the planet. More to follow!

In addition to rising to address the needs of women who are impacted by patriarchal and sexist ideologies, we are also working to address the injustices against the LGBTQIA community.

Our taskforce will promote gender justice and collaborate with others to lift the voices of those whose human rights and dignity are threatened, calling out and fighting against all forms of gender and sex-based oppression.

Action Items:

- Support bodily autonomy and equal rights. #stopthebans #transequality
- Contact Talia Rodriguez at Talia.Rodriguez.716@gmail.com to talk about or to suggest events and/or collaboration
- Check out the literature on our Intersectional (Gender & Racial Justice) Book List (see below).

WNY Peace Center states that all the issues it pushes via taskforces, including abortion and homosexuality, are interconnected: “While our nine taskforces focus on issue areas such as Gender Justice, Racial Justice, Prisoners’ Rights, Immigrant & Refugee Justice, Resist Militarism!, etc., **we stress the interconnectedness of our issues**, Uniting in the Struggle and Movement-Building.” (emphasis added, source: [//wnypeace.org/wp/about/history/](http://wnypeace.org/wp/about/history/))

WNY Peace Center has a “Gender Justice” task force that promotes homosexual activism, donating to Planned Parenthood and boasts about a picture of a “uterus giving the finger.”



WNY Peace Center #UniteTheStruggles

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Gender Justice

Taskforce Chair: Denise Robinson
Email: wnypc_gender@safeforwork.ca

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Action Items:

- Make donations to places like Planned Parenthood and the Pride Center of WNY
- Support bodily autonomy and equal rights. #stopthebans #transequality
- Join us at our next meeting July 29, 2019 at 5pm at the Merriweather Library.
- Contact Denise Robinson at wnypc_gender@safeforwork.ca to talk about direct action events or to suggest events and/or collaboration



Image: Demonstrators behind the WNY Peace Center banner at a march for equal rights. One sign depicts a uterus giving the finger.



Image: The WNY Peace Center table at Pride 2019. Denise Robinson holds a rainbow fan.

WNY Peace Center also promoted a [Planned Parenthood rally](#) as well as an event [in support of abortion](#).

Perhaps not surprisingly, WNY Peace Center's [list of partners](#) includes Planned Parenthood, CNY & WNY.

Conclusion

PUSH Buffalo is an organization that not only partners with affiliates that explicitly promote LGBTQ+ and pro-abortion agendas, but also uses its own resources to express support of LGBTQ+ communities and attempts to indoctrinate youth through its outreach programs.

Further, its executive director has been openly critical of the landmark overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.