



# RESILIENCE AND PRIDE

The 2025 Annual Financial Report



Fiscal Year 2025

*Serving the LGBTQ+ Community of Columbus, Georgia for 12 Years*



2025 was one of the most difficult years our organization has ever faced. With the return of federal restrictions during President Trump's second term, all federal funding streams supporting LGBTQ+ programs were eliminated. Any organization receiving federal dollars was prohibited from distributing

funds to LGBTQ agencies. This single policy shift cost us thousands of dollars in expected support and forced us to make painful decisions.

We were unable to host our New Year's Celebration, our Fourth of July Celebration, or any Diversity Saturday programs. These cancellations were not due to lack of passion or effort — they were the direct result of unprecedented financial restraints placed on LGBTQ organizations nationwide.

Yet even in hardship, our community showed extraordinary resilience. Pride remained our primary source of revenue and the engine that sustains our work year-round. Without Pride dollars, this agency would not exist. We have operated for 12 years with no salaries and no paid staff, and we continue to serve our community with dignity, love, and determination.

It was painful to tell our community "we just can't do it this year," but we made responsible decisions to protect the future of ColGay Pride. And still, we delivered a successful Pride Festival, maintained essential operations, and continued to stand strong for the LGBTQ community of Columbus.

We pray that 2026 brings renewed support, restored funding, and a stronger commitment from individuals, businesses, and partners who believe in equality. We hope more people will step up, donate, and help ensure that Pride — and the vital work it funds — continues to thrive.

***With resilience and pride,***

**Jeremy Hobbs**

Executive Director, ColGay Pride

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## 2024 Ending Balance — Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2025

**\$337.41**

This balance represents ColGay Pride's starting financial position entering fiscal year 2025, reflecting responsible stewardship carried over from the prior year.



## Sponsorships

Gary Bruce	\$1,000.00
CVEM	\$500.00
CAN Community Health	\$300.00
Georgia Equality	\$1,000.00
Attorney Walker Garrett	\$250.00
Hope United Methodist Church	\$500.00
St. Thomas Episcopal Church	\$150.00
Mayor Skip Henderson	\$250.00
New Horizons	\$150.00
New Covenant Church	\$350.00

Pratt & Whitney	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$9,450.00</b>

## Vendor Fees

Food Trucks	\$4,500.00
Regular Vendors	\$2,550.00
<b>Total Vendor Fees</b>	<b>\$7,050.00</b>

## Pride Store Sales

Pride Store Revenue	\$3,175.00

## Donations & Fundraising

Individual Donations	\$685.00
Online Fundraisers	\$237.00
Executive Director Support	\$2,200.00
<b>Total Donations &amp; Fundraising</b>	<b>\$3,122.00</b>

## Grants

Grants Received	\$0.00

All federal LGBTQ+ grant programs were eliminated in 2025. ColGay Pride received no grant funding this fiscal year.

## TNT Fireworks Program

TNT Commissions	\$0.00
<i>Program discontinued in fiscal year 2025.</i>	

## Total 2025 Revenue Summary

Sponsorships	\$9,450.00
Vendor Fees	\$7,050.00
Pride Store Sales	\$3,175.00
Donations & Fundraising	\$3,122.00
Grants	\$0.00
TNT Commissions	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL 2025 REVENUE</b>	<b>\$22,797.00</b>



## Pride Festival Expenses

Security	\$1,057.00
Park Deposit	\$500.00
Porta Potties	\$652.00
Entertainment	\$1,200.00
DJ	\$500.00
Special Guest	\$210.00
Marketing	\$1,012.00
Awards	\$485.00
Permits	\$185.00
Power Equipment Rentals	\$210.00
Equipment Repairs	\$317.00
Stage Purchase	\$1,497.00
Decorations	\$588.00
Pride T-Shirts	\$650.00
Pageant Crowns	\$401.79
U-Haul Rental	\$196.00
Signage	\$117.00
Alcohol License	\$150.00
Pride Store Restock	\$2,100.00
<b>Total Pride Festival Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,027.79</b>

## Operating Expenses

Internet	\$780.00
Microsoft Office	\$239.88

PosterMyWall	\$119.40
Website Hosting	\$732.00
Phone / Data / Insurance	\$2,400.00
Zoom	\$239.88
Production Software	\$2,544.00
Transportation	\$2,400.00
Insurance	\$804.00
Incorporation Fee	\$35.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,294.16</b>

### Diversity Saturday Programs

Diversity Saturdays	\$0.00
<i>No programs were held in 2025 due to the elimination of federal LGBTQ+ funding streams.</i>	

### Halloween Festival

Decorations	\$364.00
Awards	\$96.00
Food & Alcohol Vendors	\$0.00
<b>Total Halloween Expenses</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>

### Christmas Celebration

Decorations	\$110.00
Food	\$185.00
Postage for 250 Cards	\$170.00
<b>Total Christmas Expenses</b>	<b>\$465.00</b>

**Total 2025 Expenses Summary**

Pride Festival	\$12,027.79
Operating Expenses	\$10,294.16
Diversity Saturday Programs	\$0.00
Halloween Festival	\$460.00
Christmas Celebration	\$465.00
<b>TOTAL 2025 EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$23,246.95</b>



Total 2025 Revenue	\$22,797.00
Total 2025 Expenses	\$23,246.95
<b>2025 Net Position</b>	<b>-\$449.95</b>

2024 Carryover Balance	\$337.41
<b>Final 2025 Year-End Balance</b>	<b>-\$112.54</b>

### Financial Note

ColGay Pride ended fiscal year 2025 with a deficit of \$112.54, reflecting an extraordinarily challenging year marked by the elimination of federal LGBTQ+ funding. The organization's responsible financial stewardship and community-powered revenue kept operations intact through this historic challenge.



*"Even in the most difficult of years, ColGay Pride stood. That is not nothing — that is everything."*

Fiscal year 2025 tested ColGay Pride in ways we could not have anticipated. The sweeping elimination of federal LGBTQ+ funding programs created an environment unlike anything our organization had previously navigated in its 12-year history. Events we had planned with care — New Year's, Fourth of July, Diversity Saturdays — had to be set aside, not out of indifference, but out of a fierce commitment

to protect the long-term future of this organization and the people who depend on it. These were not easy decisions. Each cancellation carried the weight of a community that counts on us to show up — and we felt that responsibility deeply.

And yet, ColGay Pride showed up. The 2025 Pride Festival stood as the cornerstone of our year — a powerful, joyful, and hard-won celebration that reminded Columbus, Georgia what community truly looks like. Powered entirely by sponsors, vendors, donors, and the tireless work of our all-volunteer team, Pride 2025 was a triumph born of resilience. For 12 years, ColGay Pride has operated without a single paid salary. Every dollar raised has gone directly into serving the LGBTQ+ community, and 2025 was no exception. We also carried the spirit of community into October and December, hosting our Halloween Festival and Christmas Celebration — modest in budget, but rich in love and belonging for all who attended.

As we look toward 2026, we do so with clear eyes and open hearts. We call on every individual, business, faith community, and civic partner who believes in dignity and equality to stand with us. Donate. Sponsor. Volunteer. Share our story. ColGay Pride has never needed your support more — and we have never been more determined to honor it. Together, we will rise to meet whatever comes next, with the same resilience and pride that has defined this organization from its very first day.



ColGay Pride is deeply grateful to the following sponsors and supporters whose generosity made fiscal year 2025 possible. Your commitment to our community is the foundation upon which we stand.

- Gary Bruce

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- Mayor Skip Henderson
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*ColGay Pride is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization serving the LGBTQ+ community of Columbus, Georgia. We are grateful to every sponsor, vendor, donor, and community member who made 2025 possible.*



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