# Indiana Welcomes All Digest

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Who is Equality Indiana?

Equality Indiana is for all LGBTQIA+ Hoosiers and allies.

Our founding Board Members are pictured on the right:

G. David Caudill (he, she, they) is the Founder, Board President, and Executive Director. A native Hoosier, and based in Indianapolis, they are experienced in and passionate about advancing LGBTQ+ causes. G. David has a Masters degree in Nonprofit Management focusing on strategic planning, leadership, and philanthropy.

Welcome to the first edition of the Indiana Welcomes All Digest from the Equality Indiana Educational Fund! These newsletters will update our supporters and volunteers on the work Equality Indiana is doing to accomplish our mission which is to secure comprehensive and inclusive nondiscrimination, equality, and legal protections for all LGBTQIA+ Hoosiers through democratic processes. You can support our mission with a donation at EqualityIndiana.org/Give

We truly appreciate your support!



Left to right: Nichole Jones, Danielle Drake, G. David Caudill, Chad Kepner

Danielle Drake (she, her) is the Vice President, based in Indianapolis. She is a community advocate and social change agent focusing on economic and community development. She holds a Masters in Public Affairs, working to create a more equitable and welcoming State.

Nichole Jones (she, her) is the Board Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator based in New Albany. She has 13 years experience with volunteer coordination in nonprofit organizations. She holds a Masters in Liberal Arts focusing on History and is passionate about equity and justice especially for marginalized groups and reproductive rights. Chad Kepner (he, him), an Indianapolis resident, serves as the Board Treasurer. He has a BSA and MSA from Purdue University and is a certified public accountant (CPA). Idolizing Dolly Parton, he couldn't agree more with her belief that, "I think everybody

should be allowed to be who they are, and to love who they love".

## **Equality Indiana's 5 Freedoms Legislative Push**

Equality Indiana's legislative priorities for the 2024 session include The Hoosier Freedoms for Medical Privacy, for Education, from Discrimination, to Marry, and from Hate Acts. Find our more at <a href="EqualityIndiana.org/legislative">EqualityIndiana.org/legislative</a>

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### **Indiana General Assembly**

The Indiana General Assembly is back in session, and Equality Indiana is on the lookout for legislation both positive and harmful. This non-budget year promises to be packed with activity, with crucial issues like parental rights, LGBTQIA+ & Hoosier freedoms, and access to accurate education for all taking center stage.

We believe every Hoosier deserves to live openly and authentically, free from discrimination and harm. That's why we're dedicated to keeping you informed about bills impacting the LGBTQIA+ community and empowering you to take action.

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was January 15th. We hope it was more than a day off, but used as a day ON, meaning this day or any day should be used as a Day of Service within your community. We hope you will remember Dr. King's legacy by following his lead and do something to make a positive impact in your community.

Become a volunteer with Equality Indiana as an Equality Ambassador and you will make that positive impact.

Volunteer at EqualityIndiana.org/volunteer-info

Check our website EqualityIndiana.org for public statements and updates about elections and legislation impacting Hoosiers like you.



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TOGETHER we can create a welcoming and equitable Indiana!



