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NoVA Prism Center to Celebrate Expansion with Open House for Community and Stakeholders.

MCLEAN, VA - On Saturday, March 29, 2025, the NoVA Prism Center officially cuts the ribbon on its expanded facilities, marking a significant milestone in the journey of support for the LGBTQ+ community in Northern Virginia. The ceremony will take place from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the NoVA Prism Center and the Open House from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM located in McLean, VA.

The event will be particularly poignant as it takes place just two days before Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31—a day dedicated to honoring the lives and contributions of transgender individuals while raising awareness of the challenges they face.

The expansion highlights the organization's unwavering commitment to creating a safe and supportive space for LGBTQ+ youth and community members amidst ongoing challenges, including recent discussions surrounding book bans on LGBTQ+ topics within local educational settings. Since its founding in May 2022, NoVA Prism Center has actively served as a vital resource for the LGBTQ+ community, earning 501(c)(3) status in 2023.

Leon van der Goetz, Executive Director of NoVA Prism Center, stated, "This expansion is not just about growing our physical space; it reflects our determination to amplify LGBTQ+ voices and ensure access to essential resources for individuals of all ages and backgrounds. We are proud to serve as a majority transgender and nonbinary-led organization, with involvement from our community at the heart of everything we do.

The newly expanded center will offer enhanced library services, creative spaces, gender-affirming resources, greater participation in community events, and continued support for initiatives such as their independent online literary magazine, The Lantern. This expansion allows for increased programming and outreach to better meet the diverse needs of our community today and in the future.

NoVA Prism Center invites community leaders, key stakeholders, and supporters to come together in celebration. Media representatives are welcome to attend and cover this momentous occasion. For further information or to RSVP for the ceremony, please contact Joya Patel at joyaapatel7@gmail.com.

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About NoVA Prism Center:

Founded in 2022, NoVA Prism Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the LGBTQ+ community in Northern Virginia through advocacy, education, and access to critical resources. The center is committed to fostering an inclusive environment that empowers individuals and amplifies diverse voices.