





# DALLAS' WHOLESOME GAY MAGAZINE:

## The GAB Celebrating *Unity and Diversity*

In a city as vibrant and diverse as Dallas, it's crucial to have a platform that celebrates the LGBTQ+ community and their loving supporters. Welcome to The GAB, a magazine that fills a vital gap in the Dallas media landscape by showcasing the lives, stories, and experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies. The GAB is more than just a magazine; it's a testament to the inclusivity, unity, and strength of the Dallas community.

### REPRESENTATION MATTERS

The GAB was born out of a genuine need for representation. While there are numerous publications catering to the LGBTQ+ community, many of them tend to focus on nightlife and the party scene, often leaving behind the everyday lives of LGBTQ+ individuals and their families. Dallas deserves a magazine that offers a more comprehensive and wholesome perspective, one that delves into the multifaceted aspects of the LGBTQ+ community.

### A CELEBRATION OF DALLAS FAMILIES

At the heart of The GAB is its commitment to showcasing a different Dallas family in the LGBTQ+ community each month. These stories highlight the joys, struggles, and triumphs of LGBTQ+ individuals and their loved ones. By sharing these personal narratives, The GAB aims to humanize the community, fostering a deeper understanding and empathy among readers.

### BEYOND THE BARS: REAL-LIFE STORIES

While there's nothing wrong with celebrating Dallas' vibrant nightlife, The GAB goes beyond the surface. Our magazine explores topics such as LGBTQ+ friendly schools, family dynamics, pet ownership, and more. We take you on a journey through many of the diverse neighborhoods that make Dallas a welcoming home for LGBTQ+ individuals.

### A WEALTH OF RESOURCES

The GAB is more than just a simple collection of stories; it's a valuable resource for the Dallas LGBTQ+ community. What our magazine strives to offer are advice columns and resources to address the unique challenges faced by LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies. Readers can

find recommendations for LGBTQ+ friendly vendors and discover exciting things to do in Dallas, creating a stronger sense of community.

### UNITY AND SUPPORT

In a world that sometimes seems divided, The GAB strives to bring Dallas together. We emphasize unity and community support in every aspect of our publication. By showcasing the experiences of moms and siblings of LGBTQ individuals, we underscore the importance of acceptance and love within families. The GAB is a testament to Dallas' commitment to diversity and unity.





## A MAGAZINE TO BE PROUD OF

The GAB isn't just another magazine; it's a publication you can proudly display on your coffee table. It represents the values of love, acceptance, and inclusivity that Dallas holds dear. Whether you're a member of the LGBTQ+ community or a loving supporter, The GAB is a reflection of your commitment to a better, more inclusive Dallas.

Dallas is a city that thrives on its diversity, and The GAB is here to celebrate that diversity. Our goal is to shed light on the incredible stories and experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies, emphasizing that we are all respectful individuals with a common goal of love and acceptance. If you know of any families that would like to be showcased in The GAB or have suggestions for content, please send us an email at [askellie@thegab.com](mailto:askellie@thegab.com). We invite you to join with us in celebrating the rich tapestry of LGBTQ+ life in Dallas. 







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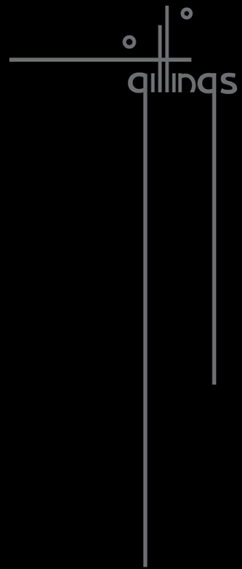
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# WHERE THE BOYS ARE

## *And The Girls Too*

### THE URBAN PIONEERS OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN DALLAS

In the heart of Texas, a vibrant and stylish community is leaving its mark on the real estate landscape of Dallas. The LGBT community, known for its unique sense of style and a knack for transforming spaces into welcoming havens, is taking the city's housing market by storm. From the established neighborhoods to the up-and-coming districts, these urban pioneers are reshaping the concept of home ownership and leaving their unmistakable mark.

### OAK LAWN AND OAK CLIFF: A TALE OF DIVERSITY AND ACCEPTANCE

When it comes to the LGBT community's homebuying preferences, two neighborhoods in Dallas stand out: Oak Lawn and Oak Cliff. Ask anyone familiar with the city's pulse, and these names are likely to be mentioned in the same breath. Oak Lawn, often dubbed the heart of Dallas's gay community, has been a historic haven for LGBT residents. Its charming streets, lined with diverse architecture and a welcoming atmosphere, have attracted a significant proportion of the community.

According to the 2022 census, Oak Lawn continues to be a hub for LGBT households, with over 77% identifying as such. While this number is slightly lower than the 2021 figure of 83%, it still underscores the neighborhood's enduring appeal. Oak Cliff, on the other hand, boasts 39% gay households, making it another destination of choice for the community. Within these neighborhoods, several areas have become particularly popular among LGBT residents. Beckley Club, Stevens Park, Kessler Park, Kiest Park, Winnetka Heights, Wynnewood

Village, Oak Park, Kidd Springs, and Beckley Club have all carved out spaces that reflect the community's aesthetic sensibilities and its dedication to maintaining their homes with style and care.

### DIVERSE ZIP CODES AND EMERGING HOTSPOTS

Beyond Oak Lawn and Oak Cliff, the Dallas LGBT community is establishing its presence in various zip codes, each with its unique character and potential. One notable area is 75229, where approximately 33% of households identify as gay. This zone encompasses charming subdivisions like Midway Hollow and the Disney Streets, which have garnered attention for their architectural character and welcoming community atmosphere. In 75227, near White Rock Lake, another zip code is making waves in the LGBT homebuyer scene. Despite its



surprising location, 75227 is home to communities like Buckner Terrace, The Enclave at Grove Hill, and the promising Tennision Village area. The 2022 census indicates that around 27% of households here are part of the LGBT community.



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**MAPPING THE HEART: OAK  
LAWN’S ENDURING ALLURE**

Oak Lawn remains the epicenter of the LGBT community in Dallas, and its significance is underscored by maps that highlight the strength of gay households during election years. While the LGBT community thrives in various pockets of Dallas, Oak Lawn’s historical role in providing a safe and inclusive space has solidified its place in the hearts of the community members. Yet, as Oak Lawn evolves and available home sites dwindle, many LGBT homebuyers are exploring new construction options in other parts of the city. Simultaneously, there’s growing interest in single-family homes located in different neighborhoods. This diversification of preferences speaks to the community’s adaptability and its desire to make a home wherever it feels welcomed.

**EMERGING TRENDS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS**

As Dallas continues to flourish and evolve, several emerging neighborhoods are piquing the interest of the LGBT community. The spotlight is turning toward areas like Midtown, Farmers Branch, Casa View, Piedmont, Parkdale, Royal Lane near Central Expressway, and Queen City. These districts are drawing attention for their potential, affordability, and the promise of becoming the next safe havens for the LGBT urban pioneers. In conclusion, Dallas is witnessing a captivating transformation in its real estate landscape, thanks to the dynamic presence of the LGBT community. With its penchant for style and commitment to maintaining beautiful homes, this community is reshaping the perception of homeownership in the city. From established neighborhoods like Oak Lawn and Oak Cliff to emerging districts, the LGBT community’s impact is undeniable. As urban pioneers, they are leaving their indelible mark on the map of Dallas, turning houses into homes and neighborhoods into vibrant havens of diversity and acceptance. 







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## *The Harston Woods Community*

### IN EULESS, TEXAS

#### INTRODUCTION

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#### A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE

Harston Woods is more than just a community; it's a neighborhood that embraces the warmth of living. Enjoy the company of friendly neighbors, un-

wind by the pool, or explore the walking trails together. With playgrounds and communal areas, our community fosters a close-knit environment where lasting connections are made.

#### A RESORT-LIKE LIFESTYLE

Step into a world that feels like a perpetual vacation. The Harston Woods Community exudes a resort-like ambiance, with immaculately landscaped grounds, recreational facilities, and inviting communal spaces. Indulge yourself in the joys of a relaxed lifestyle, where every day feels like a holiday.

#### VISIT WITH US TODAY

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# JESSICA NELSON, REALTOR

## *Championing Diversity and Inclusion in Dallas' Real Estate*

### INTRODUCTION

In the bustling heart of Dallas, where the skyline pierces the Texan sky, one realtor stands out, not just for her professional prowess, but for her unwavering commitment to the LGBTQ+ community. Jessica Nelson of eXp Realty has become a beacon of support and allyship, transforming the way real estate intersects with social advocacy in the Lone Star State.

### EARLY BEGINNINGS

A seasoned realtor with many years of experience, Jessica's professional journey is marked by her dedication to creating inclusive and welcoming spaces for all. Her philosophy is simple yet profound: everyone deserves a place to call home, where they feel safe, valued, and celebrated. This ethos drives her every endeavor, from helping clients find their dream homes to fostering a more inclusive real estate industry.

Jessica's journey into real estate was sparked by her passion for helping others. "Real estate is more than just buying and selling properties," she explains. "It's about building communities and ensuring everyone has a place where they can truly be themselves." This belief is the cornerstone of



her work, and it resonates deeply with the LGBTQ+ community in the Dallas area.

### LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

As the powerhouse realtor and team leader of Nelson Global Group, Jessica has built a diverse team that reflects her commitment to inclusivity. Her team's diversity allows them to connect with a wide range of clients, ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background or identity, feels understood

and supported. Her professional achievements are complemented by her personal life, where she is the proud mother of twin daughters, Kenzie and Hayley.



**INCLUSIVITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Beyond her professional commitments, Jessica actively participates in various LGBTQ+ events and organizations. She’s a familiar face at Pride parades, community fundraisers, and local LGBTQ+ networking events, where her enthusiasm and genuine support are palpable. Her involvement goes beyond mere attendance; she’s often at the forefront, organizing, advocating, and lending her voice to amplify the community’s needs and achievements.

One of her notable contributions, is her work with local LGBTQ+ youth organizations. Jessica believes in the power of mentorship and strives to provide

discrimination has no place in the real estate market. Her efforts have been recognized by several local and national organizations, solidifying her position as a leader in both the Dallas area real estate and LGBTQ+ communities.

In a city as dynamic as Dallas, Jessica Nelson’s work is a reminder of the impact one person can have on fostering inclusivity and acceptance. Through her dedication, she has not only helped countless individuals find homes, but has also built a legacy of support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community. As Dallas continues to grow and evolve, Jessica remains at the heart of its progress, ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background or identity, has the opportunity to thrive.



young people with the guidance and support they need to navigate both their personal and professional lives. “Everyone deserves a role model who believes in them,” she says. “I want to be that person for as many young people as I can.”

**CONCLUSION**

Jessica’s commitment to diversity and inclusion also extends to her professional network. She’s a vocal advocate for fair housing practices and works tirelessly to ensure that





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Thank you to my family, friends, clients, and neighbors who have been here every step of the way.

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