Trans Health Fund (THF) at GLMA

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Investing in trans health is investing in scientific integrity, health equity, and the future of care.

WHY NOW

As trans health research is being censored and federal protections are disappearing, the communities bearing the cost already shoulder a disproportionate burden: alarming rates of poor mental health, elevated prevalence of infectious diseases and chronic conditions, limited access to gender-affirming care, and a critical shortage of knowledgeable, affirming providers.

Moreover, existing research, where it exists at all, is hampered by small sample sizes, underrepresentation of people of color and rural communities, and a near-total absence of studies on health-promoting interventions. No federal agency, no private foundation, no existing institution is stepping in to fill this void comprehensively.

Thus, THF will bridge this gap as an interdisciplinary, community-centered, and exclusively focused fund on trans and non-binary health.

HONORING DR. REBECCA ALLISON

Each year, THF will dedicate one grant in honor of Dr. Rebecca Allison, recognizing her lifelong commitment to trans liberation, community-rooted care, and uncompromising science. The annual award will advance rigorous, inclusive, and community-engaged transgender health research, ensuring her impact continues to shape the field.

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A program of GLMA

WHY US

Built on the Success of the Lesbian Health Fund

Since 1992, GLMA has administered the Lesbian Health Fund (LHF), which has funded 130+ research projects and awarded over $1 million in small grants. Thirty-three years of experience positions GLMA as the ideal home for THF. THF will adopt and adapt LHF's model, including peer review, community expertise, philanthropic stewardship, and long-term sustainability.

IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

THF will award at least three grants per year between $5,000 and $10,000 to researchers pursuing trans health research and innovation.

Training pipelines | **Improved access to care** | **Reduced health disparities** | **Community-led clinical models** | **Harm reduction and community trust**

Findings will provide a foundation for effective health interventions, evidence-informed community programs, and, where possible, informed policymaking.

WHY YOU

Be a part of something historic. As a Founding Donor Circle member, you won't simply be writing a check. **You will be building the institution that ensures trans and non-binary communities have the research, the care, and the advocates they deserve, for generations to come.**

Philanthropic investment in THF isn't just meaningful. Right now, it is irreplaceable.

JOIN THE FOUNDING DONOR CIRCLE

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FOUNDING MEMBER

$2,500 – $4,999

Help launch the fund. Be among the first donors to establish a permanent new home for trans health research and help fund THF's first generation of grantees.

FOUNDING ADVOCATE

$5,000 – $9,999

Help shape what comes next. Join THF leaders in conversations about emerging needs, research gaps, and the questions our community most urgently needs answered.

FOUNDING CHAMPION

$10,000 – $14,999

Champion an area of research that matters to you. Help accelerate work in a priority area of trans health while building the evidence that providers and communities need.

FOUNDING VISIONARY

$15,000+

Leave your mark on the future of trans health science. Make a transformational founding investment to establish THF as an enduring source of research funding for generations to come.

All Founding Donor Circle members will receive special recognition as founding donors, early updates on THF-funded research, and opportunities to engage directly with THF and GLMA leadership. Additional recognition opportunities are available at higher levels.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

If you have any questions, please email asheldon@glma.org.

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