



I've only been coming [to OUT MetroWest] for a few meetings, but I already feel as if it's a second home. —Sam, high school participant

OUT METROWEST

Year in Review July 2021-June 2022

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WHAT A YEAR!

Chances are, if you blinked between July 2021 and June 2022 (our last fiscal and operating year), you missed something BIG happening at OUT MetroWest. While the pandemic (which persists) has tested us both individually and collectively in ways we could not have imagined, I am happy and proud to share so much good news with you. I sincerely hope you share in the happiness and pride that OUT MetroWest is here—growing in smart and thoughtful ways, and becoming a stronger organization every day—because you are a part of what is in these pages (and more amazing stuff that wouldn't even fit here!).

Everything in this Year in Review is the result of the hard work, love, and dedication of many, many people. I particularly want to thank the OUT MetroWest staff (both full- and part-time), for whom a commitment to community care and putting our youth first are their hallmarks. But we on staff could NOT do this work without the invaluable contributions of our board members and other volunteers, parents and caregivers, donors, community partners, educators, healthcare providers, businesses, and local organizations who support us and our youth day in and day out.

And of course, the youth, who in all of their amazingness, are the heart of OUT MetroWest.

With gratitude,
Whitney Retallic (she/her)
Executive Director

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Save the Date to Come OUT & Celebrate!

Join us to build community and raise funds that keep programming FREE for LGBTQ+ youth.

Thursday, October 20th, 6:30-9pm
Jack's Abby, Framingham

General tickets \$35

More info. to come!

Want to sponsor the fun? tinyurl.com/SponsorOUT22

YEAR IN REVIEW

We hit all major milestones in our three-year strategic plan that concluded in June 2022!

Back in Person

From March 7 (when we returned to in-person programs) to June 30, we served 125 unique youth. Middle and high school youth attended an average of 5.5 programs each during that time.

Increased Support

Thanks to our generous supporters, we met our strategic plan goal of increasing fundraising by more than 60% over the past three years—funds necessary to keep meeting community needs!

Five Satellite Locations

In addition to our new center in Framingham, we started offering satellite programs in Acton, Needham, Medway, Waltham, and Westborough — every other month in each location—to bring programs closer to youth across MetroWest!

Brand New Brand

To better represent the vibrant diversity of our community, we introduced a new, more color-full logo. We launched a new website, translated into both Spanish and Portuguese. Visit outmetrowest.org!

Welcoming and Supporting Youth

In our annual spring youth survey, 100% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statements, "OUT MetroWest is welcoming" and "I feel supported at OUT MetroWest." Comparatively, in the 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey, only 67% of high school and 61% of middle school LGBTQ+ youth reported feeling supported at school.

Program Growth

- NEW! Glow, for all LGBTQ+ Kids Pre-K through Grade 5
- NEW! Alum Engagement Program
- EXPANDED! Nexus, for LGBTQ+ middle school youth, is now WEEKLY

A New Home

Our newly renovated, accessible space in downtown Framingham allows us to better serve the full diversity of the LGBTQ+ community. Our new home has all-gender bathrooms, a queer library, an arts and media station, a lounge space, and a therapy/sensory room!

Zero Programs Missed Due to COVID

During virtual programs, our staff worked at full capacity to support LGBTQ+ youth and NEVER missed a program! When returning in person in March, we put measures in place to keep our community safe.



This year we also grew our staff! Learn about the team at outmetrowest.org

AMOR SIN FIN LOVE WITH NO END

OUT MetroWest sponsored a sculpture in the Framingham Centre Common Cultural District's "Many Cultures, One Heart" initiative. We worked with two BIPOC LGBTQ+ local artists, Anna Rodriguez and Yesenia Mejia Urieta, to create

Amor Sin Fin - Love with No End

During programs, youth painted the sculpture with varying Pride flags. The artwork lives outside of our home in Framingham!



Amor Sin Fin 😊

Love with no end 😊

FALL OPEN HOUSE!

Sunday, September 25th, 1-4 pm
160 Hollis Street, Framingham
Register @ tinyurl.com/OpenHouseOUT

