

The Bayard Rustin Community Center opened their doors January 16th 2017 on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day of Service when two separate agencies - Montgomery PRIDE United and Free2Be - partnered together to create a safe space for the LGBTQ Community of Montgomery and the surrounding areas to unite resources, provide services for our community, socialize, and establish a base from which to advocate for the human and civil rights of gender and sexual minorities.

Meta Ellis, Director of Montgomery PRIDE United, and Ms Harvey McDaniel with Free2Be, joined together and with the funding established by James Robinson and the Free2Be Safe Anti-Violence Project established the Bayard Rustin Community Center.

16 volunteers from Montgomery PRIDE United, Free2Be and many other organizations including the ACLU and the Southern Poverty Law Center came together that day to what used to be a daycare center, cleaned out the building, and carried over 40 bags of rubbish that had been abandoned to the curbside.

Free2Be - based in Huntsville, Alabama - provides free mental health counseling to LGBTQ victims of violence and their direct social services include counseling, support groups, public advocacy, and professional development. Funding for services are provided through the Free2Be Safe Anti-Violence Project. This project is a regional endeavor to address Intimate Partner Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Bullying, and other forms of violence which damage all of us as individuals and as a society. We provide support groups for youth, young adults, transgender adults, as well as counseling and resource referrals.

Montgomery PRIDE United serves as an umbrella organization that unites the PRIDE forces of Montgomery and the surrounding areas in order to more effectively strive for equality for all under the law in Alabama. Services and programs offered through Montgomery PRIDE include youth engagement, advocacy and activism, transgender and gender non-conforming empowerment, LGBTQ activities and events, LGBTQ People of Color Empowerment, representation in churches and schools, sexual health awareness, senior services, and much more.

Working together in the Bayard Rustin Community Center we engage in community outreach, provide resources for educating others about LGBTQ issues, provide a safe space to socialize, and provide meeting space for Community Involvement projects.

We welcome ALL Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning persons and allies, Communities and Identities in this safe space.

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