CATALOGUE OF SERVICES

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“DREAMS DO COME TRUE! IF YOU THINK YOUR DREAMS ARE GREAT WHEN THEY COME TRUE, DO THEY BECOME GREATER WHEN OTHERS DREAM WITH YOU”

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Casa Ruby
We are Everyone’s Home
Casa Ruby is the only LGBTQ bilingual and multicultural organization in the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C. providing social services and programs catering to the most vulnerable in the city and surrounding areas. The idea behind the formation of a transgender women of color run and led organization came almost 30 years ago when Ruby Corado arrived to Washington, D.C., and there were no services to support her needs as a young transgender Latina immigrant. Her drive and dream was to bring resources to historically underserved and under-resourced communities so there could be more success stories among transgender and queer individuals.

Ruby Corado and a group of friends grew Casa Ruby in Washington, D.C. by organizing and networking in parks, churches, and businesses, often facing discrimination and rejection. Despite severe adversity, Ruby and friends persevered, and Casa Ruby now exists as a result.

In June 2012, Ruby Corado, with the help of a group of volunteers, opened the first Casa Ruby LGBTQ Community Center, located in the area of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Today, Casa Ruby employs almost 60 people, providing more than 30,000 social and human services to more than 6,000 people each year. Although most clients are LGBTQ, the Casa Ruby LGBTQ Community Center slogan is “Everyone’s Home,” and its services are available to all.

Today, most services are delivered at our new 24 hours/7 days a week, 15k Sq. Ft. Facility in the Walter Reed Neighborhood, 7530 Georgia Avenue NW.

**MISSION**

Our mission is to create success life stories among transgender, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming, gay, lesbian and bisexual people.

**VISION**

Our vision is to create a world where transgender, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming people pursue their dreams and achieve success in their lives without fear of discrimination, harassment, or violence due to their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
HOUSING SERVICES

Our Housing Services Program provides stable living arrangements for young people experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their homes. Our array of services accommodate people with various needs, from shelter for a night, to more stable housing, including subsidized rent for up to 6 months. In addition to our shelters, we provide case management for our clients, including advice on other available resources and assistance in meeting other needs.

SERVICES

HYPOTHERMIA AND LOW-BARRIER SHELTER

The free shelter is available at night and during weather emergencies, 7 days a week throughout the year, 24 hours a day.

EMERGENCY HOUSING

This free service is for LGBTQ youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years old, and guarantees stable housing and support services for 3 to 6 months, with the purpose of helping clients transition into more permanent housing.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

This free service is for LGBTQ youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years old, and guarantees stable housing and support services for up to 18 months. This program requires members to complete 35 hours devoted to personal improvement, which can be combined with a school or employment program that helps them create a financial base and stability to thrive.

PERMANENT HOUSING

This service aimed at LGBTQ people, provides stable housing with rent subsidy for up to 18 months, supporting people who have economic difficulties and are on the way to independent living.

HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICE

This free service provides guidance and information on housing resources to people at risk of losing access to housing. This service also includes financial support, support getting furniture, food stamps, bank accounts, and transportation tokens.
SOCIAL SERVICES

Our Social Services Program offers a support center with intensive case management and social services from our diverse non-clinical social workers.

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TRANS LIFE CENTER
This service center extends access to hot meals, clean clothing, showers, a computer lab, laundry, and a support group for those in the process of gender transition.

SOCIAL WORKERS
Casa Ruby has case managers and social workers to support clients in acquiring identification documents (ID, birth certificate), insurance, medical coverage and other social safety nets, legal services, and access to mental and physical healthcare through support groups.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS
Casa Ruby provides legal support for name changing procedures, immigration, and criminal defense.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
Casa Ruby provides career and skill building training, as well as job referrals.
PREVENTIVE HEALTH

The objective of this program is to help LGBTQ populations that are at risk of acquiring or who are diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection, HIV, or AIDS, by ensuring that clients receive the most scientifically sound information on prevention and treatment in order to promote a healthy lifestyle. These services focus on educating local communities as a preventive measure.

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HIV PREVENTION (IMPACT & MARIPOSAS PROGRAMS)

IMPACT helps people address mental health, social and financial needs as a way to curtail HIV and STIs. MARIPOSAS provides HIV and preventive care education, vocational education, and access to free HIV and STD testing.

HIV NON MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT

HIV-STD's TESTING AND COUNSELING

TRANSGENDER LIFE CENTER

This service center provides training, workshops, and education on various health and social issues, as well as support groups for people living with HIV and those who have an HIV-positive partner. Additionally, we offer support and assistance in securing linkage to care.

TRANSGENDER GLOBAL INSTITUTE TO ERADICATE HIV AND AIDS

This institute seeks to eradicate the HIV epidemic and lower rates of infection among LGBTQ people, especially transgender individuals, through partnerships with international organizations and campaigns to fight stigma, promote testing, and raise awareness on HIV/AIDS.

PRE & PEP EDUCATION AND SERVICES
LATINO AND IMMIGRANT SERVICES

This is a unique program that meets the needs of LGBTQ immigrants from around the world. We understand the needs and constraints that have forced people to leave their countries of origin, escaping discrimination, fear, and rejection. Through this program, Casa Ruby seeks to improve living conditions for LGBTQ immigrants and make it easier to transition to a new country.

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LEGAL SERVICES
Casa Ruby provides legal support for immigrants at no or low cost.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES
Casa Ruby offers free support in obtaining government identification, name changes, translation services, medical insurance, etc.

SUPPORT GROUPS IN SPANISH FOR IMMIGRANTS
Casa Ruby hosts weekly meetings to guide our beneficiaries in a safe space, where they can witness the progress of others in the LGBTQ community, and receive follow-up from our social workers.
CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES

Casa Ruby provides therapeutic and mental health support for victims of violence, whether it is sexual, physical, or emotional. Through our victim services, we provide one-on-one case management and counselling services for victims of violence.

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CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
Crimen Victim Services helps to assist victims of any crime in help to alleviate some of the emotional & Financial burdens, in the aftermath of a crime. The program assists victims with understanding their rights and options, Access referrals and resources and safety.

PEER & SURVIVOR LED INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP SUPPORT

SOCIAL SERVICES
Casa Ruby provides resources to support community peers in maintaining a healthy life, including housing and mental health services, as well as medical referrals.

CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

MEDICAL REFERRALS
Casa Ruby provides medical referrals to culturally sensitive providers and services such as mental health support, legal documents, etc.
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**GENDER**

Formulated in 1970 from the feminist movement, gender is a concept to distinguish the biological and social dimensions of expression within or outside the feminine/masculine spectrum.

**BIOLOGICAL SEX**

Biological sex is the set of genetic information and primary sexual characteristics that speak to a person’s reproductive capacity, a concept criticized in the social sciences.

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

Sexual orientation is the ability, regardless of biological sex and gender identity, of a person to feel sexually and emotionally attracted to people of a different or same gender(s).

**GENDER EXPRESSION**

Gender expression is the way we express our gender: through dress, behavior, interests and affinities, as it depends on cultural perceptions of feminine, masculine, and androgynous (the combination of both or neither).
**PANSEXUALITY**
Pansexuality is the physical, emotional, and sexual attraction to an individual of any sex or gender.

**HETEROSEXUALITY**
Heterosexuality is the physical, emotional, and sexual attraction to individuals of a different gender.

**HOMOSEXUALITY**
Homosexuality is the physical, emotional, and sexual attraction to individuals of the same gender.

**BISEXUALITY**
Bisexuality is the physical, emotional, and sexual attraction to individuals of both male and female genders.

**POLYSEXUALITY**
Polysexuality is the physical, emotional, and sexual attraction to individuals of various genders without discrimination, denying the binary idea of gender.
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**Programs**

**Housing Services**

- Hypothermia and Low-Barrier Shelter.
- Emergency Housing.
- Transitional Housing.
- Permanent Housing.
- Housing Counseling Service.

**Social Services**

- Trans Life Center.
- Social Workers.
- Legal Documents.
- Employment Supportive Services.

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Transgender Support Services
PREVENTIVE HEALTH

- HIV Prevention (Impact & Mariposas Programs)
- HIV Non Medical Case Management.
- Transgender Life Center.
- Transgender Global Institute to Eradicate HIV and AIDS.
- PRE & PEP Education and Services.

LATINO AND IMMIGRANT SERVICES

- Legal Services.
- Immigration Services.
- Support Groups in Spanish for Immigrants.

CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES PROGRAM

- Case Management Services.
- Peer & Survivor Led Individual and Group Support.
- Social Services
- Crime Victims Compensation Program.
- Medical Referrals.
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