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Beloved TADOHE Friends & Community,

The horrific events that transpired at Club Q in Colorado Springs this weekend are a devastating blow to the sense of safety, security, and freedom that every person needs and deserves. And yet these very human rights that should serve to affirm our natural right to exist have been violated, deeply injuring our beloved queer community. Like the hateful violence that robbed us of 49 lives at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, FL on June 12, 2016, the shooting at Club Q has once again shaken the LGBTQIA+ community- disrupting the stasis needed for a sense of equilibrium in an uncertain world, where our very identities are under attack.

Our hearts are broken and spirits wounded for the victims and their loved ones. The trauma that the survivors are likely experiencing is unimaginable and yet, our thoughts are with them, hoping to hold them up in the midst of their despair.

Still, this hate-fueled violence will never rob us of our sense of strong community. We come together in times of tragedy and we lift up one another not only with meaningful words but with actions that insist on protection for our most vulnerable and marginalized. TADOHE vehemently condemns hate and violence of any kind, and we decry any words, acts, persons, or policies targeting any of our community members and their identities.

We will take the time needed to grieve, and we will eventually heal. We will heal with the support of one another, knowing that none of us are alone and that our fight against violence matters. Our fight for the right to exist freely continues and even in our heartache, our hearts beat- strong and unified by the spirit of survival and with the strength of those who've since transitioned but gifted us with their powerful existence in life. Please take care of yourselves and one another. We are in this together.

Should you need any support, please access help at the following resources:

## **LGBTQ crisis hotlines**

### [The Trevor Project](#)

Providing confidential support for LGBTQ youth in crisis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- TrevorLifeline  
[1-866-488-7386](tel:1-866-488-7386). Crisis intervention and suicide prevention phone service available 24/7/365.
- TrevorChat  
Confidential [online instant messaging](#) with a Trevor counselor, available 24/7.  
Access through a computer.
- TrevorText  
Text START to 678-678. Confidential text messaging with a Trevor counselor, available 24/7/365. Standard messaging rates may apply.

### [SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline](#)

Talk and be heard at the SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline. Connects LGBT older people with friendly responders. For LGBT elders and caretakers.

- [1-877-360-LGBT \(5428\)](tel:1-877-360-LGBT). Confidential support and crisis response, available 24/7.

### [Trans Lifeline](#)

A 24/7 hotline available in the U.S. and Canada staffed by transgender people for transgender people. Confidential, 24/7 crisis support.

- [1-877-565-8860](tel:1-877-565-8860) (United States)
- [1-877-330-6366](tel:1-877-330-6366) (Canada)

## **Non-LGBTQ-specific crisis hotlines**

### [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)

[1-800-273-TALK \(8255\)](tel:1-800-273-TALK). Available 24/7.

### [Crisis Text Line](#)

Text TALK to 741-741. Available 24/7.

## **LGBTQ support services**

### [Finding LGBTQ-Friendly Therapy](#)

Information from Mental Health America (MHA) on how to find LGBTQ friendly therapy.

### [TrevorSpace](#)

An online international peer-to-peer community for LGBTQ young people and their friends.

## **LGBTQ organizations**

- [Center for American Progress](#)
- [Family Acceptance Project](#) — [Posters to Build Healthy Futures](#)
- [GLAAD](#)
- [GLSEN](#)
- [Human Rights Campaign](#)
- [National LGBTQ Task Force](#)
- [PFLAG](#)
- [Services & Advocacy for LGBT Elders \(SAGE\)](#)
- [The Trevor Project](#)
- [Transgender Law Center](#)
- [The Williams Institute](#)

Yours in Community and Service,

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