



**JOSLYN SENIOR CENTER** OF THE COVE COMMUNITIES

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Dear Harvey:

I am delighted to write a letter of support for the important work you and your folks do at the Golden Rainbow Senior Center. As a fellow senior center manager I fully understand the importance of affinity groups and the support and socialization opportunities they provide.

Your center provides a safe space for a generation of GLBT seniors to be themselves. As we both know, particularly the older GLBT seniors lived most of their life without the enjoyment of acceptance by the general population. Many still feel the stigma that was attached to them when they were younger and as the result still can not find comfort and friendship among the general population.

We have many GLBT folks at the Joslyn but they do not form groups or self identify as GLBT, for whatever reason. We welcome hem and hope they enjoy and benefit from the use of our center, however I understand and appreciate the need for your center as together we serve senior throughout our community.

Please feel free to share this letter with any interested party. I would be happy to share my thoughts as you see appropriate with any person, agency or funder.

Continue the good work.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Rittenhouse  
Executive Director