

**Providing Resources and Community to
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth**

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Press Release

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Lambert House, Seattle's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth Center, is in discussion with the owners of our leased facility about their intent to sell the property. Lambert House is exploring strategic options to relocate or to purchase its current facility.

The planned sale of the property comes at a time when Lambert House was considering the possibility of expanding our space. It also coincides with the redevelopment of many properties on Capitol Hill, and elsewhere in Seattle, as land values have skyrocketed and older buildings are being razed to make way for denser and more profitable use.

The existence of Lambert House is not threatened. The organization is healthy, with thriving programs, and we have expanded our geographical service reach beyond Seattle in recent years. Last year we served youth from 135 ZIP codes throughout Seattle, King County, and beyond, including dozens of homeless youth. Ideally, Lambert House will acquire either our current space or a larger one to accommodate our continued growth.

Lambert House is researching opportunities to purchase a facility that will be sustainable for the long term, including the possibility of purchasing our current facility. We do not want Seattle and the surrounding region to lose this valuable resource for LGBTQ youth.

Lambert House is the only LGBTQ youth center in Seattle and King County. It is one of only 24 independent LGBTQ youth centers in the world. It served 603 youth last year through an estimated 15,000 service contacts in our 20 programs.

If you are interested in contributing to the Capital Campaign to help Lambert House purchase a building, or to the efforts to locate and design our next leased space if we are unable to purchase a building in the next few months, please contact Ken Shulman at 206-491-0596. Additional information will follow in upcoming weeks.