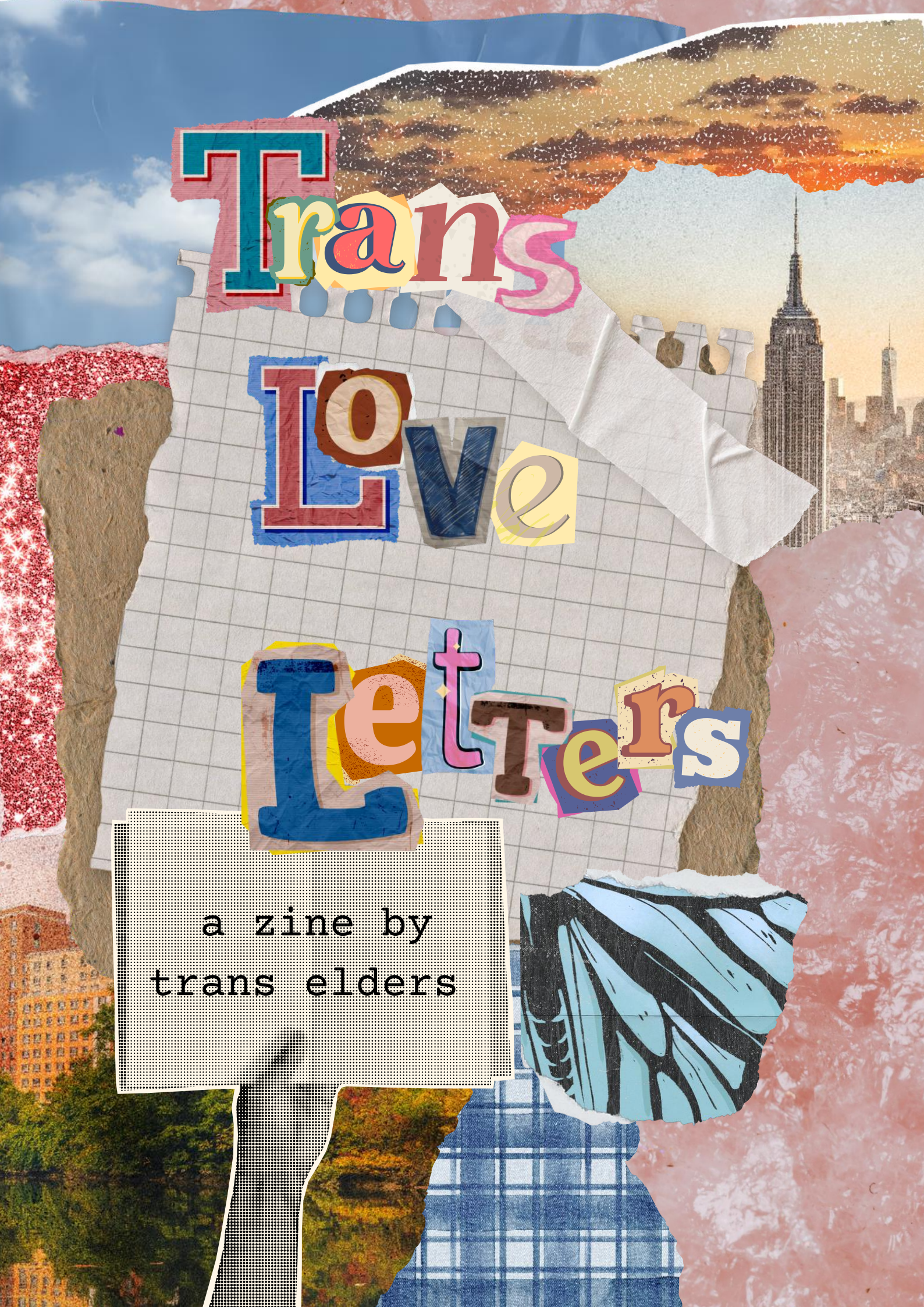

Trans
Love
Letters
a zine by
trans elders



*“I’M STILL F*CKING HERE!”*

REST IN

POWER & PRIDE



MISS MAJOR GRIFFIN-GRACY
1946 - 2025

MARISOL PAYERO, 22 • LIA SMITH, 21 • TIARA LOVE TORI JACKSON, 37 • SCARLETT, 21. •. LILLIA HOLLAND, 19. •. BLAKE STURM, 25 • LYNN SPENCER, 21 • ROBYN JAMES POST, 48 • KASÍ RHEA ("KAEYY HOLMES"), 31 • ONYX CORNISH, 18 • BLAIR A. SAWYER, 27 • ROSA MACHUCA, 24 • DREAM JOHNSON, 28 • ARTY CASSIDY BEOWULF GIBSON, 23 • NATHANIEL PABÓN CRUZ ("NATA"), 27 • KAMORA WOODS, 27 • KIA-LEIGH TABITHA ROBERTS, 55 • GABRIELLE NGUYEN ("CAM") • LILY-DAWN HARKINS • CHRISTINA HAYES, 28 • AURORA PELLEGRINA ("ALEXA", "LUNA"), 35 • JJ GODBEY, 26 • EMMA SLABACH, 24 • JONNY ADAMOW, 29

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AND ALL THOSE WHOSE DEATHS WENT UNREPORTED, WHOSE TRANSNESS WAS STRIPPED FROM MEMORY

- YET WHOSE TRUTH ENDURES BEYOND SILENCE.

Dear Trans Friend,

Our hearts go out to you in all your struggles. We send a wish for you to love yourself always.



To My Family

I Love you
-Trans sibling

Sending a little extra love to whoever needs it today and always ♥

Dear Trans Person — Never forget that there's a whole world of us. We're here to share your joy and pain and failures and triumphs. We can be so very strong together. Even from far away - you are seen, loved, and cherished.

♥ Nadia, NYC

I hope you get the strength & motivation to live your life to the fullest



DEAR TRANS FOLKS, AS A THEYBIE IN NYC I HAD TO LEARN TO RADICALLY LOVE MYSELF.

WHEN THE NEGATIVE KICKS IN,

YOU ARE LOVED.

@MX. ENIGMA



TO Marsha P Johnson / Miss Sylvia Audre Lorde Langston Rivera

Luv Ya
MAC

FOR MY Future SELF & The Selves of Others

Love Abounds - You Are Awesome

Resistance is NOT Futile —

-hsCooper



Hi!

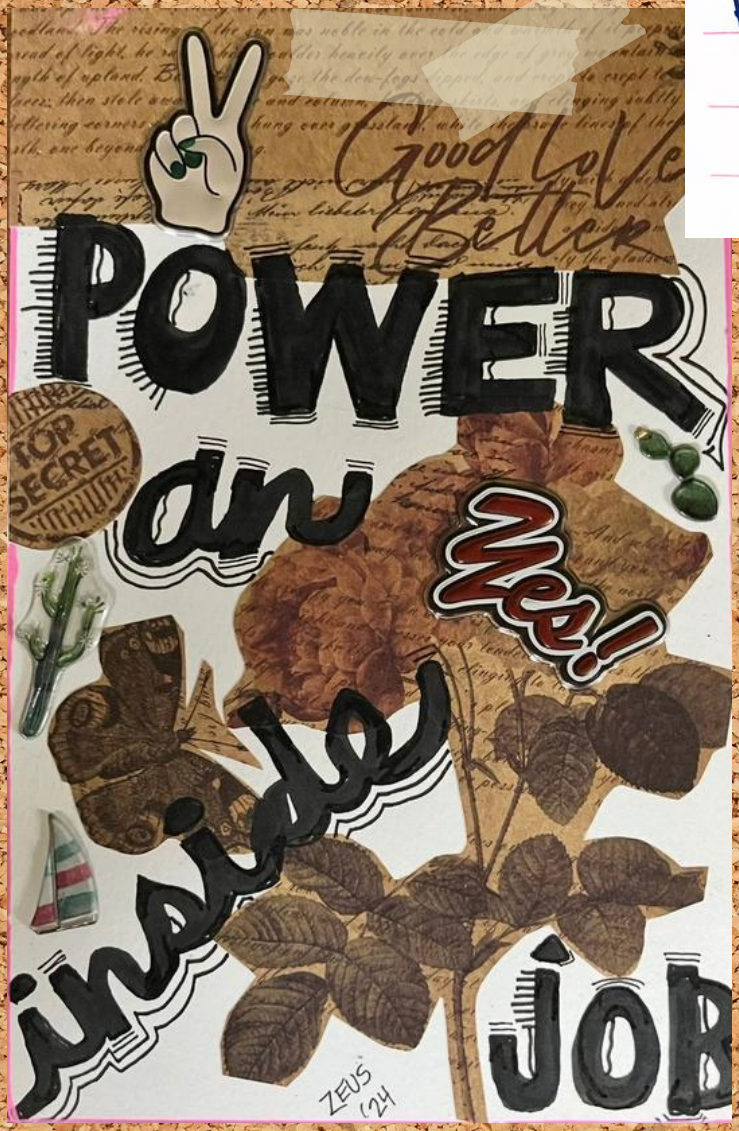
How is life treating you?

Hello from NYC. Hope

your boob grow big this

year.

Rena



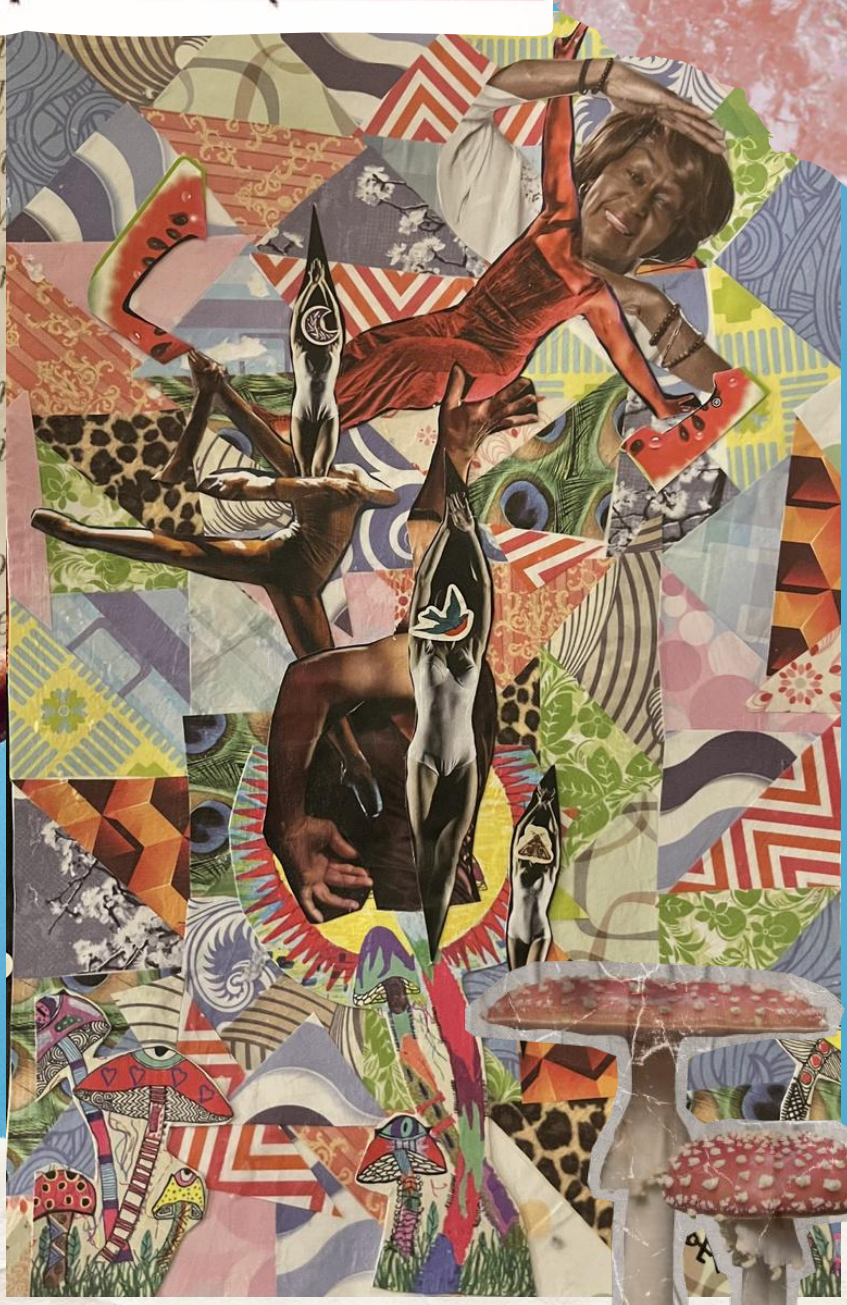




My very dear one — who passed showed joy in her eyes. I remember her not only today — but every day. Sweet dreams Dina



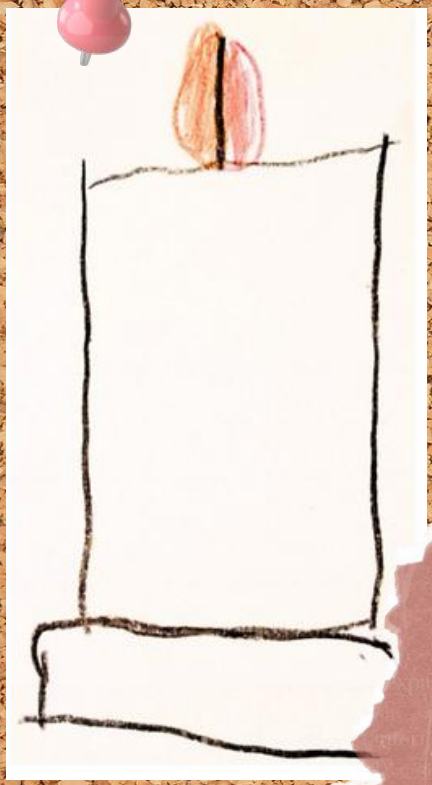
BLESSINGS



To My Girl.
You've kept me safe for 24 years. I am forever grateful for your resiliancy. The way you protected me was fierce. The kind of black femme love I've always been. Grateful and free. Thank you for leaving - a true act of love. For this man to be born.

To Layla

You move through life with such grace and I am so proud of the woman you have become. Keep shaking ass like a earthquake ily



BE TRUE TO YOURSELF. YOU CAN SAY "NO" AND QUESTION EVERYTHING THAT DOESNT FEEL RIGHT.

Dear Person I've never met,

You stay safe Okay? If no one loves you, even if you don't love yourself, just know a Random Stranger absurdly Adores you ♡

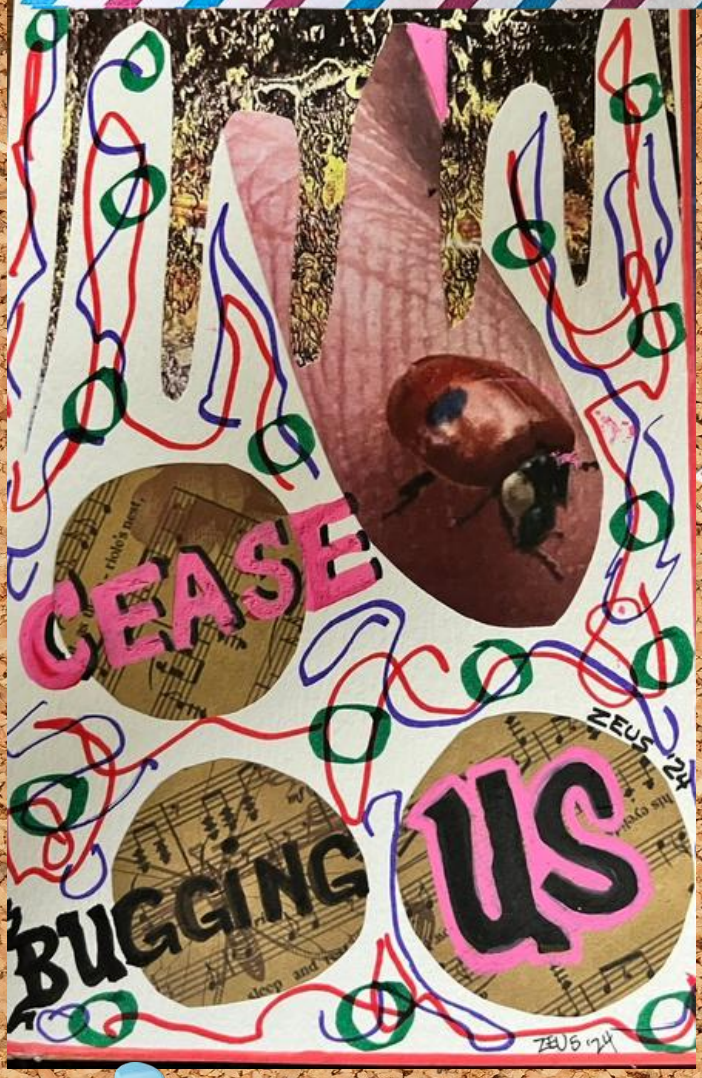
To the trans community of GenZ. Your existence is not a joke. It is beautiful. To the trans community of the older generations, we stand on your shoulders every day in ways we don't understand.





You have only one life to live and why not live it as your TRUE SELF instead of pretending to be someone else!

Dearest little Ellis, Things get better! People will see you as the boy you always were and always will be! You no longer have to hide your true self. You will find friends and chosen family that love and respect you for your sparkly and fab self! I love you, Love, Older Ellis







I AM IN LOVE WITH YOU FOR BEING UNAPOLOGETICALLY YOU AND IN TURN, ALLOWING ME TO FIND MYSELF.

I LOVE YOU ENDLESSLY AND ONE DAY HOPE TO EMBODY THE SAME GRACE, EXPRESSION, AND HOPE YOU REPRESENT

Dear Whoever you are, dear whatever your name and pronouns are today, may they change like the seasons, may you never be stagnant, may you always remember that to transition is to live and to die and to be reborn as a million versions of you, and may each version be born with flames instead of fingers. may we keep scorching the earth.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

sage serves LGBTQ+ ELDERS

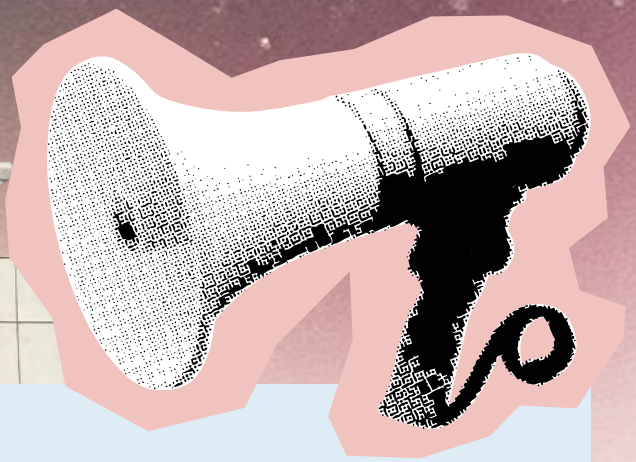
Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Elders, or SAGE, is America's oldest and largest non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning older people, focusing on the issue of LGBTQ+ aging.

THE ALI FORNEY CENTER

Ali Forney provides a home with stability, support, and comprehensive services to help LGBTQ+ homeless youth get their lives back on track.

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED NYC

Theater of the Oppressed partners with communities facing systemic oppression to inspire transformative action through theatre.



The creation of The Transgender Love Letters Project was inspired by multiple creative direct actions, including Love Letters to Trans Texans, in an effort to share transgender stories by us, for us, in the form of letters. Some of these are letters to past selves, some are letters to future selves, and some are letters to trans strangers, but all of them are meant to spread love across time and space to trans community everywhere.

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Submissions gathered from the 2025 SAGETrans Transgender Day of Remembrance & Resilience Showcase

xoxo