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LGBTQ+ Center Receives \$25,000 from Healthy Blue Nebraska

OMAHA, NE - Strong communities are built through meaningful connections across individuals & families, and through long-term investment by community partners. Omaha ForUs and Healthy Blue are two community partners working together at the intersections of inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in Nebraska healthcare.

As part of its commitment to championing innovative, sustainable, and equitable solutions to issues that influence the health of our communities, Healthy Blue Nebraska awarded Omaha ForUs, Omaha's LGBTQ+ Center, \$25,000.

"Healthy Blue is dedicated to advancing health equity so that all people, regardless of race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, and geographic or financial access can receive individualized care that demonstrates cultural humility and improves their health and well-being," said Dr. Rob Rhodes, Healthy Blue Nebraska President. "Raising awareness about how equity impacts all areas of our well-being is an essential step to improving the health of our communities. This requires removing obstacles to advance health so that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible."

Omaha ForUs' executive director, JohnCarl Denkovich, graciously accepted the funds in a check presentation at the Center's new space on June 23, 2023. "We are so grateful to Healthy Blue and their investment in our work," says Denkovich. "LGBTQ+ individuals & families continue to face barriers in accessing affordable, culturally responsive programs and services, and these funds get us that much closer to delivering adequate support to our community."

Omaha ForUs launched as a nonprofit organization in 2021, centering the lived experience and unique needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) individuals & families of eastern Nebraska, western Iowa. With a mission to 'build intentional community and create equitable space,' Omaha ForUs aims to grow LGBTQ+ focused, culturally responsive programming in an Omaha-based center.

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