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## Transgender Day of Remembrance: Honoring Our Community

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On **November 20th**, people throughout the world will memorialize those who have lost their lives to transphobic violence. Transgender and gender non-conforming communities are disproportionately targeted by acts of hate violence. **Transgender Day of Remembrance gives us pause to recognize the toll this violence has on our communities and to remember those who we have lost.** The day is held in November to honor **Rita Hester**, who was murdered in 1998. Rita's death sparked the creation of the [Remembering Our Dead](#) <sup>[1]</sup> website, and subsequently an annual candlelight vigil starting in San Francisco, CA.

**What your GSA can do to honor Transgender Day of Remembrance**



this day honors the lives that have been lost to transphobic violence, it is also a commemoration of our resilience as a community. A few activities your GSA can do to recognize this important and powerful day are:

- Hold a moment of silence at your GSA meeting
- Put up posters through out your school remembering our community
- Set-up an informational table about transgender and gender
- Host a movie screening of [Two Spirits](#) [2], a story about Fred Martinez
- Host a candlelight vigil in your community
- Have your GSA attend a community event

For more information on Transgender Day of Remembrance and organizations serving the transgender community, check out these sites:

### **Transgender Day of Remembrance**

[www.transgenderdor.org](http://www.transgenderdor.org) [3]

### **Transgender Law Center**

[www.transgenderlawcenter.org](http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org) [4]

### **CUAV- Community United Against Violence**

[www.cuav.org](http://www.cuav.org) [5]

### **Transgender, Gender Variant, Intersex Justice Project (TGIJP)**

[www.tgijp.org](http://www.tgijp.org) [6]

### **TransYouth Family Allies**

[www.imatyfa.org](http://www.imatyfa.org) [7]

### **Gender Spectrum**

[www.genderspectrum.org](http://www.genderspectrum.org) [8]

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### **Links**

[1] <http://www.gender.org/remember/index.html#>

[2] <https://gsanetwork.org/news/spotlight/two-spirits>

[3] <http://www.transgenderdor.org/>

[4] <http://transgenderlawcenter.org/cms/>

[5] <http://www.cuav.org/>

[6] <http://www.tgijp.org>

[7] <http://www.imatyfa.org>

[8] <http://www.genderspectrum.org/>