

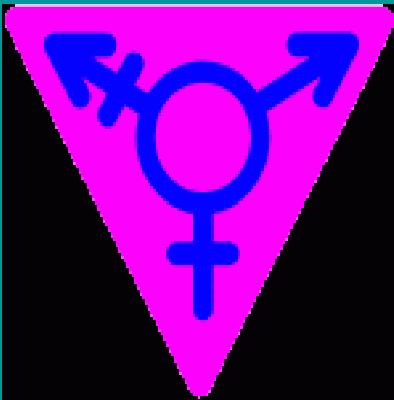
# The TC Times

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## Transgender Awareness Month



### Important Event

#### Connecticut

6th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance

"Love Tran-scends: The Importance of Allies"

First Presbyterian Church,  
136 Capital Ave, Hartford

Tuesday, November 20th,  
6 Pm

Starting at the church and march to the Stairs of the State Capitol for a Candlelight Vigil.

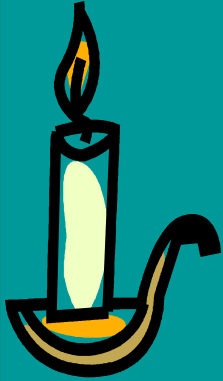
Day of Remembrance is November 20th.

This Day is set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

The event is in November to honor Rita Hester whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the *Remembering Our Dead* project ([www.gender.org/remember](http://www.gender.org/remember)) and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999.

From the amount of interest sparked by the vigil and the website, it was decided to create an annual memorial for those who had been killed. These events would spread awareness about these deaths and the serious issue of violence against the Transgendered community.

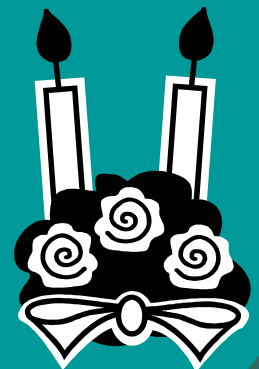
# Day of Remembrance Poem



## Day Of Remembrance

S. Bear Bergman

*I'm scrolling and scrolling,  
names on my screen keep rolling,  
more than I expected to see, hundreds,  
too many to count quickly, too many to die so early,  
one day before they would have is too early, outrageous,  
sentenced to death for being courageous,  
living out loud in an age such as this, where every border's guarded  
and marked with gendered piss, this  
here is only for us, only for you, what is it mommy?  
not now honey, that's rude — why is it rude? that's a bad attitude,  
that's what you'll do? Parents, that's unworthy of you,  
if something's unusual, let children know what's different,  
buy him a tutu - let that be the end of it, let them grow  
unencumbered by expectation, there's all kinds of situations,  
gender, race, ethnic variations, none of them cut or dried,  
no lie,  
cause otherwise, we get "boys don't cry",  
we tell our boys not to cry, they swallow the tears, the fears,  
they erode every other feeling until it explodes,  
looking like Gwen in a shallow grave by the road,  
like Marsha being fished out whole,  
looking like Brandon full of anger's holes. We won't accept this,  
the idea is ludicrous, you want to kill a kid  
because he wants to wear a dress?  
Ridiculous.  
We will not go gently, not into any night or memory,  
we're here today remember our family, taken too early,  
I hope they come back to haunt their killers fully,  
inhabit their uncertainty, give them their own inescapable  
enemy, and for those of us still alive, stand up!  
stand up and shout,  
stand up and be what it's about,  
be the change you want to see in the world,  
live like a flag unfurled,  
be heard,  
today we are here to remember, today we are peaceful  
in honor, today we are heard together,  
but tomorrow this event's a lesson to miscreants, anyone with ill in-  
tent,  
our spirit unbreakable, a lot at stake,  
our numbers unmistakable, proclaiming,  
I'm here with my tribe,  
this family's my wealth,  
and I would die with them  
before I would live by myself.*



# Conference Info

## Busing:

If any schools are sending students up to the conference in busses it may be a good idea to collaborate between towns to split costs. If you are interested in sharing, email or call us and we will try to facilitate your connection to other schools.

## Registration Costs:

\$20/day, \$30/2 days

Schools can sell ads to pay their way to the conference. For each member that wants to attend, the school needs to sell double that amount in ads.

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## **Youth-oriented Workshops!**

“Answering Questions you hate to be asked”

“Make-Your-Own Gender-Defying Coloring Book”

“Becoming a GLBTQ Hero”

“My parents are gay, should I tell or not?”

Have any suggestions for more youth workshops or want to present one? Contact us!

# Spotlight!

**Congratulations to Windsor  
Locks and Weaver High Schools  
for starting up their new GSAs!**

**Jonathan Law recently held an  
Ally Week, they had over three  
hundred people sign the pledge  
to become Allies!**

**Great job guys!**

i believe in safer schools for all - i will not use anti-lgbt language

**I am an ALLY!**

against anti-lgbt bullying, harassment and name calling in k-12 schools

 **GLSEN®** [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)

# Survey

Like you, True Colors want schools to be a safe, comfortable environment for all students. And we want to help!

What are we currently doing that you find helpful?

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

What should we be doing that we aren't?

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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We've been holding summits and forums for a long time. Should we continue?

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Would having True Colors come do a workshop at a GSA 's meeting be useful?

Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What else do you want us to know? \_\_\_\_\_  
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