



SisterLove, Inc.

SisterLove, INC. Dedicated the Month of April to Youth Justice

This April, SisterLove, Inc. is dedicating an entire month to promoting awareness and advocacy for marginalized youth across the nation, and especially within the local communities we encounter. Due to lack of representation and a heightened risk of exposure to violence, our areas of focus will include youth HIV/AIDS awareness and homelessness.

Georgia is a state comprised of nearly 10 million people under the age of 18¹, resulting in youth that are disparately affected by these issues. To combat the stigmas and misinformation regarding sexual and reproductive health, SisterLove, Inc. will be observing National Youth HIV and AIDs Awareness Day on April 10th. As an organization determined to eradicate the impact of HIV/AIDs from marginalized communities, we have determined that promoting youth justice within the realm of sexual health is an extremely crucial aspect to our advocacy—in fact, youth are regularly categorized amongst the demographics with the highest percentage of unidentified HIV cases.

Without proper intervention, our youth will continue to be exposed to misinformation and inadequate care. You can get engaged with SisterLove, Inc. on April 26th. Our organization will be hosting Cock[tales] and Conversations, an event in which we'll be discussing and strategizing tactics for youth justice in the realm of HIV/AIDS. You can also join our staff in promoting awareness at the MotherHouse; come get tested and receive information on how to further your involvement.

Sisterlove, Inc. will continue our youth advocacy on April 18th by observing Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD). YHMD is a national campaign, held annually since 1990, aimed at raising awareness for youth homelessness amongst decision makers and the wider community. Despite having its roots in Australian activism, YHMD is an important holiday to observe within the U.S., where youth ages 12 to 17 are more at risk of homelessness than adults². In Atlanta alone, there are more than 3,000 reported cases of youth homelessness on any given day.

To counteract this injustice, SisterLove, Inc. will be hosting a clothing drive throughout the month. We will also be partnering with Georgia Covenant House to provide grassroots advocacy and testing to Atlanta's youth experiencing homelessness. Contact us or drop by the MotherHouse to make a donation and learn more ways to get involved.

¹ <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/publications-a-z/2739-fact-sheet-young-people-in-georgia>

² <http://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/homeless-and-runaway-youth.aspx>