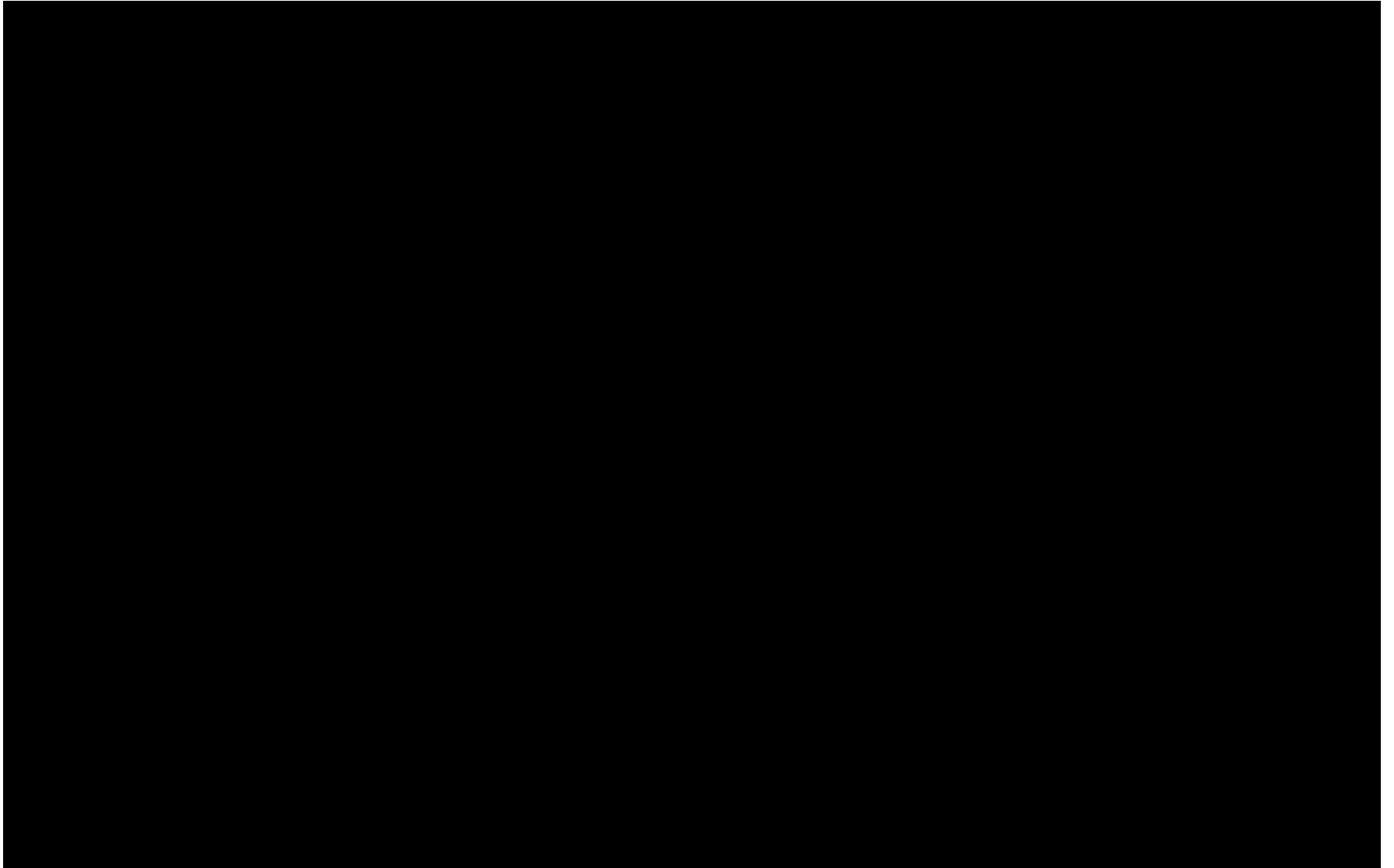




True Colors

Like a rainbow
Ooooooh ooooooh ooooh
Like a rainbow

We are a Gentle Angry People



LOVE IS LOVE



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Little
Pickle
Press

I've got a problem.

Today some kids were laughing at my shirt.





They were teasing me for wearing it.
One of the kids said my shirt was gay.



My friend asked, "What does that mean?"
I wasn't sure, but I think it's because I have two dads.

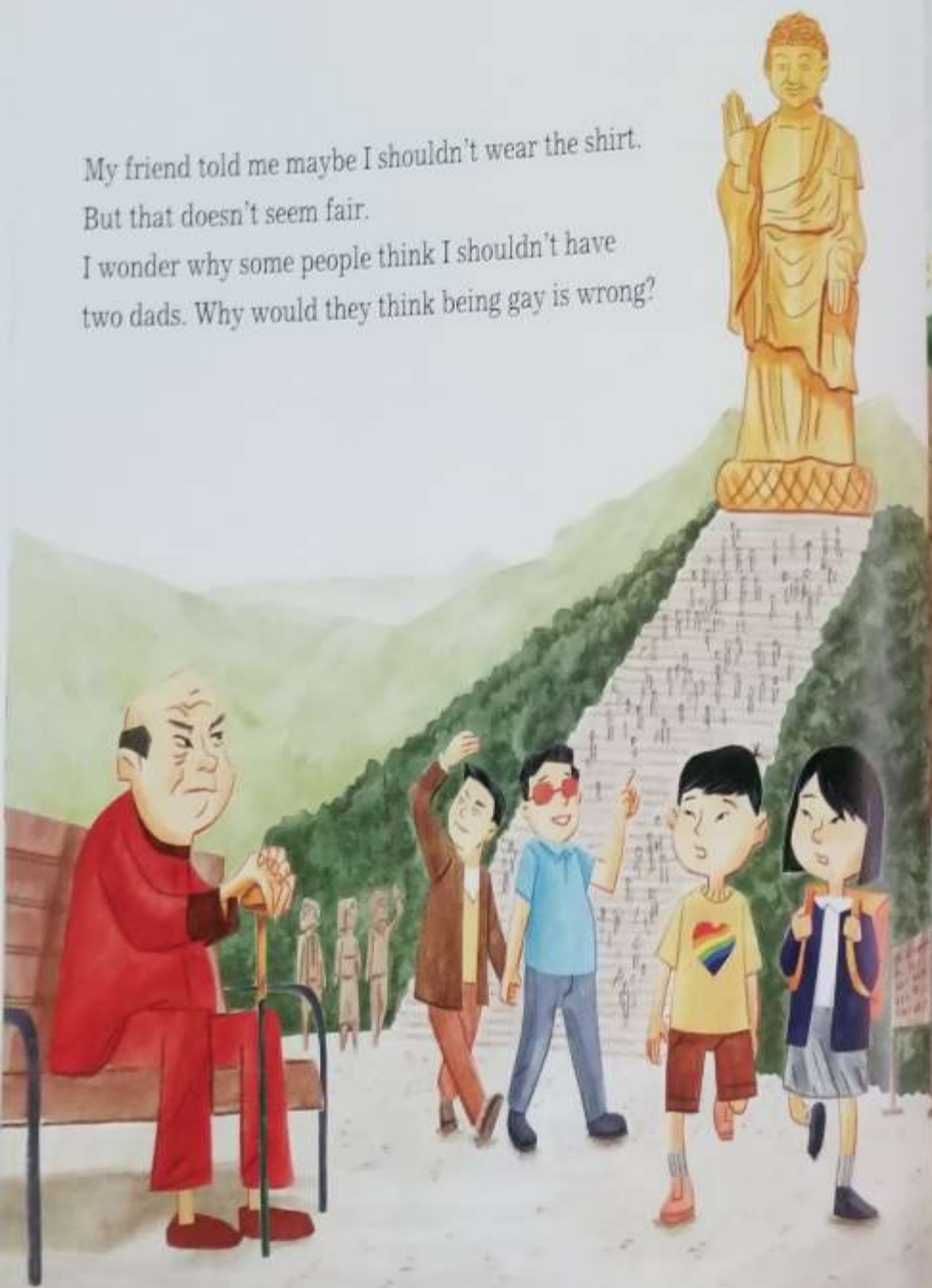




I told my friend I don't like it when kids say that being gay is gross.
Or they say, "That's so gay!" when they don't like something.
Some of the kids even said my family wasn't a real family.
That's just mean. And it hurts.



My friend told me maybe I shouldn't wear the shirt.
But that doesn't seem fair.
I wonder why some people think I shouldn't have
two dads. Why would they think being gay is wrong?





Maybe being different is scary to some people.
But my dads really love each other.

Just like my friend's mom and dad love each other.
That isn't different.

My dads got married on a
mountaintop wearing skis!



My friend's mom and dad got
married on a beach wearing
bathing suits!



And my dads love me very much.
Just like my friend's mom and dad love her.
We both have families who love us.
That's not so different either.



But some people believe being gay is something to be ashamed of. My dads told me that some gay people even try to pretend they aren't gay.



I know lots of other gay people.



My teacher Mrs. Adams is gay.



Mayor Sanchez is also gay.



Police Chief Carter is gay, too.



There are even lots of famous gay people. Singers and scientists and artists and athletes. My friend thinks we might have a gay president one day!



And my sister's coach is gay.



My dads say that no one should be ashamed of who they are.
That's why this shirt is so special. My dads gave it to me. I feel
good wearing it.



I love my dads and they love
me. We're not so different from
any other family. And I am not
embarrassed about who we are.



So when some kids say, "Your dads are gay!"
I'll just say, "Yes, they are!"

And when some kids say, "You're not a real family!"
I'll just say, "Yes, we are!"



My dads love me and I love my dads.
That's what really matters. And I'm
proud to be a part of my family.



Love is the same.

Wherever you live.

Whoever you are.

And whomever you love.

LOVE IS LOVE!



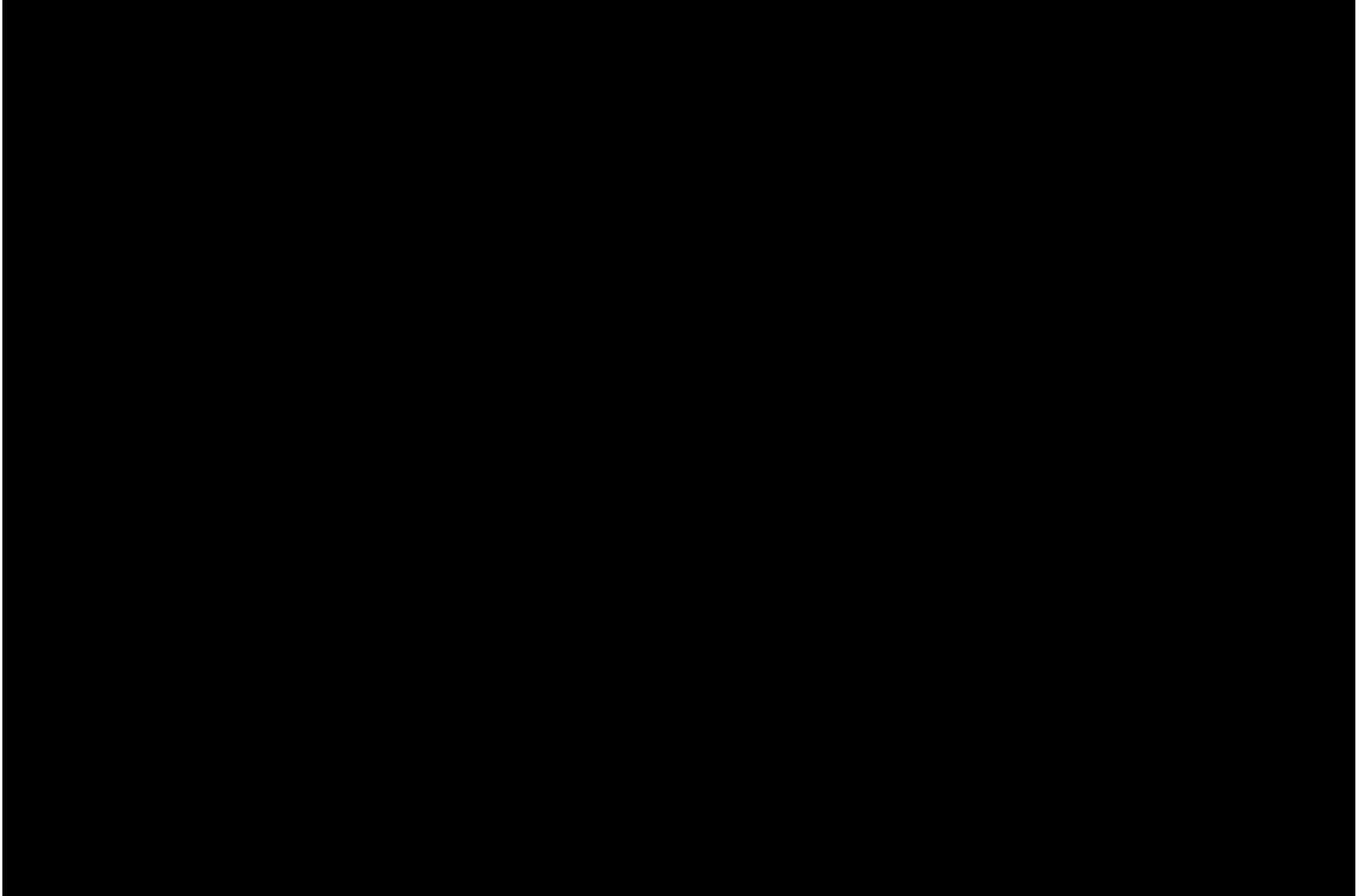
- LGBTQ Memorial List
- Since 2017, the hate crime homicide rate of LGBTQ persons has doubled. This number does not take into consideration those who survived their attack. This number does not consider the nameless, faceless LGBTQ children living on the streets (40% of all homeless children). It does not consider those who committed suicide (2-3 more times that general population).
- This is an Incomplete List of all LGBTQ Americans murdered in hate crimes since January 2017.
- Mesha Caldwell, 41, Black transgender woman, Canton, MS
- Jamie Lee Wounded Arrow, 28, Native transgender/Two Spirit Woman, Sioux Falls, SD
- Sean Ryan Hake, 23, White transgender man, Sharon, PA
- Savyon Zabar, 54, Latinx cisgender gay man, New York, NY
- Bill Denham, 53, White cisgender gay man, Tampa, FL
- Dontae Lampkins, 25, Black cisgender gay man, Tampa, FL
- Jojo Striker, 23, Black transgender woman, Toledo, OH
- Jaquarius Holland, 18, Black transgender woman, Monroe, LA
- Keke Collier/ Tiara Richmond 24, Black transgender woman, Chicago, IL
- Chyna Gibson/ Chyna Doll Dupree, 31, Black transgender woman, New Orleans, LA
- Glenser Soliman, 44, Asian cisgender gay man, Harris, TX
- Ciara McElveen, 25, Black transgender woman, New Orleans, LA
- Alphonza Watson, 38, Black transgender woman, Baltimore, MD
- Andrew Nesbitt, 46, White cisgender gay man, Madison, WI
- An Vinh Nguyen, 26, Asian cisgender gay man, Harris County, TX
- Kenne McFadden, 27, Black transgender woman, San Antonio, TX
- Bruce Garnett, 67, White cisgender gay man, Chesterfield, VA
- Chay Reed, 28, Black transgender woman, Miami, FL
- Mx. Bostick, 59, Black transgender person, New York, NY
- Earl English, 28, Black transgender man, DeKalb, GA
- Imer Alvarado, 34, Latino Deaf cisgender gay man, Fresno, CA
- Sherrell Faulkner, 46, Black transgender woman, Charlotte, NC
- Kevin Wirth, 27, White cisgender gay man, Lansing, MI
- David Swartley, 66, White cisgender gay man, Elkhart County, IN
- Matthew Murray, 26, Black cisgender gay man, Hyattsville, MD
- Joe Berrios/Kendra Adams, 28 Latinx transgender woman, Ithaca, NY
- Neil Rodney Smith, 57, White cisgender gay man, Brooklyn, NY

- Ava Le'Ray Barrin, 17, Black transgender woman, Athens, GA
- Michael "Chris" Jones, Black cisgender gay man, Mount Vernon, NY
- Ebony Morgan, 28, Black transgender woman, Lynchburg, VA
- Robert Lee Covington, 54, White cisgender gay man, Dallas, TX
- Rodriguez Montez Burks, 23, Black cisgender gay man, Alger County Correctional Facility, Munising, MI
- Tee Tee Dangerfield, 32 Black transgender woman, Atlanta, GA
- John Jolly, 55, Black cisgender gay man, New York, NY
- Jaylow MC, 29, Black transgender woman, Alexandria, LA
- Juan Javier Cruz, 22, Latinx cisgender gay man, Lake Worth, FL
- Gwynevere River Song, 26, White transgender woman, Waxahachie, TX
- Kiwi Herring, 30, Black transgender woman, St Louis, MO
- Ally Lee Steinfield, 17, white transgender woman, Texas County, MO
- Anthony Torres (Bubbles), 44, cisgender gay man, San Francisco, CA
- Derrick Banner, 26, Black transgender woman, Charlotte, NC
- Scout Schultz, 21, white non-binary and intersex person, Atlanta, GA
- Elizabeth Stephanie Montez, 47, Latinx transgender woman, Robstown, TX
- Candace Towns, 30, Black transgender woman, Macon, GA
- Giovanni Melton, 14, Black cisgender gay male child, Henderson, NV
- Sydney Loofe 24, White cisgender lesbian woman, Lincoln, NE
- Brooklyn BreYanna Stevenson, 31, Black transgender woman, Oklahoma City, OK
- Brandi Seals, 26, Black transgender woman, Houston, TX
- Shanta Myers, 36, Black cisgender lesbian; Brandi Mells, 22, Black cisgender lesbian, and their children
- Jeremiah (11) and Shanise (5)
- Kerrice Lewis, 23, Black cisgender lesbian, Washington, DC
- Kaladaa Crowell, 36, Black cisgender lesbian and her daughter, Kyra Inglett, (11), West Palm Beach, FL

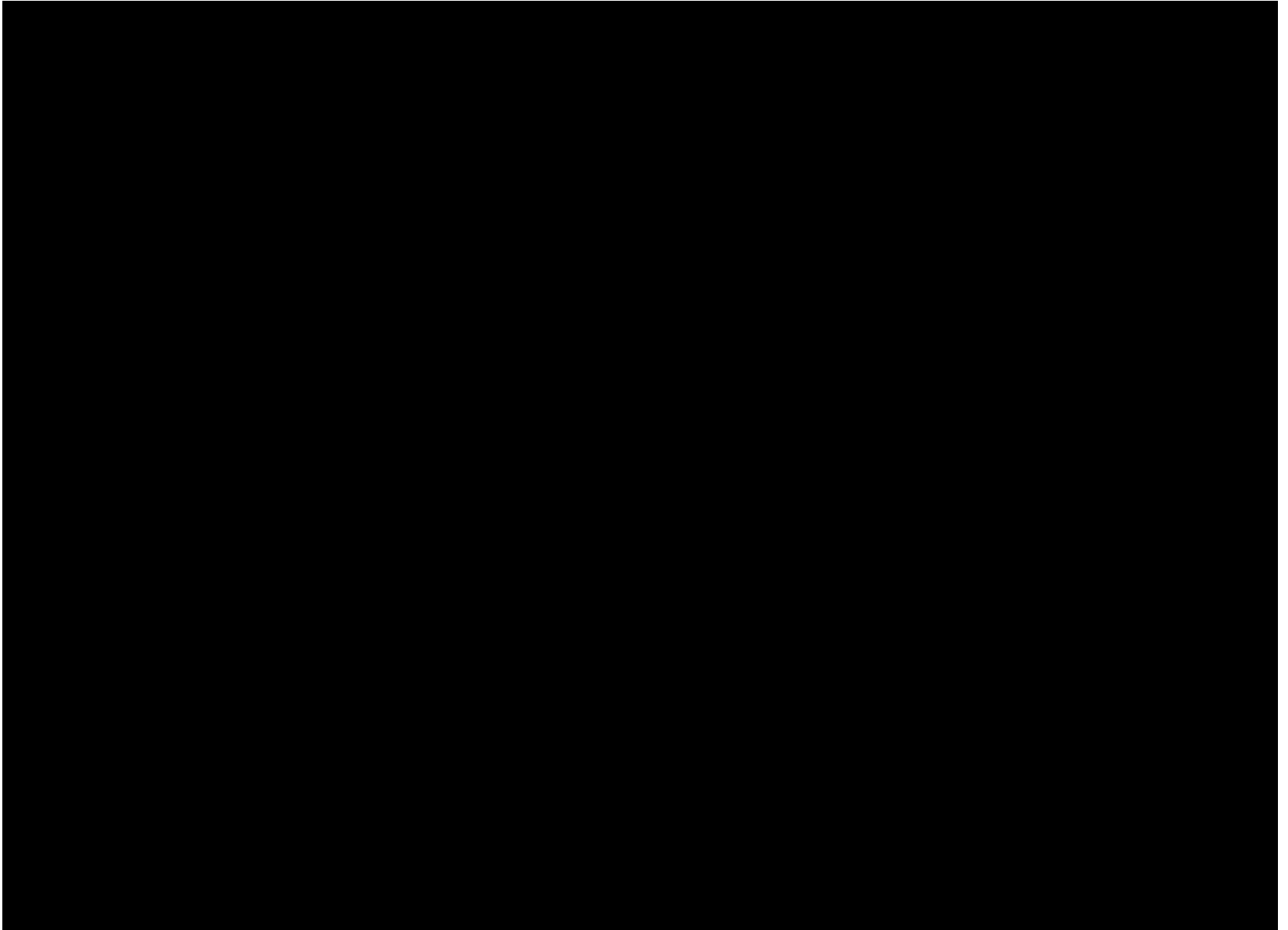
- **2018 (only transgender information available)**

- Christa Leigh Steele, Knudslie, 42, transgender woman, North Adams, MA
- Vicky Gutierrez, 33, Latinx transgender woman, Los Angeles, CA
- Tonya Harvey, 35, transgender woman, Buffalo, NY
- Celine Walker, 36, transgender woman, Jacksonville, FL
- Phylcia Mitchell, 45, transgender woman, Cleveland, OH
- Zakaria Fry, 28, transgender woman, New Mexico
- Amia Tyrae Berryman, 28, transgender woman, Baton Rouge, LA
- Nino Fortson, 36, transgender woman, Atlanta, GA
- Gigi Pierce, 28, transgender woman, Portland, OR
- Antash'a English, 38, transgender woman, Jacksonville, FL

Sister



This is Me



We are Family

*(ALL!) all of the people around us
they say
Can they be that close
Just let me state for the record
We're giving love in a family dose*