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LGBTQ+ Community Center of Darke County Invites Community & Organizations to Darke County Pride on Saturday, August 2nd

(*Greenville, OH*) The LGBTQ+ Community Center of Darke County (the Center) is pleased to invite the community to join Darke County Pride – Pride at the Prairie, on Saturday, August 2nd from 12:00-6:00pm at the Shawnee Prairie Preserve located at 4267 ST RT 502 in Greenville, OH. Darke County Pride is a safe and inclusive, family-family event celebrating culture, freedom, equality, diversity, and overall mental health and wellbeing. The event will include a wide range of health and wellness, small business, nonprofit, and craft vendors, along with a family fun zone, food, and live entertainment throughout the day. The Center is currently accepting registration for sponsors, vendors, performers, and volunteers at www.darkecountypride.org/darke-county-pride. The final agenda, lineup and vendor map will be available the week before the event.

“We’re excited to host a county-wide event focused on uplifting our community, celebrating nature, and promoting community and mental health,” says River Souza, Pride Co-Chair. “Interested volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and community organizations are encouraged to sign up and be part of the festivities.”

The Center’s focus on mental health and wellbeing helped guide the decision to hold the event at the Shawnee Prairie Preserve, and the Center is excited several health and wellness providers, including Family Health Services of Darke County and I Am Well Foundation/Darke County, have already signed up to participate.

“As an organization founded in suicide prevention, we’re excited to host Darke County Pride at Shawnee Prairie to incorporate culture, nature, and accessible health and wellness programming into our event,” says Ryan Acker, the Center’s Board Chair. “Darke County Parks are some of the most beautiful and well-maintained in the state, and we’re excited to be able to uplift inclusion, promote community wellness, and support the Parks at the same time.”

For more information about Darke County Pride, please email info@darkecountypride.org, visit www.darkecountypride.org, or follow us on Facebook.

About: *The Center was founded in January 2024 in line with the Ohio Suicide Prevention Plan to address increasing rates of suicide, mental health crises and addictions in the Darke County*

region. The Center's programs and services are open to LGBTQ+ people, as well as their friends, families and allies who support the Center's mission to create a safe, welcoming and inclusive Darke County for all people, including LGBTQ+ children, youth, adults and families. The Center's programs and services are drug and alcohol free.