

Sweet Troo-Vi

<https://www.sweettrooviwaffle.com/>

Sweet Troo•Vi Waffle was created by Rebekkah and Bobbi Jo Lamar Brunson as a vessel for good. Our mission is simple. Eat Deliciously. Love Freely. Not only are we creating delicious products, but spreading love, encouraging change and doing the most good within our community. With every transaction Sweet Troo•Vi donates a portion of its proceeds to benefit local causes with the greatest need throughout the Twin Cities with emphasis on youth programs and aid. We believe the best way to nurture a community is to keep the wealth in it. We partner with other small businesses minority/woman/LGBTQ+ lead highlighting different products and services, as well as sourcing our own ingredients locally when possible and working with local creatives to build our brand.

Gender Justice

<https://www.genderjustice.us/>

Gender Justice envisions a world where everyone can thrive regardless of their gender, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Step by step, we're creating that world by dismantling legal, structural, and cultural barriers that contribute to gender inequity. We work to ensure that people of all genders have a meaningful right to bodily autonomy, safety, health, and opportunity.

Out Front Minnesota

<https://www.outfront.org/>

OutFront Minnesota was founded in 1987 to fight for LGBTQ+ justice and equity. Over the past 36 years we have worked to ensure that our values of liberation and intersectional justice guide our work until full equality under the law and full equity in practice is realized. We successfully passed a statewide nondiscrimination law that included sexual orientation AND gender identity as protected statuses in 1993—the first law that included protections for our trans community members. We won marriage by defeating an anti-marriage amendment at the ballot box and passing marriage equality through the legislature in 2013.

Rainbow Health

<https://rainbowhealth.org/>

For nearly 40 years we have been advocating for and serving the LGBTQ+ community, those living with HIV, and all folks facing barriers to equitable healthcare. Since our formation through the Minnesota AIDS Project and Rainbow Health Initiative merger—and later the acquisition of Training to Serve—we have continued to grow and identify new ways to commit to our mission. These past few years have challenged and strengthened this unified team in ways we could have never expected. We decided another change was needed to continue moving forward: a name that grounded us in our legacy and proudly proclaimed our purpose.

Lavender Magazine

<https://lavendermagazine.com/>

Lavender is a biweekly award-winning print and online magazine, part of Lavender Media, Inc., published in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the LGBTQ+ community. Since 1995, Lavender Media, Inc. has been producing an award-winning glossy magazine and events aimed at the local, national and international lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) and LGBTQ-friendly audience.

Black Garnet Books

<https://www.blackgarnetbooks.com/>

Black Garnet Books was created by Saint Paul community member Dionne Sims during the Summer of 2020 in direct response to state violence, as well as the purposeful and unconscious exclusion of Black people from the literature community. Black Garnet Books exists to address racial inequality within the publishing and literary industries, both nationally and within the state of Minnesota. In an effort to do so, we've curated our shelves to focus on literature by authors and illustrators of color, ensuring that any purchase made at our store directly supports the continued telling of our stories. Black Garnet is Black-Queer owned.

Urban Growler

<https://www.urbangrowlerbrewing.com/>

Urban Growler® Brewing Company was opened in July 2014 by Master Brewer Deb Loch and co-head honcho Jill Pavlak. These two combined their complementary skills and passions to create great beer, food and space for everyone. Urban Growler's mission is to bring people together through beer. The brewery, taproom, beer garden and outside retail sales help establish community among all beer drinkers. Deb brews traditional beers like CowBell Cream Ale® but also gets creative with the Plow to Pint® series, where local ingredients and the farmers that produce them are featured.

Black Hart of St. Paul

<https://www.blackhartstp.com/>

The Black Hart is a neighborhood, queer, and soccer bar in the Midway neighborhood of Saint Paul and is known as the oldest gay nightspot in the Twin Cities. Not only is Black Hart an LGBTQ+ soccer bar conveniently located across from Allianz Field, but they also host popular drag shows, country line dancing, karaoke, theme nights accompanied by a small, but lively piano lounge.