

NYU Langone Health Celebrates Brooklyn's LGBTQ+ Communities With 'United Purple Front' at Pride Festival



Taylor Robinson (left), DSW, LMSW, program manager at the Sunset Terrace Family Health Center at NYU Langone, and Kira Rose (right), case manager at the Flatbush Family Health Center at NYU Langone, marched in the Brooklyn Pride Twilight Parade on June 8.

Parades are run and a restive part of Pride, but there's so much more to Pride Month. Throughout the month of June, Inside Health is featuring special coverage of NYU Langone Health events, people, and programs that are advancing health equity for diverse LGBTQ+ communities.

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Staffers from the Family Health Centers, Perlmutter Cancer Center, and Project SAFE worked together, manning three tables—in the same space for the first time—at Brooklyn Pride. Later, participants marched in the twilight parade. See the photos!

NYU Langone Health took part in two events celebrating Brooklyn Pride on June 8.

First, about 20 staffers from the Family Health Centers (FHC), Perlmutter Cancer Center, and Project SAFE (a youth sexual health and empowerment program dedicated to preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS, also run by the FHC) manned three tables at the 28th Annual Brooklyn Pride Multicultural Festival.

[Ludovic Desvignes, PhD](#), co-chair of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Council social committee, ensured an early coordination with event organizers so all NYU Langone Health stations could be side-by-side for the first time. Mitchell Caponi, MPH, network HIV director at the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, calls it a "united purple front."

Employees wearing purple "Come Together NYU" shirts and staffing tables covered in purple chatted with more than 300 attendees over the six-hour event. The area featured two games—a spinning prize wheel and a prize drop game—that helped break the ice with festival-goers who Staffers provided information about aspects of care such as HIV, PrEP, and PEP services; support services for LGBTQ+ community members affected by cancer as well as cancer prevention services; youth and teen programs; and other health education. Participants also described the various services and quality of care at NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn.

"So many familiar faces from NYU Langone Health stopped by the tables to say hello," says Eduardo Bayter, program supervisor at the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone. "Providers, nurses, and managers from the various FHCs. It was so great to feel so much Brooklyn Pride from all over the institution."

The staffers had multiple giveaways for festival-goers, including branded fanny packs, battery-powered fans, phone-charging power banks, sunglasses, lip balm, condoms, necklaces, and bottled water.

Later in the day, about 25 staffers from the FHC, Project SAFE, and the Perlmutter Cancer Center's LGBTQ+ Staff and Faculty Task Force marched in the annual Brooklyn Pride Twilight Parade, the only evening parade in the Northeast.

"The marching was very high energy and lots of fun," says Megan Raab, CAPP coordinator at Project SAFE. "People were excited to see us along the route, including students, staff members, and even patients. They called to us again and again from the sidelines—'Go NYU!'"

Desvignes was truly excited as well. "It was awesome to see NYU Langone Health's wide-ranging participation in this major LGBTQ+ family- and community-oriented event," he says. "There will be more opportunities to cheer and support our institution in the New York City Pride Festival and Pride March in Manhattan on June 30!"

If you love these initiatives and want to get involved, or simply want more information, you are welcome to send an [email](#).

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Amazing!!! @Bayter, Eduardo @Dutan, Alexandra @Lopez Acevedo, Ariana @Robinson, Taylor @Buitrago, Josner @Caponi, Mitchell !! @DeJesus, Amy @Ponds, Kariba @Gutierrez, Jennifer Sunset Terrace looks soo good! Happy Pride :)

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Incredibly grateful for such a fantastic group of people. Thank you all for all that you do for our patients and our community!

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Way to go, PCC & FHCs!!! Thanks for all your inspiring work and being a united purple front!! @Trifonov, Alexandre @Monahan, Rachel @Rodriguez Atanacio, Damian @Caponi, Mitchell

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