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Studio West 117 Fieldhouse Announces Closure, Calls for Continued Support of Identity-Affirming Community Spaces

The Studio West 117 Fieldhouse's last day of operation will be **December 28, 2025**. While these circumstances are difficult, they do not diminish the impact this space has had or the ongoing need for places where LGBTQ+ people and allies can gather, create, and belong.

Over the past three years, we have been honored to serve this incredible community. Since opening, the Fieldhouse has welcomed thousands of people through its restaurant, events, programs, and gymnasium. Together, we hosted more than 70 community fairs, supported over 40 partner organizations, and created space for corporate gatherings, networking events, community fundraisers, sports leagues, free senior wellness programs, and countless LGBTQ+ arts and entertainment experiences.

We are proud to have supported community causes, celebrated milestones with local partners, and served more than 3,400 individuals through free community meals, along with partnered grocery giveaways. The Fieldhouse has also been home to Pride in the CLE's official afterparty, Stonewall Sports Cleveland dodgeball, and performances by more than 300 LGBTQ+ artists and entertainers.

This work has been possible only because of the people who brought this space to life. We are profoundly grateful for our staff, community supporters, and everyone who showed up, volunteered, performed, played sports, shared a meal, and helped build a truly one-of-a-kind gathering place. Although this chapter is ending, the mission it carried — to support identity-affirming spaces and uplift the LGBTQ+ community — must continue.

The importance of spaces like this is reinforced by the **2024 Greater Cleveland LGBTQ+ Community Needs Assessment**, where many respondents identified the lack of safe, identity-affirming community spaces as one of the most persistent barriers to well-being in our region.

We encourage community partners, leaders, and neighbors across Greater Cleveland to continue investing in inclusive spaces and organizations that reflect and protect the vibrancy of our community, and to imagine new and innovative ways to support and expand resources for those within the LGBTQ+ community. The need is more urgent than ever.

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