
Ohio didn't have an LGBTQ+ newsroom — so we built one

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Hello friends,

Today is a huge day for The Buckeye Flame—and honestly, I'm just really excited to say this out loud with you.

Six years ago, we launched The Buckeye Flame because something was missing in Ohio—a statewide LGBTQ+ newsroom actually paying attention to our communities, our politics and our lives in every corner of the state.

So, we built it.

And I need to say this clearly: the fact that the Flame is still here—still growing, still reporting, still showing up across Ohio—is something I'm *ridiculously* proud of. And it only happened because of **YOU**.

Will you stand up to amplify LGBTQ+ Ohio voices with a donation to our birthday campaign?

I'm In!

We've published more than 1,650 stories across Ohio — covering the Statehouse as bills move, following school policy fights as they unfold, reporting directly from rural LGBTQ+ communities, tracking healthcare access and amplifying the everyday joy and resilience of queer Ohioans statewide.

This work exists because readers like you believe it should — and you keep it going.

As an independent nonprofit newsroom, we rely on community support to keep our reporting free and accessible statewide. Every gift helps sustain the reporting our community depends on—and helps us to keep growing what we've built together.

We've set a goal to raise \$16,000 by June 30 to keep this reporting strong.

Every gift — no matter the size — helps us stay in the Statehouse when bills are moving fast, show up in rural communities that are too often overlooked, explain the policies shaping LGBTQ+ life in Ohio and tell the stories of joy, resilience and resistance that deserve to be seen.

If you're able, a **monthly recurring gift** is especially impactful, providing steady, reliable support that helps to sustain this work year-round.

I Support The Buckeye Flame!

Thank you for reading, caring and being part of this community.

With flaming appreciation,



Ken Schneck (he/him), Editor

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