



# ONE COMMUNITY UNITED

## One Community United

OCU got its first-ever grant of [\\$50,000 from the CCHD in 2020-2021](#).

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Archdiocese of Atlanta	One Community United, Inc.	Civil Rights/Racism	50,000.00

We first reported on this organization in a newsletter due to its promotion of homosexuality and transgenderism, including the demonic “Drag-Queen Storytime.”

On June 23, One Community United (OCU) [posted a schedule on facebook](#) promoting “Rome Pride’s” events from June 23-26. Included in the line-up is “Drag Queen PRIDE Bingo” and “Drag Queen Storytime.”



ONE Community United, Rome, Georgia

June 23 at 11:46 PM · 🌐

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It's #PRIDE weekend! Visit [RomeGAPride.com](http://RomeGAPride.com) for more info 🌈

Column from [Rome News-Tribune](#) COLUMN: Love thy neighbor

COLUMNIST SEVERO AVILA

Who's casting the first stone? Recently, there was a bit of backlash about the upcoming Pride event being hosted in Rome.

I suppose that was to be expected. What with all the crazy things happening in the world as well as soaring gas and grocery prices, you'd expect that the thing people would get all up in arms about would be a small fes... See more



# Rome Pride 2022 Line-Up

## June 23-26



### Thursday @ 7pm

Drag Queen PRIDE Bingo @ Tortaco, 201 Broad Street

### Friday @ 6pm

Sponsor Reception (by invitation only) @The Vogue, 247 Broad Street

### Friday @ 7pm

Club Vogue Pride Kickoff Party (ticketed event, 21+)  
The Vogue, 247 Broad Street

### Saturday @ 8am

Meditation & Yoga @ Labyrinth - 402 Civic Center Drive

### Saturday @ 10am-6pm

Vendor Market, Food Trucks & Kids Zone @ Heritage Park

### Saturday @ 11am

Rainbow March starting @ City Hall 607 Broad Street

### Saturday @ 11:45am

Drag Queen Storytime @ Heritage Park Main Stage

### Saturday @ 12pm-10pm

Pride Plaza Main Stage @ Heritage Park  
Family-friendly drag, live music, DJ

### Saturday @ 6:30pm

Riverboat Cruise @ Heritage Park Boat Ramp (ticketed event, 21+)  
**SOLD OUT**

### Saturday @ 10pm

Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful Park Clean-Up @ Heritage Park

### Sunday @ 10am

Non-denominational Worship Service with Jay Burns-Horton

[www.romegapride.com](http://www.romegapride.com)

And like groomers, One Community United [reposted Sesame Street's pride promotion](#) in June of



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@OneCommuniUni

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Sunny Days! ☀️  
Happy #PrideMonth



**Sesame Street** @sesamestreet · Jun 11, 2020

On our street, we accept all, we love all, and we respect all. Happy #PrideMonth!



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In October of 2020, One Community United [promoted “Coming Out Day,”](#) encouraging people to identify with intrinsically disordered sexual tendencies.





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[#ComingOutDay2020](#)

To be nobody but yourself in  
a world which is doing its  
best, night and day, to make  
you everybody else means to  
fight the hardest battle which  
any human being can fight;  
and never stop fighting.



e. e. cummings  
American Poet



**YOU'RE NOT  
ALONE  
ALONE**

And their celebration of pride goes back to [at least June of 2017](#) – at least 2 years before its first grant from the CCHD:



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Happy [#PrideMonth](#) 2017!



3:13 AM · Jun 26, 2017 · Twitter for Android



In [June 2019](#), One Community United again celebrated Pride Month.



The same is true for [June of 2021](#).



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Hello, June!

[#BridgingTheDivides](#) [#LoveAlwaysWins](#)

[#ShareWithPride](#) [#PrideMonth2021](#)



2:26 PM · Jun 1, 2021 from Rome, GA · Twitter for Android

And [again, this year \(2022\)](#):



### **CCHD Responds**

Following the newsletter containing this information, many of our readers wrote their CCHD directors and some received responses. Most of the responses are the typical canned statements CCHD provides, explaining their vetting process and how they never fund anything bad. One reader sent us such a canned response, wherein the CCHD director indicated that the local CCHD is clean and they can't account for what happens on the national level. He wasn't sure how to reply, so we provided him with the most central argument to the claim that since the local grants were clean, the concern should be taken up with the national CCHD. Here's what we wrote:

*The one thing that should be focused on regarding this response is this: Because only 25% of CCHD funds collected are retained in the local diocese, and the other 75% are sent on to the national CCHD collection, and because the grant to One Community United (OCU) was from a national CCHD grant, then the 75% contributed from [XXX diocese] went on to help provide the*

*\$50,000 grant to OCU. So, this is as much a local issue as it is a national one. As a steward of Catholic funds, Ms. XXX and the local ordinary have an obligation to ensure that no money collected from the faithful are used to support organizations that act in direct contravention with the Faith. Therefore, it is incumbent upon her and the local ordinary to address this gravely serious matter, even to the point of pulling out of the national collection if the National CCHD will not address and correct this matter.*

The following is the response our reader received:

*----- Forwarded message -----*

*From: Campbell, Lynn<[lynn.campbell@aohct.org](mailto:lynn.campbell@aohct.org)>*

*Date: On Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 12:07*

*Subject: Fwd: RE: Question About CCHD Funding*

*To: Cc:*

*Dear XXXXXXXX,*

*The Lepanto Institute is not a credible source. The email forwarded by you falsely accuses the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.*

*It contains misreported allegations that have been thoroughly investigated and considered by CCHD and the Bishops' Subcommittee and the Catholic dioceses where the groups do their work.*

*As stated in the CCHD application, CCHD draws its directions, policies and practices from Catholic social and moral teaching and prohibits the funding of groups that violate fundamental Catholic teaching. As an initiative of the Catholic Church in the United States, CCHD does not fund organizations that engage in activities that contradict fundamental Catholic moral or social teaching.*

*CCHD has a strong review process in place. If at any point, evidence that a funded group is in fact participating in activities contrary to Catholic teaching, the group's grant award will be cancelled.*

*The funded groups are practicing the principles the Church teaches of option for the poor, subsidiarity, and participation. I have seen the work of CCHD funded groups and know the good that is accomplished.*

*To learn more about CCHD I encourage you to visit: <http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/>*

*I express our confidence in the grant review process of CCHD, and the principles which CCHD stands for.*

*Peace,  
Lynn*



*Lynn Campbell, Executive Director  
Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry*

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The reader asked us what to make of the email, so we crafted an email directly to Ms. Campbell. Here is what we wrote:

*Dear Ms. Campbell,*

*A reader of ours forwarded this response from you regarding our report on the CCHD grantee called One Community United. In your opening line, you effectively called us liars when you claimed that we are not “a credible source,” and that we “falsely accuse the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.” In addition to that, you said that our report “contains misreported allegations that have been thoroughly investigated and considered by CCHD and the Bishops' Subcommittee and the Catholic dioceses where the groups do their work.”*

*It should be noted that we are not the source of the information, as the information comes from both the CCHD's website and One Community United's own social media postings. And if the “allegations” have been “misreported,” then I hope you will enlighten us as to which of these aspects of the report is untrue.*

*According to the CCHD's 2020-2021 grants list, One Community United received a grant for \$50,000. (see here: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/CCHD-Grantees-2020-2021.pdf>)*

*Our Report pointed out that One Community United promoted Drag Queen Story Hour and Drag Queen Bingo on facebook. This is a fact, and we included the link to the proof in our report. What is interesting is that this facebook post has since been deleted (here's the original link: <https://www.facebook.com/BridgingTheDivides/photospcb.1992466280940529/1992466217607202/>) I'm attaching the screen shot to prove that we didn't just make this up. What is interesting about the deletion of this post is that our report only went to our readers, asking them to contact CCHD representatives, which means that One Community United would not have been directly alerted to the report, except through CCHD. Because of this, the fact that this post was deleted is a strong indication that your claim that we are “not a credible source” and that we “falsely accused the CCHD” is gravely mistaken, if not entirely dishonest. If there was nothing wrong with the post, then there would have been no reason for One Community United to delete it, so, they either did so because it was perceived to be a problem, or they did so because they were told to. Either way, the action of deleting the post indicates that the post itself did precisely what we said it did.*

*The other social media postings we shared in our report wherein One Community United promoted LGBTQ activism (directly against Church teaching and CCHD grant guidelines) are still available for you to see:*

<https://twitter.com/OneCommuniUni/status/1271307242495672320>

<https://twitter.com/OneCommuniUni/status/1315237573892079618>



<https://twitter.com/OneCommuniUni/status/879236137704935424>

*And for the record, we have screen shots of those posts as well, so trying to delete them won't do any good.*

*So, please explain, Ms. Campbell, which aspect of our report is inaccurate? The part where we indicate that One Community United received \$50,000 from the CCHD? The part where One Community United promoted Drag Queen Story Hour and Drag Queen Bingo? Or the part where we showed that One Community United was actively engaged in homosexual activism? And while you're at it, if the allegations were "thoroughly investigated and considered by CCHD and the Bishops' Subcommittee and the Catholic dioceses where the groups do their work," and those allegations are indeed factual, by what moral standard were these things deemed acceptable by those who did the investigating and considering?*

*If you cannot provide any explanation as to how our report is not credible and how we falsely accused the CCHD, then I demand that you issue a correction.*

*Respectfully,  
Michael Hichborn  
President, Lepanto Institute*

We never received a response to that email, but we did receive a statement from a different CCHD director sent to another reader. This CCHD director wrote:

**"The organization One Community United did not promote Drag Queen Story Hour... it was done by a volunteer** who did not have the authority or the permission of the organization to make the post. In CCHD's due diligence with the Archdiocese, they understand intimately the activities and workings of the group and as of now, they wish to continue funding. It is important to also note that CCHD supports particular activities of the funded organizations. Those activities that we support are closely monitored and checked. CCHD money does not go toward the promotion of LGBT advocacy." (emphasis added)

It's completely irrelevant whether CCHD funds went to the particular activity or not because CCHD claims:

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Unfortunately for the CCHD director making this claim, One Community United created a calendar of events that blocked off June 24-25 specifically for the Rome GA Pride festival. Unless this same rogue volunteer also created the calendar, the CCHD's claim is not credible. Here's a [link to One Community United's post](#) about the calendar.



## ONE Community United, Rome, Georgia

June 10 · 🌐

This is the 3rd Revision of our June Calendar! Hopefully it is the final edition! 😄

#LetsTalkAndActTogether #BridgingTheDivides 💜

June 2022 OneCommunityUnited Meetings, Activities & Holiday Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OneCommunityUnited.org #LetsTalkAndActTogether		LOVE		2	3	4
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				Small Group Meeting Fuel BBQ 10:30 am Hosted by Board of Directors	FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY Ages 12-18 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM KIDZING FOOD & MUSIC MUSIC: LARRY PERRY & THE RHYTHM BOYS 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM	
12	13	14 Flag Day Small Group Meeting 8:00 am Eggs Up Grill Jon Hershey Facilitator	15	16	17 Free Movie Night 6:30 Rome City Auditorium	18 11 AM Parade Broad Street Lot Party Next to Main Elementary
19 Fathers Day! JUNE TEENTH FREEDOM DAY Music Fest! 4-7 PM Thankful Baptist	20	21 Sun Vote	22	23 Small Group Meeting Noon KaleidoSno Alvin Jackson Facilitator	24 Rome Georgia Pride   Events romepride.com JUNE 24-26 2022 RomeGAPride.com	25
26	27	28	29		1	2

The inclusion of RomeGAPride on the calendar wasn't a one-off, either, because it was on the same calendar on June 1, prior to the other two "revisions" mentioned in the post.

So, One Community United put the Pride event on their activities calendar, and then also posted the schedule of events for the Rome GA Pride event itself, which included drag-queen story

hour. If this was all some “honest mistake by a low-level volunteer,” then how did the Rome GA Pride festival get on their events calendar to begin with? Here is a collage of pictures from Rome Pride 2022, celebrated by One Community United. Please note that this event had many, many children in attendance, so One Community United is not just celebrating the vile debauchery observed in these images, but also the scandalizing of children! These pictures come from the [official photo gallery of the Rome Pride 2022](#) event.



Bear in mind that the other evidence from our initial email on this group showed a consistent disposition of favorability to LGBTQ ideologies, which fits right in line with their [stated mission](#): “*One Community United is a 501(c)3 organization composed of citizens working to eliminate Racial, Ethnic, Economic, **Sexual Orientation** & Religious barriers.*”

But since the CCHD would like to explain away this activity by blaming it on some faceless volunteer, perhaps they will also blame the [following tweet from July 8](#), supporting same-sex “marriage,” on the same volunteer as well.



OneCommunityUnited Retweeted

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ADL @ADL · Jul 8

Tomorrow marks the 154th anniversary of the states ratifying the [#14thAmendment](#). Many of the rights we have today – from citizenship to interracial and same-sex marriage – are rooted in the [#14thAmendment](#) and must be protected.



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Of course, on [October 9 of 2019](#) One Community United shared the 49th Annual Atlanta Pride event, saying, “We, at #OneCommunityUnited Openly Embrace Our #LGBTQ Neighbors. There is always Room for You at Our Table!”



**ONE Community United, Rome, Georgia** shared an event.

October 9, 2019 · 🌐

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Sadly, there are still people on this Earth who openly discriminate against a segment of our Population. We, at #OneCommunityUnited Openly Embrace Our #LGBTQ Neighbors. There is always Room for You at Our Table! 🌈❤️

There are many #PRIDE activities taking place this weekend in Atlanta. This is just one of them:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2543481269016438/?ti=cl>



SUN, OCT 13, 2019

**49th Annual Atlanta Pride Parade!**

Atlanta, GA

Causes · 28,693 people

☆ Interested

And for those who can stomach it, this is what One Community United was celebrating and promoting:

[embedyt] [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gw3LaKV\\_r1E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gw3LaKV_r1E)[/embedyt]

If the sharing of the agenda of the Rome GA Pride festival was an unauthorized post, then One Community United must answer for the rest of these posts, and publicly denounce the Drag Queen events. Otherwise, this will stand as yet another ham-handed cover-up orchestrated with the assistance of the CCHD.

## **CONCLUSION**

One Community United is completely committed to promoting homosexual and transgender ideologies, celebrating some of the most vile displays of immodesty and gross sexual immorality imaginable. And when caught, CCHD defended One Community United without qualification,



except to attack and condemn the Lepanto Institute. This is yet another reason why the CCHD must be shut down completely and forever.