

# Our Mission

*The mission of The Imperial Court of New York is to raise funds for community service groups, HIV/AIDS service organizations, social service organizations, and youth enrichment programs; to provide a safe, social environment for all people; and to create and promote positive community awareness.*

*We seek to raise awareness and raise funds for the direct services organizations that our community relies on.*



*Our “unique fashion” emulates the monarchical court societies of Old Europe. Our membership includes Lords and Ladies, Princes and Princesses, and the crowning achievement of becoming Emperor and Empress — all enjoying the “game” of court and royalty while raising social awareness and funds for deserving charities.*



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A 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization

## Beneficiaries

Since our founding, The Imperial Court of New York has provided assistance to organizations such as:

ACRIA (AIDS Community Research Initiative of America)

Ali Forney Center

American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR)

Bailey House

Body Positive

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS

Callen Lorde Community Health Center

Children's Hope Foundation

Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)

Gay Men's Health Crisis

Gender Identity Project

God's Love We Deliver

Harvey Milk School

Hetrick-Martin Institute

Lambda Legal Defense Fund

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

Matthew Shephard Foundation

Miracle House

Momentum AIDS Project

NJ Friends for Life

NYC Gay Men's Chorus

PFLAG

PWA Health Group

SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment)

NYC Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project

The Trevor Project

Trinity Place

True Colors Fund

Tyler Clementi Foundation

Founded in 1986, the Imperial Court of New York is a community-based, all-inclusive, collaborative effort of individuals, corporations, and charitable organizations across New York, and New Jersey whose mission is to provide a safe, social environment for all communities. The Imperial Court of New York, a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization, is one of 72 chapters of the International Imperial Court System, a larger group of individuals across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Although originally founded by a concerned group of LGBT individuals in response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis needs in the New York metropolitan area, our mission has grown and touches all aspects of the community – regardless of sexual orientation, age, gender, race, religion, or social standing.

We do this in our own unique fashion, by producing entertaining fund-raising events throughout the year. Some are small events held in various venues across the metropolitan area and others are major productions, including the Night of a Thousand Gowns, a charity ball and silent auction held each Spring. In addition to the Night of a Thousand Gowns, The Court produces other events throughout the year including Christmas in July, 12 Drags of Christmas, Cocktails, Couture, and Cabaret, and many others.

Our over 150 members come from all walks of life, contributing their various talents and expertise to each event we organize, stage, and attend. Our members are people, like you, who have chosen to make a commitment, get involved, and make a difference in the community. Our membership is broad and varied: business owners, doctors, lawyers, bankers, carpenters, therapists, ministers, stockbrokers, hairdressers, home makers, marketers, performers, accountants, teachers, pharmacists, florists, antique dealers, jewelers and more!

Come join us and join in the fun of fundraising!



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