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# PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE

As we step into 2024-2025, I want to encourage our Mid-South LGBTQ+ community. Focus Mid-South magazine has become a vibrant voice for our chosen family. Since 2015, we've invested in grants, advertising, and promotions totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Under new leadership—Jasper Joyner, Kelly Seagraves, and Daphne Butler we're charting an exciting course forward. "In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength," echoes our mission. While challenges exist, the rewards of shaping media narratives for our community are immeasurable.

Our commitment extends through the Focus Center Foundation, making a meaningful impact beyond our magazine. To supporters, sponsors, and advertisers—thank you for being integral to our journey. As we navigate the years ahead, let's embrace hope, resilience, and unity. Together, we'll continue amplifying stories, breaking barriers, and celebrating the diverse tapestry that defines us.

Gratefully, Ray Rico

# FOCUS

Ray Rico Publisher, Focus LGBT+ Magazine

# **OUR VALUES**



We empower voices, stories, and experiences, fostering a vibrant tapestry of inclusivity in every issue.

Through advocacy, we stand as a relentless force, amplifying the rights and visibility of the LGBT community in the Mid-South.



CONNECT

Our aim is to connect hearts, minds, and communities, knitting a supportive network that celebrates diversity and fosters unity.

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**Our mission is clear:** to educate, empower, and illuminate. We believe in the transformative power of storytelling, using our platform to champion diversity, challenge stereotypes, and advocate for equality. Each element within this kit embodies our vision for a world where every voice is heard and celebrated.

# OUR VISION: REDEFINING REPRESENTATION

# EMPOWERING NARRATIVES, INSPIRING CHANGE.

At Focus LGBT, we're dedicated to amplifying voices, sharing stories, and fostering inclusivity. Our Media Impact Kit encapsulates the essence of our brand, highlighting the depth and breadth of our influence within the LGBTQ+ community and beyond.



You'll discover the numerical testament to our engagement and influence within these pages. From Facebook and Instagram engagement to the remarkable impressions on our website, each statistic reflects our commitment to creating a space where individuals find resonance, support, and belonging.

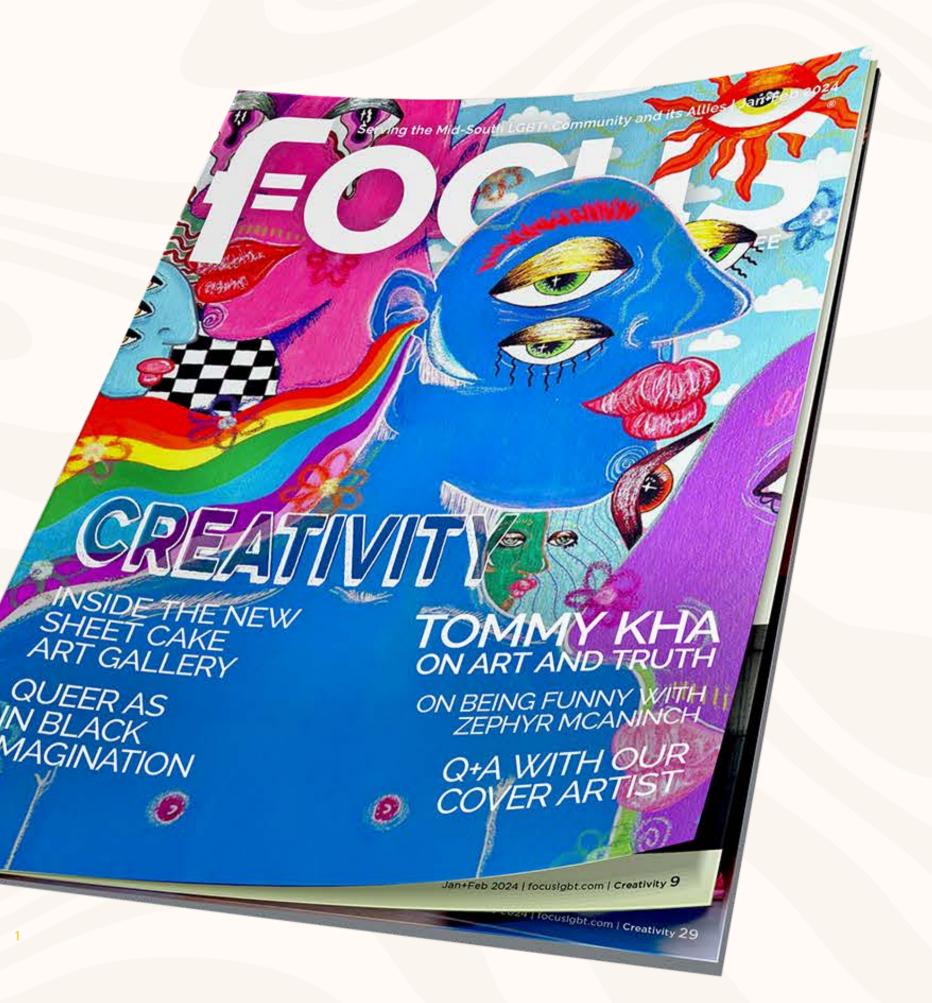
# UNVEILING OUR REACH: IMPACT IN NUMBERS

# PLATFORMS

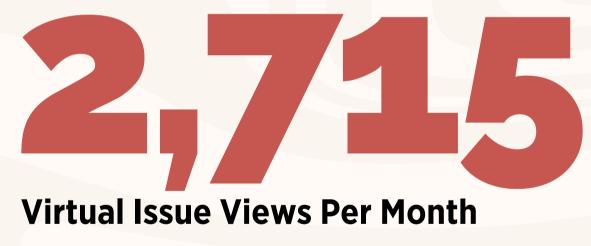
From our print and digital issues to bonus content and beyond, **we traverse various mediums** to ensure our message reaches far and wide. Dive into our vibrant social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, and explore the rich content within our email newsletters and interactive website.

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**Combined Reach Per Issue** 



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## WEBSITE FOCUSLGBT.COM

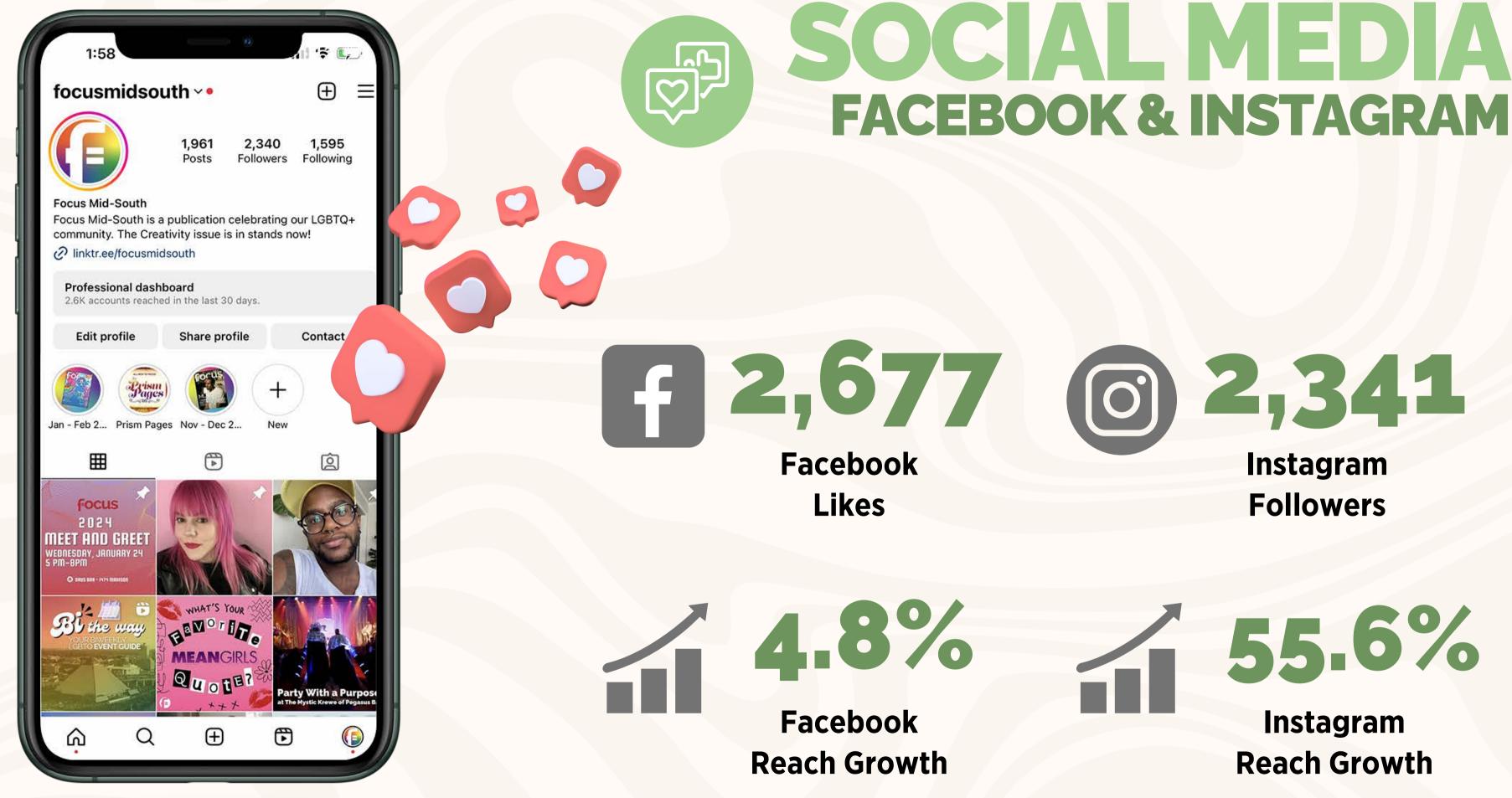














Focus Mid-South Jan 8

ARTICLES VIRTUAL ISSUE ADVERTISE SUBSCRIBE

## HAVE YOU READ OUR NEW ISSUE?

Focus is proud to announce the release of our January/February issue! We're diving into the vibrant world of CREATIVITY, spotlighting local artists, galleries, musicians, and more! Third our brand new issue of Focus Mid-South Magazine in stands NOW, or <u>check out our virtual issue</u> online!

FEATURED EDITORIALS

Inside the New Sheet

Tommy Kha Tells His Story of Art and Truth

Astrology Readings:

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**3.2%** Average CTR

1,034

**Recipients** 



## **35%** Open Rate

## **19** Growth Year-Over-Year

Through our podcast, we delve into the complex layers of Sex, Stigma, Science, and the South. It's a platform that educates, challenges stereotypes, and amplifies voices, sparking vital conversations that inspire progress and understanding. We provide HIV prevention tips, resources and access to tools, like PrEP, to keep our body and minds safe and well.

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# re:focus

# PODCAST



## Ratings

thefocusawards.com

## FOCUS AWARDS A CELEBRATION OF UNITY

Our yearly awards gala isn't just an event; it's a celebration of the tireless efforts within our community. It's where we honor the unsung heroes, magnifying their contributions and inspiring others to join in the pursuit of change.

#### 2023 Recipients



CHAMPION OF THE YEAR Shahin Samiei



ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR Bella DuBalle



TRAILBLAZER OF THE YEAR Jenna Lee Dunn



PUBLISHER AWARD Vanessa Rodley



LEGACY AWARD Friends of George's



THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE Eli Townsend



## FOCUS AWARDS 2023

## FOCUS CENTER FOUNDATION **POSITIVELY IMPACTS OUR COMMUNITY**

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focuscenterfoundation.org

The Focus Center Foundation proudly presents the Focus Awards, offering a substantial \$10,000 award to Mid-South Pride for 2024 funding and marketing.

This financial backing fuels local initiatives, promoting growth and inclusivity. The Focus Awards symbolize recognition and encouragement, reflecting the Foundation's commitment to empowering Mid-South organizations.

Together, Focus and the Focus Center Foundation shape a path of progress and unity, leaving an indelible mark on the community's journey.

#### With a history of dedicated support, Focus and the **Foundation have contributed**



#### in grants, advertising, and promotions since 2015.



## **B**Haven

# **THE HAVEN + FOCUS**

Focus LGBT Magazine and The Haven unite in a powerful partnership, giving rise to "PrEPPED: Sex, Stigma, Science and the South" podcast. In this dynamic collaboration, they illuminate crucial aspects of HIV prevention and mental wellness. Through insightful stories, valuable resources, and engaging discussions, the podcast transcends boundaries, fostering understanding and support.

Focus LGBT Magazine, as the beacon of Mid-South's diverse narratives, joins forces with The Haven to champion inclusivity, breaking down barriers surrounding HIV prevention. Together, they amplify voices, embracing a journey of empowerment, education, and destigmatization. Tune in to PrEPPED for a compelling exploration of sex, science, and the pursuit of holistic wellbeing in the South.

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATION: BUILDING BRIDGES

Our partnerships with esteemed organizations like **TEP**, **OUTMemphis**, and **Mid-South Pride** signify our commitment to community integration and support. Through their testimonials, witness the impact we've collectively made in reshaping narratives and fostering a more inclusive society.



# **6 ISSUE TIMELINE**

ISSUE	THEME	AD/CONTENT SPACE DEADLINE
Jan+Feb	Crafts	Dec 1
Mar+Apr	Nerd	Feb 2
May+June	Pride	Mar 29
Jul+Aug	Sport	May 28
Sept+Oct	Art & Entertainment	Jul 30
Nov+Dec	Family	Sept 28
Jan+Feb '25	Home	Nov 23

Have a story idea? Let us know. Need more info? Email us or call.

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### AD/CONTENT DEADLINE

Dec 15	Jan 8
Feb 15	March 4
Apr 12	May 1
Jun 7	July 1
Aug 9	Sept 1
Oct 8	Nov 1
Dec 3	Jan 5

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# RATES

## **ONLINE WEB ADS**

Leaderboard \$1000/mo **ROS Box Ad** Half Page Ad \$250/mo Strip Ad

## PRINT

Inside Front Cover	\$1750
Inside Back Cover	\$1750
Back Cover	\$1750
Page 3	\$1750
2-Page Spread	\$2750
Center Spread	\$2750
Full-Page	\$1000
Half-Page (Horiz or Vert)	\$850
Quarter-Page	\$550
Sixth-Page	\$375

Rates are per issue. Focus prints 6 time per year. Rates can be billed over two month or monthly per ad insertion. Any position requests are subject to a 25% upcharge. Positioning is not guaranteed.

#### **PREMIUM PACKAGE:** Monthly Virtual Website Takeover

Your brand can have exclusive front page real estate with our virtual website takover. Your ads will appear with a sidebar skin as a background and come accompanied with each ad size we offer. Great for programs, product launches, community outreach, auto, liquor brands and pharma.

#### **Sponsored Online Articles**

Publish 750-1250 words plus up to 5 images with outbound links on our website, great for introducing products, services, professionals, events, or programs.

**W**e extend discounts for multiple and consecutive ads. Just ask. **V** Registered nonprofits enjoy a 10% off discount off all prices. Buy ads for 6 issues get a bonus ad of the same size free. Explore more than just print and spark magic with digital ads.

## \$250/mo \$250/mo

\$1500 per month

\$250 each

# RATES

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### Social Media Post Promos

\$400 per promo Paid and organic posts on Facebook and Instagram, boosted posts using Branded Content Tags on Meta to expand the reach.

## EMAIL NEWSLETTER

#### **Dedicated Email Newsletter**

**\$1000** Criteria may apply. Content must be pre-approved and adhere to advertising policies.

#### Static Email Ad

**\$250** Monthly Email Newsletters sent to all recipients, Includes a 600x300 static ad with an outbound link. Sponsorships start at \$250

## PODCAST

re:focus presents The Haven PrEPPED: Sex, Stigma, Science and the South

Join us as we explore Sex, Stigma, Science, and the South. Our show is dedicated to HIV knowledge and prevention with tools like PrEP and PEP. Listen as our new hosts speak with a diverse group of folks who provide their perspectives.

# PICKUP LOCATIONS

**Bob's Barksdale Ounce of Hope Otherlands Coffee Bar Oothoon's LLC OUTMemphis Burkes Books** Underground Art Java Cabana **Goner Records** Youth Emergency Center Cash Saver EP Blvd Cash Saver 3rd St. Church of the River S. Main Nutrition The Arcade GE Patterson and Main - Metal Box **Civil Rights Museum** Peabody and Main - Metal Box

CHOICES The Mad Grocer Cafe Eclectic Hollywood Feed - Broad Ave City & State Cheffie's VooDoo Cafe Memphis Pizza Cafe G'town Novel at Laurelwood **RP** Tracks The Haven MoSH Lulu's Cafe **Benjamin Hooks Library** Urban Earth Hollywood Feed - Union The Corner Clinic **Arrow Creative** 

① To become a pickup location, email us at info@focuslgbt.com

Art Center Inz & Outz Dru's Place Cash Saver Midtown Joe's Wine **Overton Park Shell** Boscos Bayou Bar and Grille **Finos** Blue Monkey Midtown Whatever Memphis Pizza Cafe **Atomic Rose Grind City Brewery** Black Lodge Video IBIS Lamplighter The Pumping Station

# **SUBSCRIBE TO FOCUS**

Subscribe to Focus LGBT+ Magazine yearly by taking advantage of our new packages.

#### **Supporter**

\$35 yearly

- Magazine subscription
- Listed supporter

#### **Advocate**

\$50 yearly

- Sticker pack
- Magazine subscription
- Listed supporter

#### Trailblazer

\$100 yearly

- Focus® T-shirt
- Sticker pack
- Magazine subscription
- Listed supporter



# Support Queer Media and Subscribe to Focus.

Join our other

#### Hero

\$250 yearly

- One (1) Focus Award ticket
- Focus® T-shirt
- Sticker pack
- Magazine subscription
- Listed supporter



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## UNITE FOR INCLUSIVITY: JOIN FOCUS LGBT+ MAGAZINE

In our journey with Focus LGBT+ Magazine, every story and every reader shapes our collective impact.

From the editor's desk to our community's heart, our dedication to change and empowering voices remains steadfast.

We invite your involvement—through advertising, sponsoring, contributing, or as a dedicated reader.

-The Focus Team

## LET'S SHAPE A WORLD WHERE EVERY STORY MATTERS. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY.