



## 5.8 Thanks for the Support!

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**Suggested Grade Level:** 6-8

**Time:** 45-60 minutes

**Subject Area:** Student Resources, Community Support

### **Overview:**

From homeless services to health services, academic support to advocacy, the Twin Cities is home to many different LGBTQ youth service organizations. This activity allows the group to learn more about community resources and creates an opportunity for participants to show their support for these groups.

### **Goals:**

- The GSA will be able to identify different LGBTQ service and support organizations
- The GSA will have the opportunity to engage or show support for local organizations
- The GSA will work individually or in groups to create and learn

### **Materials:**

- Paper
- Craft Materials

### **Procedure:**

#### **Step One:**

Ask participants to begin researching different LGBTQ organizations. A list can be found on the Out4Good webpage under student resources (this list is not exhaustive and more can be found online) [http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/resources\\_for\\_students](http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/resources_for_students)

#### **Step Two:**

Ask participants to teach the GSA about an organization that interests them.

#### **Step Three:**

After participants have presented, ask which organization they would like to learn more about (this could be more than one).

**Step Four:**

After an organization has been selected, have students begin to develop “Thank You” cards thanking the organization for the work they do in the community.

**Extended Lesson:**

Contact the organization and ask if someone could come visit the GSA to talk more about the work, how they do it, and why.