

AT THE EDGE OF PROMISE AND DESPAIR

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“In 2015 the community said, "Enough." Because there were killings of trans folks, and sexual abuse happening, and the rise of health issues in the community. Wrongful arrest, and all those things were happening to LGBTQ folks. Particularly young folks, and so a group of leaders said, "Enough is enough. Let's take this place, this space, which is 11 Halsey, which was where we were for years, since '98, and let's just say this is the Newark LGBTQ Center." That's really how it came to be. It came as a result of people just being fed up.”