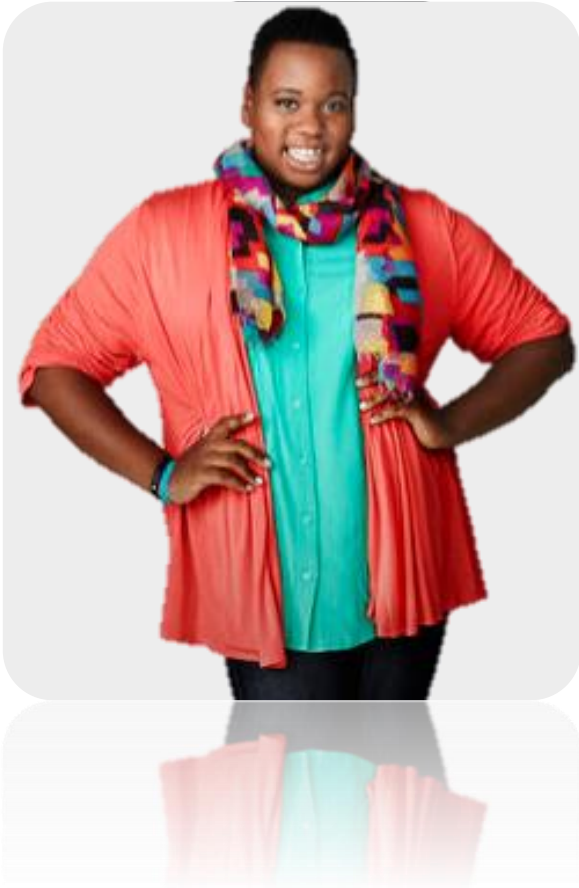


PRECIOUS MORRISON



"This journey would be easier if I felt like someone was on my side through this whole process."

Age: 15

Gender: Transwoman

Pronouns: She/Her

Location: Chicago, IL

Occupation: Student

Technology Profile: Primarily computers in public library or at school

Primary Health Concern: Community support

Bio:

Precious is a 15 year old black transwoman living in Chicago, IL. She attempted to keep her trans status hidden, but was outed to her family when they found her stash of women's clothes she kept hidden in her room. Her family is very religious, which partially fueled their initial reaction of fear and hatred. She was kicked out of her home and her church (in which she was reasonably active), and has been staying on and off with more supportive friends. She spends much of her free time in the local public library, using the public use computers there. She is looking for free or very cheap housing that is trans friendly, as well as looking for a supportive community. Medical transitioning is less important to her right now in order to focus more on basic survival. She still often presents as male, so as not to bring unwanted attention, especially when hanging out in public places. She is, understandably, struggling in school.

NAT GREGORY



"I'm tired of having to educate medical professionals about my gender every time I need medical attention"

Age: 25

Gender: Genderqueer

Pronouns: They/Them

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Occupation: Community Organizer for local AIDS group

Technology Profile: Android smartphone and laptop from college

Primary Health Concern: Hormone therapy

Bio:

Nat is a genderqueer young adult who grew up in a small midwestern town before going on to study psychology at a small, liberal arts university. While they had been an ally to the LGBTQ community before college, it wasn't until college that they declared themselves a part of the community and began to make significantly more queer friends and dressing more androgynously. They graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology and moved to a thriving city. While in college, they began a career of trans activism and continues to be an activist to this day-- they can often be found at marches, rallies, and other events where they believe that trans voices are traditionally underrepresented. Being AFAB, they are looking to take testosterone to help them appear more androgynous. They are looking for medical resources, and they won't stand for any sort of belittling during treatment. Money is a concern, however, because they don't make a ton of money and do not have good health insurance; they want to explore options for getting some of the treatment covered under their current plan. They are not currently romantically attached.

RICO ANDRE



"My situation may be somewhat unique, but that doesn't mean I don't deserve respect when discussing my well-being"

Age: 37

Gender: Transman

Pronouns: He/Him

Location: Dallas, TX

Occupation: Scientific Researcher at UT Dallas

Technology Profile: iPhone 6, Macbook Pro shared with wife

Primary Health Concern: Gender conforming surgery

Bio:

Rico is a middle aged transman. He was introduced to the queer community through drag, and spent much of his early 20s performing as a drag king before coming out as trans. He is HIV positive, but is not yet showing symptoms of AIDS. Through his job in scientific research, he has excellent health insurance. He is on drugs to keep his HIV at bay and has been taking testosterone for several years. He is looking to have surgery, but he wants to fully explore all his options. He is married to an amazing woman who is very supportive of him; they have been together since he was 22. He is also interested in family planning options, as he and his wife believe they are ready to start a family. They know the road will be tricky with their unique situation, but they are willing to navigate the process if they can get some support from healthcare professionals.

BETTY JONES



"I have lost so much in my life by just trying to be myself. I don't want to fight for my rights anymore."

Age: 58

Gender: Transwoman

Pronouns: She/Her

Location: Charlotte, NC

Occupation: Retired

Technology Profile: Old desktop that she often struggles with

Primary Health Concern: Respectful primary care

Bio:

Betty is an older transwoman. She had a distinguished military career, from which she retired. She is only recently out as trans, and has suffered greatly. Her wife was unsupportive, and eventually left her. She has two sons, both of whom are in their twenties. Her younger son is somewhat supportive, but her older son is still very angry at her for lying for so long. Though she spent a long time in the military, technology was never her specialty, and she often has trouble with the internet and needs someone to come help her figure out how to get tasks done. Even her church has turned their backs. She attempts to dress feminine, but she lacks the training and often gets stared at or laughed at when she is out and about. At this point in her life, she is looking namely for support and for a doctor that can care for her as she ages.

RAMSEY FAMILY



"Our child is in so much pain and we don't know how to help him. It's so stressful for our family."

Ages: 31 (Jacob), 34 (Nikki), 6 (Carrie), 4 (Billy)

Location: Springfield, MO

Occupation: Loan Officer at a bank, Stay-at-home mom

Technology Profile: Shared family desktop, iPad 2, smart phones for Mom and Dad

Primary Health Concern: Support for gender non-conforming child

Bio:

Jacob and Nikki are the parents of Billy, a gleeful 4 year old. They are fairly well off, and live in a nice single family home in an affluent suburb. Dad works a well paying job with good benefits, and Mom stays home with the kids, of which Billy is the youngest. For just over a year now, Billy has been making more and more frequent comments about wishing he was a girl, and asking to wear his older sister's clothes. At first, his parents assumed that he simply looked up to his older sister Carrie (now 6), but lately they are less sure. What finally drove them to start researching was a recent incident where they found Billy rummaging through the drawers in the kitchen. When his mother asked him what he was looking for, he replied that he needed a knife to cut off his penis so that he could be a "normal girl". His mother was terrified, but quickly lead him out of the kitchen and talked to him more seriously about his desire to be a girl. That night, she began researching his condition. She is interested in medical options and support groups that might help her child and their family deal with this new change. She doesn't know many details about the trans community, simply because she has never been exposed. They need guidance in how to discuss Billy with their friends and family.