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Trial Clinic Feedback

On January 13th Ruth's Army, Music City PrEP, and medical providers from Queen City Women's Health hosted a trial run through of the REACH Clinic. This was an invite-only event to ensure feedback could be provided by individuals who utilized services. In addition to this feedback, processes and logistics were also reviewed. The following changes will be made for our first clinic on the 10th of February:

- Earlier end time to ensure specimen can be transported to Nashville by Music City PrEP before the lab closes for the weekend
- Time-slots for volunteers; splitting the day into two groups of volunteers
- Have a designated volunteer "on-call" in case we have higher volume or a volunteer call out
- Designated tasks for volunteers
- Include Medical Assistants

Overall, the trial was a success and guests provided excellent feedback on the services that were provided. Please lookout for a volunteer sign-up in Signal.

New, Restrictive Reproductive Legislation

A newly proposed bill would make it illegal for minors to cross state lines to get an abortion. This dangerous bill is especially concerning for young individuals in abusive households. The bill creates a criminal offense for anyone who helps a minor get an abortion in another state where it is still legal. In 2019, the most recent year with data available, 211 minors who identified as female sought to end their pregnancies in Tennessee. Of those 211, 14 of those pregnancies fell into the age demographic of 10-14 years old. Ashley Coffield, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi, stated, “Targeting trusting adults, family members, and helpers who assist minors in accessing abortion will have a chilling effect and is dangerous and irresponsible. If you know a minor who miscarries, you’re a potential suspect.” Legislation like this spreads fear and prevents people from seeking help- increasing barriers to necessary medical care.



RA Receives Support Through Clarksville Q Grant

“Clarksville Q was excited to join with a group of leaders already hard at work to support the LGBTQIA+ in our City. The testing, contraceptives, and care will save lives.”

- Charles Uffelman, Clarksville Q Convenor

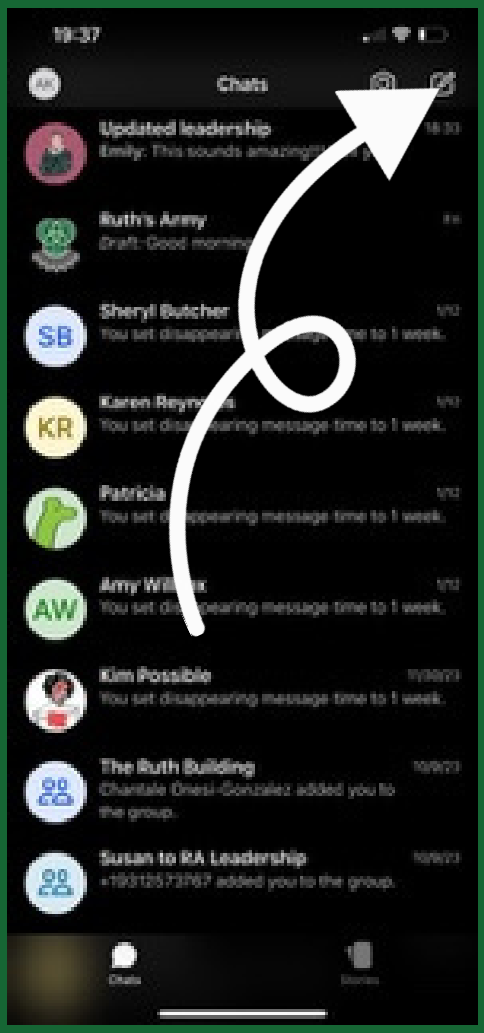
In October, the newly formed Clarksville Q Board unveiled their $80,000 grant disbursements that will go towards supporting the queer community in the Clarksville area; this is in partnership with the Healing Trust.



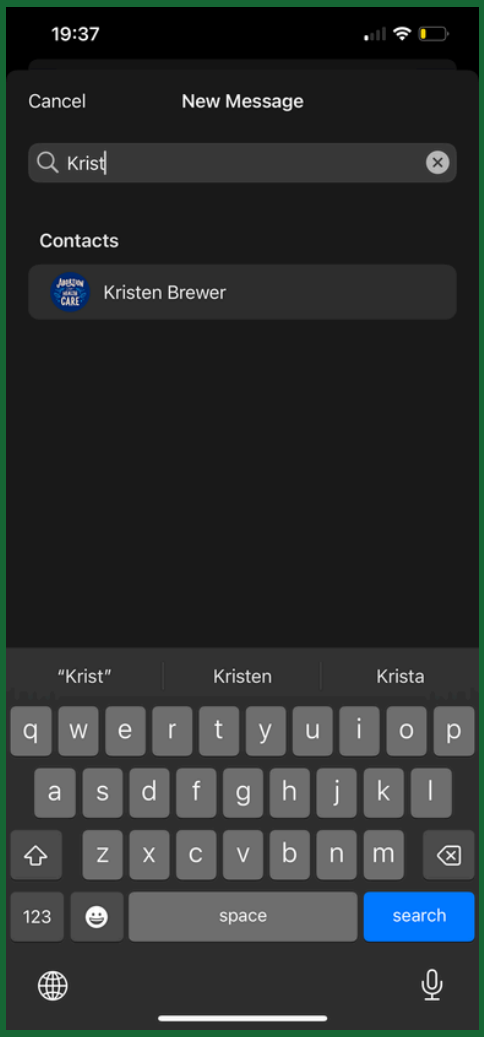
In January Ruth’s Army received grant funding from Clarksville Q, queer advocacy group focused on building resources for the LGBTQIA+ community, for the REACH Clinic. The $17,450 grant is provided to reimburse REACH Clinic coalition partners for STI testing, HIV care, contraceptives, and healthcare staffing.

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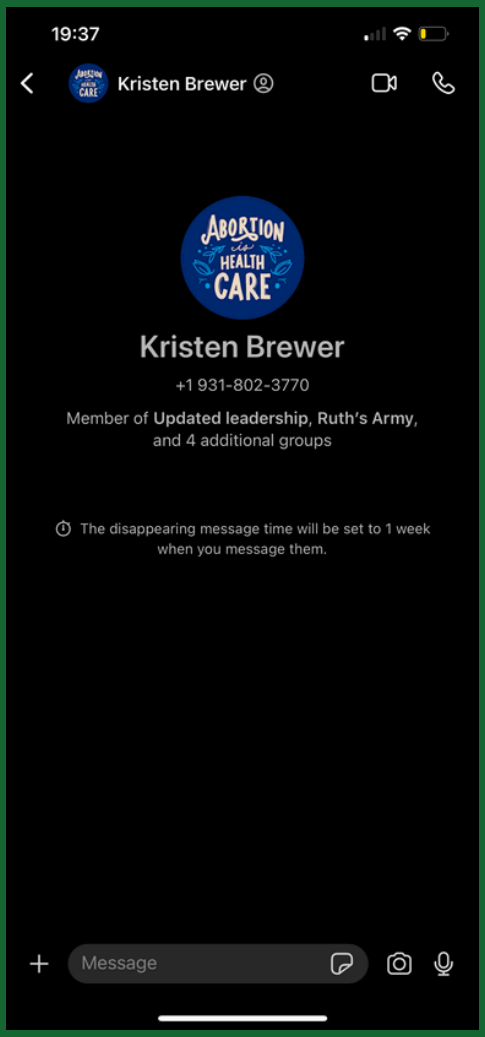
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