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# THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS AMONG LGBTQ+ YOUTH

*Monday, March 30, 2020, 7–9 p.m. • The Little Theatre, Queens Campus*

**Speakers:**



**Kevin M. Ryan**

*2019–20 Vincentian Chair of Social Justice*  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Covenant House International**



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*Opening Doors for Homeless Youth*

*LGBTQ+ youth comprise 40 percent  
of all youth experiencing homelessness.*

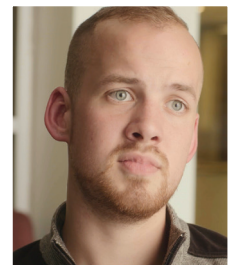
**With special guests**



**Sr. Nancy Downing, C.N.D., Esq.**  
*Executive Director*  
*Covenant House New York*



**Alieizoria "Alie" Redd, Ph.D., LCSW**  
*Executive Director*  
*Covenant House Georgia*



**Benaiah E. Hoyt**  
*Administrative Assistant*  
*Goldman Sachs*

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*Registration is encouraged.*

Not only are LGBTQ+ youth at higher risk of homelessness, they also face greater risk of "high levels of hardship," which includes higher rates of assault, trauma, exchanging sex for basic needs, and early death. Black youth who identify as LGBTQ+, particularly young men, have the highest rates of homelessness. Covenant House offers welcoming, affirming, and safe spaces for LGBTQ+ youth.