

## Remembering Our Dead



Fifteen years have passed since the tragic slaying of seventeen year-old Gwen Araujo, and nine years ago Ruby Molina was found floating in the American River.



In 2010 Sacramento's own Carol Ann Byers and Carina Paige

Holleran and many young people were numbered among these victims of fear,



hatred and violence or who despaired and ended their own lives. This year we celebrate the life and mourn the loss of Chyna Gibson, another beloved member



of our local community who paid the ultimate price, for being her true self.

Their tragedies touch us deeply. Their lives inspire admiration and impress the urgency and need for all of our siblings to be allowed to be themselves without fear and danger.

We shed our tears for the loss of these siblings, for the grief of their families and our community, for the grief of all of us who have long suffered pain from uncaring individuals. Let their memories live in our hearts and inspire all of us to commit to work for a more loving and accepting world for all.

The Sutter Gender Identity Support Group and Gender Health Center wish to express our thanks for the sponsorship of **Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**, the **Sacramento Chapter of PFLAG**, the **River City Gems**, and to our many volunteers, donors and participants for their generous donations of time, talent and resources in support of this memorial.

*To help defray the costs of our memorial and reception, we would appreciate any cash or check donations payable to **Trinity Cathedral**, Memo: TDOR Fund*

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil November 18, 2017



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
2620 Capitol Avenue  
Sacramento, California

[www.trinitycathedral.org](http://www.trinitycathedral.org)

We welcome members of the transgender community, our families, friends and allies for joining in this solemn candlelight vigil in observance of the 19th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

*The speakers commemorating this year's event with us are:*

**Demetriel Colon**  
*Chyna Gibson's Family*

**Kelsey Williams**  
*Community Member*

**Ebony Harper**  
*California Planning Group*

The International Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those who have suffered violent deaths due to their actual or perceived gender identity or expression. The first memorial was a candlelight vigil in November 1999 to honor Rita Hester, murdered in 1998.

Since then, annual memorials on November 20<sup>th</sup> have been observed around the world.

**Officiant:** *Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson*  
**Music Director:** *Tyx Pulskamp*  
**ASL Interpreting:** *Jack Jett & Sara Quist*  
**Videographer:** *Karen Savage*

## **Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil November 18, 2017, 6:30 pm**

### **Order of Memorial**

Slide show – Rachael Hudson (while gathering)  
Song – “I Need You to Survive” – All  
Welcome – Dr. Francie Milazzo  
Lighting of the Memorial Candle – Jasper James  
Speaker – Demetriel Colon  
Song – Amanda Craig  
Spoken Word – Kelsey Williams  
Speaker – Youth Speakers  
Reading of list of names – (instrumental)  
“Remembering Those Who Despaired” – Ebony Harper  
Candlelight Circle – The Legendary Kima LaRue & all  
Song – “Singing For Our Lives” – All  
Closing – Rachael Hudson & Keyko Torres  
Song – “Lean on Me” – All  
Reception at Cornerstone (all welcome)  
2326 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95816