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**LGBTQ INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO FIND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES, REAL ESTATE SERVICE SUPPORTS PROGRESS**

Many LGBTQ Individuals and Families Report Feeling Unwelcome in their Communities and Neighborhoods

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As many LGBTQ individuals, and youth in particular, report feelings of isolation and unacceptance from their communities, which can contribute to other social and personal issues, it’s important to work toward real change for the purpose of equality and acceptance. GayRealEstate.com, a service which connects buyers and sellers with compatible agents, supports efforts to foster inclusive communities where LGBTQ families and individuals can grow and thrive.

Around 80 percent of gay and lesbian youth report severe social isolation, according to RYOT News, and about six in 10 LGBTQ students report feeling unsafe at school because of their sexual orientation, according to a [survey](https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/2011%20National%20School%20Climate%20Survey%20Full%20Report.pdf) on the experiences of LGBTQ youth. These disturbing statistics illustrate the importance of cultivating communities that promote and embolden inclusivity.

Furthermore, LGBTQ individuals are almost three times more likely than others to experience a mental health condition such as major depression or generalized anxiety disorder, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Often termed “minority stress,” disparities in the LGBTQ community stem from a variety of factors including social stigma, discrimination, prejudice, denial of civil/human rights, abuse, harassment, victimization, social exclusion and family rejection.

These facts paired with the reality that sexual orientation is not a protected class under current federal fair housing laws make it that much more critical to foster inclusive communities where LGBTQ individuals and families will be welcomed and accepted.

GayRealEstate.com professionals are members and supporters of the LGBTQ community and maintain knowledge and understanding of the unique struggles and concerns of the community, while supporting their clients with insight and resources specific to their needs. GayRealEstate.com proudly supports the Family Equality Council (FEC). FEC works to advance legal and lived equality for LGBTQ families, and for those who wish to form them, through building community, changing hearts and minds and driving policy change, according to their website.

[GayRealEstate.com](http://gayrealestate.com/) has long standing relationships with real estate agents who are members of the LGBTQ community and recognize the unique needs and desires of the clients they serve and help them find their ideal residency.

"As members of the LGBTQ community themselves, GRE agents have a pulse on the LGBTQ scene - so they are able to introduce home buyers to the city and its neighborhoods," says Jeff Hammerberg, Founding CEO of GRE.

The service [GayRealEstate.com](http://gayrealestate.com/) provides is one of many that LGBTQ individuals can use to bypass the potential for anxiety, discrimination and inequitable treatment.

With more than 25 years of experience as the industry leader, GayRealEstate.com continually strives for the protections of all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identification, and will continue to advocate for the full and equal treatment of all individuals: in real estate markets and all areas of life.

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GayRealEstate.com connects buyers and sellers with trustworthy gay, lesbian and gay-friendly real estate agents to remove potential discrimination from all real estate transactions. The GayRealEstate.com team maintains personal connections with reliable agents to ensure their clients are treated equitably and with respect. All agents are interviewed and investigated extensively and many have retained partnerships with GayRealEstate.com for decades. With more than 25 years of experience, GayRealEstate.com focuses on establishing reliable real estate connections with professionals who understand the unique needs and desires of the LGBTQ community.

For more information, visit:[www.gayrealestate.com](https://www.gayrealestate.com/)