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Sioux Falls Pride Official Statement Regarding Tennessee School Shooting

After the recent events in Nashville, TN on Monday, March 27th, including the killing of three adults and three children in a Christian elementary school, Sioux Falls Pride is devastated to learn that the shooter was a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the victims and families of those affected by these events. We are only three months into 2023 and we've experienced more than 100 mass shootings in our nation. Although Congress passed some reforms to address mental health and gun safety last year, more needs to be done. The actions carried out by the individual are his alone, and do not reflect our community as a whole. Sioux Falls Pride does not condone any form of violence, including gun violence.

If you or someone you know has a mental illness, is struggling emotionally, or has concerns about their mental health, there are ways to get help. Use the resources linked below to find help for anyone who may need it.

<https://www.siouxfallspride.org/pages/hotlines-and-crisis-intervention>

<https://988lifeline.org/help-yourself/lgbtq/>

<https://www.crisistextline.org/>

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