



Last year's **Communi-T** drew a big crowd to Q Center.

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she did that video precisely because [she] wanted to connect more with trans children and youth," Burleton says. "She has an incredibly compelling story to tell... We're so honored to have her at our event this year."

The auction, which includes a wide range of items from vacation getaways to body art to furniture, will raise funds for the nation's only organization providing counseling, case management (including medical), advocacy, education, legal referrals and research specifically to families of transgender and gender non-conforming youth.

Burleton says that the organization's work effects more than just the children and families it directly serves.

"Most of the recent cases of youth suicides are primarily the result of bullying over gender expression rather than being directly related to sexual orientation," Burleton says. "It's important that, culturally, we recognize that the difficulties that many transgender children and youth face are a warning and reminder of the harmful experiences that non-transgender but gender non-conforming children, youth and adults face every day." ☐

gender-variant children and youth.

The Superheroes for Superkids event may have had humble beginnings—hosted in a small Aloha coffee shop and netting \$1,000—but the fourth annual benefit promises to be TransActive's biggest yet.

In addition to securing a larger venue and major sponsors such as OHSU, TransActive also netted a dynamic keynote speaker in People.com editor Janet Mock.

Mock made the media rounds after her "It Gets Better" video, which drew from her life and transition experiences as a teenager, went viral. TransActive executive director Jenn Burleton contacted Mock to thank her for the video, and Mock expressed her desire to get involved with the organization.

"Much to my joy and surprise, she immediately responded and shared with me that

**AT A GLANCE** Trans Awareness Month Events

**Transfigurations Photo Exhibit**  
Through Dec. 8, PSU Smith Center White Gallery, 1825 SW Broadway, pdx.edu/qrc.

Jana Marcus' acclaimed exhibit documenting trans people and their stories opened November 4 and runs through early December.

**Communi-T Trans Resource Fair**  
Sun., Nov. 13, 2:30-6 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N. Mississippi Ave., sliding scale donation, pdxqcenter.org.

Communi-T brings together trans health, legal and social service providers and offers workshops on a variety including transition issues, mental health, spirituality and self-defense.

**Body of Work Opening Reception**  
Sun., Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N. Mississippi Ave., exhibit runs through Dec. 3, pdxqcenter.org-

Curated by Alison Picard of Bloodhound Photography, the show features work by local trans and queer artists on gender identity.

**Trans/Love Anthology Reading**  
Sat., Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m., PSU Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 SW Broadway, pdx.edu/qrc.

Local contributors will read from editor Morty Diamond's collection of writings on radical sex and relationships beyond the gender binary.

**Portland State University Workshops**  
Sun., Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-3p.m.  
Exact times and rooms being finalized as of press time, PSU Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 SW Broadway, pdx.edu/qrc.

**Trans-Narratives Writing Workshop**  
Cooper Lee Bombardier and Morty Diamond facilitate.

**Interactive Health Care Panel**  
Staff from PSU's Student Health and Counseling Center answer questions about health care for trans folks.

**Consent and Sex/Body Positivity**  
Tobi Hill-Meyer and Smitty S. Buckler lead the discussion.

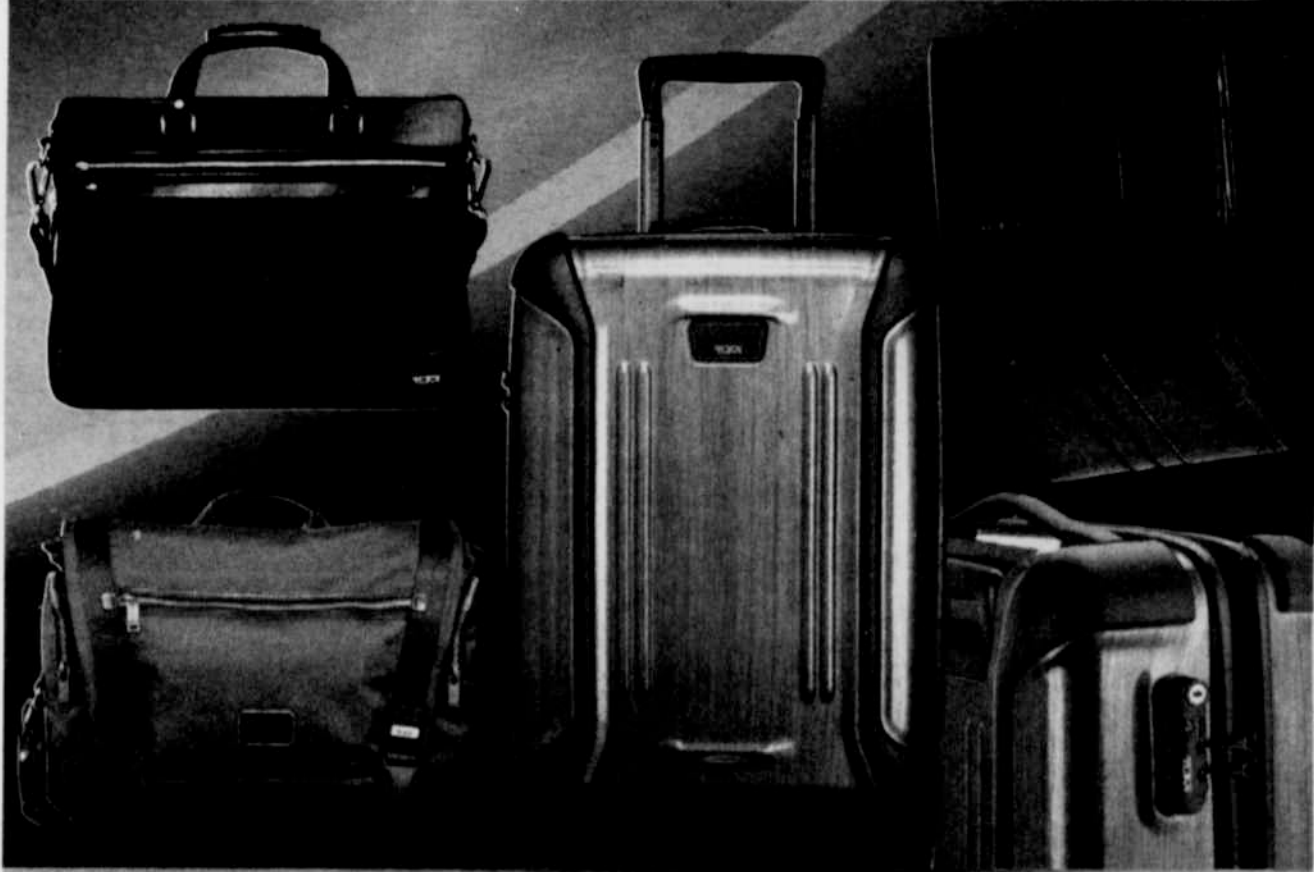
**Trans Day of Remembrance at PSU**  
Sun., Nov. 20, 4 p.m. keynote by Emi Koyama and reading of names, 6 p.m. procession from PSU Multicultural Center (Smith Memorial Student Union, second floor) to Pioneer Courthouse Square, 7 p.m. candlelight vigil.

Gather together to remember those who have died as a result of anti-trans violence.

**Superheroes for Superkids! TransActive's Fourth Annual Silent Auction**  
Sun., Dec. 4, 2-5 p.m., Refuge PDX, 116 SW Yamhill, \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, transactive.org.

The benefit features a keynote address from People.com editor Janet Mock, an auction of furniture, travel packages, art, gifts and services, as well as a raffle, food and drink.

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