

Housing deprivation and the callous stripping of familial ties remain a palpable disease and prominent threat for queer and trans youth. Such a **threat** induces a fearful affliction, which works in conjunction with the rest of the violent world to control the movements and actions of the subversive identity. Yet, it is not my aim to merely describe suffering, victimhood, or discontent. Clearly, our media is well-saturated with such dismal illustrations.

Rather, I've experienced something uniquely tender, which resides within the symbolic notion of home, the tangible space of housing, and **Queer consciousness**.



When the structural markers of home become lost, diluted, or vulnerable — radically expansive ideas of family **emerge**.

Those of us who have encountered such complexities understand that family and home are fluid entities that are not legally nor biologically bound.

In our communities, there is a transformative affection and an enduring care that appears in many forms, producing new ways of knowing.

Collectively,

We can reimagine **home**.

