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Canadian Drag Race Superstar, Kendall Gender, Partnering with Stonewall Recovery Centre to Champion 2SLGBTQ+ Recovery.

Calgary, AB... Recognizing the historic mission of Stonewall Recovery to build Canada's first 2SLGBTQ+ addiction treatment centre, Kendall Gender has joined the team as our champion and advisor in making a queer-safe environment for people to recover.

Creating safe places for people to recover from addiction has always been critical to recovery success. "We are creating a space for the 2SLGBTQ+ community to recover. This is reflected in our materials, staff, volunteers and the people seeking treatment around them," says Brittney Sawyer, Co-Founder.

"Kendall is one of the most hard-working and passionate people I have ever met. There is no better place for Kendall to bring her successful recovery, drive, and unapologetic self," Brittney continues. "This partnership will provide so much hope for anyone who walks through the doors of Stonewall. We are incredibly lucky and honoured to have Kendall along for this journey."

The primary goal of this partnership is to advocate for the creation of this innovative and groundbreaking addiction recovery centre by bringing lived experience and scholarly experts together in the pursuit of recovery from addiction. Kendall will be taking on many organizational tasks, including one of the most pivotal roles on our steering committee. In this role, Kendall will help other members guide the governance and operations of the organization.

"When I was looking for support in the early stages of my recovery, it was extremely difficult to find a safe and notably queer environment. A place like Stonewall Recovery would've been vital for me. I couldn't be more proud to be a part of this endeavour ensuring the 2SLGBTQ+ community has a safe place to seek recovery moving forward." states Kendall.

For more information, email Stonewallrecovery@gmail.com

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**About Stonewall Recovery Centre:** Stonewall Recovery Centre will officially launch its first program in spring 2023. Becoming Canada's first 2SLGBTQ+ addiction treatment space. In partnership with Simon House Recovery Centre Stonewall Recovery will become a safe place for queer people seeking addiction recovery and an industry leader in addiction recovery.

**About Kendall Gender:** As a performer, host, model and LGBTQIA2S+ activist, Kendall Gender is a bonafide Canadian drag sensation. With grassroots in Vancouver, she has performed coast to coast since 2014 and shows no signs of slowing down.

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\*Kendall's first appearance will be at Stonewall Recovery's Bricks and Mortar Gala March 10, 2023, so stay tuned for more exciting news.

<sup>\*</sup>Interviews with Kendall can be arranged, so please contact for media requests.