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**ADAM: Our message is to explain that The LGBT Asylum Project is working to make sure that the Transgender and GNC community know that our services are here, available for them because if a transgender or GNC person is represented in their asylum cases, there is a good chance that they could win their case. That's why we wanted to make sure that all TGNC asylum seekers have access to our services.**

**THE LGBT ASYLUM PROJECT XXX THE FISCAL SPONSORSHIP WITH PARIVAR TO BETTER SERVE THE GENDER NON-CONFORMING COMMUNITY.**

February 28th, 2020 - The LGBT Asylum Project takes its work on making their services accessible to Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (GNC) people one step further by partnering with Parivar as their fiscal sponsor.

The LGBT Asylum Project is the only San Francisco nonprofit organization exclusively dedicated to providing accessible legal representation for LGBT asylum seekers who are fleeing persecution due to their sexual orientation, gender identity and/or HIV status. In 2019 alone, The LGBT Asylum Project directly served 169 LGBTQ+ immigrants. Brooke Westling, The LGBT Asylum Project's Legal Director, was proud to share that the nonprofit has "a 100% success rate in acquiring asylum for their clients to date."

"I have watched first hand how some asylum officers are still confused by GNC folks and, as a result, their cases suffer," says Okan Sengun, Co-Founder and Executive Director of The LGBT Asylum Project. "Hence, I am determined to change this and very proud of our great partnership with PARIVAR."

Parivar (meaning "Family" in Hindi) is a South Asian Queer Trans Organization, founded in the Bay Area in 2018 and has over 300 members today. Parivar is creating spaces for Queer, Trans, and GNC folks that identify and relate to the South Asian and beyond diaspora.

"Parivar has a simple tagline: 'Our South Asian Queer Trans Family.'" explained Anjali Rimi, Co-Founder and Board President of Parivar. "Reclaiming spaces beyond cisness, Parivar uplifts South

Asian Trans and Gender Non-Conforming (GNC) individuals and welcomes all queer, gay, lesbian, intersex, bisexual and allies.”

“This partnership will help us to make sure that the services of The LGBT Asylum Project are accessible and within reach especially for TGNC folx” Okan Sengun says because “Representation will SAVE LIVES!”