Since 1987, Women's History Month has celebrated the contributions and existence of women around the world.

Yet, at the time of its creation, an entire group of women were forced to hide themselves away for their own safety, meaning that their accomplishments were often overlooked.

On this Trans Day of Visibility, learn a little more about some of today's Wonderful WOMEN!

Angela Ponce is the first openly transgender woman to compete in the Miss Universe competition. She was also the first trans woman to win the Miss Universe Spain title in early 2018. Angela uses her platform to create inclusive and inspiring content on her social media accounts for transgender youth who may be struggling with their identity. She's especially dedicated to taking on the staggeringly high suicide rate among transgender youth.

Angela Ponce
Model and Miss Universe Spain winner 2018

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Michaela Jaé Rodriguez is an American actress and singer. In 2017, she was cast as one of the lead roles in Pose, making her part of the largest cast of transgender actresses to star as regulars in a scripted series. Her performance garnered critical acclaim and in 2021, she became the first transgender woman to earn an Emmy Award nomination in a major acting category; she was nominated for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for her performance in the third and final season of Pose and won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress – Television Series Drama.

Michaela Jaé Rodriguez
Emmy Nominee and Golden Globe winning Actress

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Hannah Graf MBE
Retired Captain of the British Army

In 2013, Captain Hannah Graf came out as a trans woman and became the highest ranking trans person in the British Army. Today, Hannah uses her platform to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ people giving active support to many charities and events. Hannah has been awarded an MBE and has received further recognition in the form of awards from the British LGBT Awards, Cosmopolitan Ultimate Women Awards, Stonewall, Out in Work 100 Awards and an Honorary Fellowship from Cardiff University.

Hannah Graf

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Jazz Jennings is an American YouTube and television personality, and LGBT rights activist. Jazz is notable for being one of the youngest publicly documented people to be identified as transgender, when she appeared on TV aged 7. Her experiences have been shared via reality TV series, I Am Jazz, which focuses on her life with her family as a teenager and as a transgender youth. Jazz also co-founded the TransKids Purple Rainbow Foundation for transgender youth.

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TV personality and spokesperson

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Jacqui Gavin BEM is an international award winning role model and public speaker for transgender and gender identity issues and was awarded the British Empire Medal for her contribution to highlighting and driving positive change in transgender issues in the workplace, having been an active campaigner since 1983 following her own transition. She has served as an ambassador for several charities promoting DE&I and working to eradicate homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.

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Tracey Norman is one of the first successful African American fashion models and the second black woman to appear on the cover of Vogue. As a trans woman, she was making history, but she kept this piece of her identity a secret – fearful of what would happen if the industry knew she was trans. After becoming the face of hair dye brand Clairol, Tracey’s co-workers outed her on a shoot and her career was terminated almost instantly. After years of hiding her truth and years of discrimination, at 63, Tracey came back to Clairol as the face of the “Colour As Real As You Are” campaign.

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Annie Wallace is a Scottish actress, known for portraying the role of Sally St. Claire in the Channel 4 soap opera Hollyoaks, a role she has played since 2015. As a regular cast member of the show, Annie is the first transgender person to portray a transgender character in British soap opera history.

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India Willoughby is an English newsreader, broadcaster, journalist and reality television personality. She was Britain’s first transgender national television newsreader on Channel 5. India was nominated for a British LGBT Award and also won the Diversity in Media Award for Media Moment of the Year in 2017. Though once known for her controversial views on some LGBTQ+ issues, in more recent times India has stated that she wants to engage more with the wider trans community, and has been using her platform to champion inclusion and to amplify the voices of LGBTQ+ support groups and charities.

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