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PFLAG Fort Worth Supports LGBTQ SAVES

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To attend PFLAG Fort Worth events on Zoom, please contact us at 817.382.7353 <u>info@pflagfortworth.org</u> For Dallas PFLAG - ww.pflagdallas.org

Let's work together to make Texas a better, safer place for LGBTQ+

Support LGBTQ SAVES Youth Scholarships on Give OUT Day!

When LGBTQ SAVES was not able to fund scholarships this year, longtime volunteer Rylie and her friends stepped up to donate the first \$1,000. Now, we're asking our community to join them on Give OUT day (June 5)... or before! Every dollar helps ensure LGBTQ youth have the opportunity to pursue higher education without financial barriers.Give today. Empower tomorrow.<u>Click to Give to</u> <u>LGBTQ SAVES!</u>



PFLAG Fort Worth

Let's share our stories! Let's share our strength!

Talk a little or a lot as you want or just listen and support.

You do not need to be a member. There is no cost to attend.

Meeting and Support Group First Thursday Every Month 6:45pm Social 7:00 Meeting/Support Group In person and on Zoom

at

Celebration Community Church Fellowship Hall 908 Pennsylvania, Ft Worth

Trans Virtual Support Group Last Sunday Every Month 3:00-5:00 on Zoom LET'S TALK Transgender Support Group In Partnership with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Hurst VIRTUAL on Zoom LAST SUNDAY of Every Month 3-5pm Talk as much or as little as you want Share Our Stories - Share Our Strength

PFLAG Fort Worth Call or Email for Link 817-382-7353 info@pflagfortworth.org



CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

908 PENNSYLVANIA AVE . FT WORTH . TX #TRADITIONWITHOUTJUDGMENT JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM www.celebration-community-church.com

Celebrating Pride Month

Here are some great ideas for celebrating Pride Month.

- Learn Pride History Before Stonewall (Click here)
- Learn Teach Young People About Stonewall (Click here)
- Read Read books by LGBTQ+ Authors (<u>Click here</u>)
- <u>Watch</u> Documentaries About LGBTQ+ (<u>Click here</u>,)
- <u>Call</u> Contact Representatives in Government to support LGBTQ+ (<u>Click here</u>)
- <u>Help</u> Join PFLAG and volunteer to help LGBTQ+, Families, Friends,etc. (See info above)

<u>Celebrate</u> - March in the Dallas Pride Parade with PFLAG (see info above and come)

PFLAG Fort Worth Please join us at our meeting and support group on the 1st Thursday of every month. Maybe you need us. We KNOW we NEED you! Please join us in the building at the back of Celebration Community Church on Pennsylvania Ave. in Fort Worth on Thursday, June 5 at 6:45 for refreshments and stay for our 7:00 meeting and 8:00 small support groups. You're welcome to share as much or as little as you want or not at all. You can just listen and discover how much PFLAG loves and supports you. You do NOT need to be a member to attend. There is no cost to attend.

Our speaker for June 5th will be Zoe Wilkerson from Finn's Place. Zoe will do a presentation to catch us up on all the great activities they have available.

Dallas Pride Parade March with PFLAG Fort Worth and PFLAG Dallas in the Dallas Pride Parade on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00pm at Fair Park in Dallas. Watch PFLAG Fort Worth website for information at pflagfortworth.org about where and when to meet us at Fair Park in Dallas for the parade. Don't miss this exciting event!<u>Click here to go to our</u> <u>website.</u>



PFLAG Confab - 2nd Wednesday

Join us for fun and conversation every 2nd Wednesday of the month about 6:30ish. Ruby with the glorious red hair usually arrives first to save us a table at Shaws Patio Bar and Grill, easily found at 1051 W. Magnolia, Fort Worth, just across the freeway, south of downtown. Parking is free and easy to find. See you there! "No matter who we are, what we look like, or who we love, we know our communities are stronger when we show up for each other." -- PFLAG National

"I still hear people say that I should not be talking about the rights of lesbian and gay people and I should stick to the issue of racial justice. But I hasten to remind them that Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'" — Coretta Scott King

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"We deserve to experience love fully, equally, without shame, and without compromise." — Elliot Page

History of Pride Flags

The original rainbow Pride flag was created in 1978 by friends of Harvey Milk, Gilbert Baker and Lynn Segerblom, for the San Francisco Pride Parade. "Over the years, the Pride flag has evolved to promote greater inclusion and recognize the many communities that celebrate Pride.Many groups within the LGBTQIA2-S community have their own Pride flags." <u>Read more here</u>



<u>This poster of Pride Flags is from</u> the Dept. of Mental Health in LA County. Please click here to learn more

PFLAG Explains EOs

PFLAG.org says, "Remember: Your validity is not dictated by an executive order." PFLAG has a page with all of "the EOs to date, sorted by topic—anti-LGBTQ+, anti-DEI and accessibility, anti-immigration, and anti-reproductive health—with helpful explainers from our many legal and policy partners plus resources to support your advocacy and messaging efforts around them. We also have helpful legal resources from our trusted partners." <u>Read more here</u>

LGBTQ SAVES

LGBTQ SAVES' mission is "to provide safe, brave spaces for social and personal development of LGBTQ youth." For info write to bertinand.gardner @lgbtqsaves.org <u>Read more here</u>

Looking for a Way to Help?

WHO: PFLAG Fort Worth's Sam House Supper Club
WHAT: Serve Dinner to Sam House residents, bring a dish to donate, or just come to serve.
WHEN: Fourth Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
WHERE: Samaritan House, 929 Hemphill St, Fort
Worth, 76104
WHY: Because it makes a Difference
Interested? <u>Contact Ruby at 817-382-7353</u>

Important Dates in June

Pride Month 06/05 Give OUT Day 06/05 HIV Long-Term Survivors' Day 06/12 Pulse Day of Remembrance 06/20 World Refugee Day 06/25 First Use of LGBTQ+ Pride Flag 06/26 LGBTQ+ Equality Day 06/26 Anniversary of the Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage in the U.S.

GIVE OUT DAY Give OUT Day is a national day to support all kinds of LGBTQ+ organizations throughout the country. <u>Read more here</u>

World Refugee Day

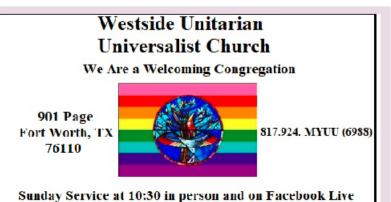
We Are ALL America says, World Refugee Day "honors the resilience, courage, and contributions of refugees around the globe. It's also a powerful opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges displaced people face—and to advocate for their rights, protection, and dignity...We Are All America is joining forces with local leaders, partners, and advocates to host a series of events that celebrate refugee communities...and educate the public." <u>Read more here</u>



Rainbow Railroad

Rainbow Railroad works around the world to help "at-risk LGBTQI+ people

to safety...Since our founding, we've helped over 19,000 LGBTQI+ individuals find safety through emergency relocation, crisis response, cash assistance, and other forms of assistance. Our story has received international media attention, including a feature on CBS 60 Minutes. <u>Watch feature here</u> <u>Read more about Rainbow Railroad here</u>



To Our PFLAG Fort Worth Members and Friends

Membership and/or Donations

To join PFLAG Fort Worth and/or make a donation, please go to www.pflagfortworth.org

Also, there are two ways to interact with PFLAG Fort Worth through PayPal! To make a donation go to <u>paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2047249</u> To set up a recurring membership, go to our website, pflagfortworth.org. Click on the Membership tab on the top, then choose the level of membership you want. Complete the process through PayPal (if you don't have PayPal, it's free and easy to set up). The advantage to using PayPal online is you don't have to remember to renew every year!

The PFLAG mission of support, education, and advocacy is as vital as ever. Please continue your support by renewing your membership, attending meetings, and/or donating to PFLAG Fort Worth so we can fulfill our mission. Despite a growing acceptance of diversity in our society we are all too aware of hostility and worse toward LGBTQ persons. Please help PFLAG keep working toward the society we want; where people are informed, rights are protected, and families find care and understanding.

Among the ways we served our mission 2022-2023: • Speaking to Fort Worth ISD teachers, counselors, and administrators about equality

• Offering a monthly speaker and support group, in person and on Zoom

Providing a monthly dinner for up to 50 Fort
 Worth Samaritan House residents

• Making Christmas stocking for Samaritan House children, providing money for Halloween costumes, and tutoring residents

 \cdot Proudly marching in the Fort Worth and Dallas Pride parades

• Staffing a booth at the Fort Worth Pride Festival and Picnic events

Sharing our mission of advocacy, support, and education to business, universities, and federal agencies, including the TCU Education Department
Offering a monthly trans Support Group on Zoom with partner St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Hurst, TX

Goals for October 2023 - September 2024: • Offer scholarship to graduating seniors of LGBTQ Saves

 \cdot Develop ways to become more visible to those who need us and don't know we are here

· Send an officer to the PFLAG National Conference

• Continue advocating for the LGBTQ community with businesses, educators, and families

Everything we undertake has a financial outlay for materials, space, publicity, fees, insurance, printing, etc., and proudly, scholarship awards. We are making a difference and need you with us. Please help PFLAG Fort Worth move equality forward during the coming year with your financial generosity, time, and talent. Commit to our mission of support, education, and advocacy. Attend our meetings to connect with us!







PFLAG FORT WORTH, TEXAS

PFLAG Fort Worth promotes the health and well-being of LGBTQ people and their families and friends through support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.