



## PFLAG Fort Worth

**You are not alone!**  
**Sharing our stories.**  
**Sharing our strength**  
**No need to be a member.**  
**No cost to attend.**

**Trans Virtual Support Group**  
**Last Sunday Every Month**  
**3:00-5:00 on Zoom**



**You are not alone!  
At PFLAG Fort Worth,  
we have the support and  
resources you need.  
We care and understand.  
(See page 4 for info.)**

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.celebration-community-church.com)

## Sheri Allen - August Speaker for PFLAG Fort Worth

Sheri Allen is chair of the LGBTQ action team of Justice Network Tarrant County, a consortium of twenty faith congregations engaged in social justice work. Come hear Sheri talk about her own LGBTQ children and her work to help ALL LGBTQ people. [Read more](#)

## PFLAG Fort Worth

Please join us at our meeting and support group on the First Thursday every month.

Maybe you need us.

We KNOW we NEED you!

We meet in the building behind Celebration Community Church.

On Thursday, August 7, come at 6:45 for refreshments. At 7:00 we have a speaker and then we divide into small support groups.

You're welcome to talk 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 are not alone!

You do NOT need to be a member.

There is no cost to attend.



## 2nd Wednesday

### PFLAG Fort Worth CONFAB

Join us for fun and conversation every 2nd Wednesday at 6-6:30ish Ruby with the glorious red hair usually arrives first to save us a table at Shaws Patio Bar and Grill, at 1051 W. Magnolia, in Fort Worth, south of downtown. Parking is free. See you there!

## Trinity Pride March Participants

Beth-El Congregation

Badge of Pride

Broadway Baptist Church

Celebration Community Church

Finn's Place

Galileo Church

LGTQ SAVES

Makom Shelanu Congregation

North Texas LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce

Ridglea Christian Church

St. Brigid Episcopal Church

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Stonewall Democrats

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

and many more

[Read list](#) [Read more](#)

Injustice anywhere  
is a threat to  
justice everywhere.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

LEADING WITH LOVE

The rights of every man  
are diminished when the  
rights of one man are  
threatened.

-John F. Kennedy

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To deny people their  
human rights is to  
challenge their very  
humanity.

-Nelson Mandela

LEADING WITH LOVE

We should not be judged  
by the color of our skin,  
the religion we follow,  
or our sexual orientation.

-Michelle Obama

ASK QUESTIONS • HEAR FROM EXPERTS  
CONNECT & GET INFORMED

**LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY FORUM**

Sunday, August 17  
1pm - 5pm

HELP Center for LGBT Health & Wellness  
1919 8th Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76110

Join us for panels on:  
LGBTQ+ Inclusion & Belonging  
Healthcare Resources  
Legal & Legislative Landscape  
Community Support at Every Life Stage

This event is open to all LGBTQ+ community members and allies. Refreshments will be provided.

Register for free at [bit.ly/fortworthforum](http://bit.ly/fortworthforum)

HELP Center for LGBT Health & Wellness  
JUSTICE NETWORK  
Keshet

## Immunization Awareness Month

We recently saw an “Iron Lung” at a museum. Do you remember that “coffin-like” device? ([Click here](#)) It was a “medical miracle” for people who had polio. Polio was often a “death sentence” before the polio vaccine was invented in 1955. Now, diseases like polio and measles can be prevented by vaccinations. Celebrate National Immunization Awareness Month by checking your immunization status. [Read more](#) [Read more](#)



[Learn more here](#) about Trans Flag Day

## Badge of Pride Exhibit

The free not-to-be-missed Badge of Pride exhibit continues through September 28. Hours are Wed-Sat, 10AM-4PM and Sun, Noon-4PM. “Visitors will experience Queer history firsthand—through the power of personal items, ephemera, and voices that have too often been erased.” [Read more](#)

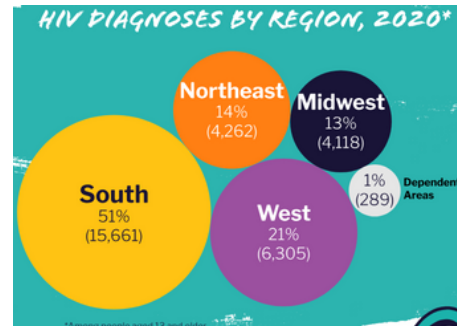
## LGBTQ SAVES - LGBTQ Youth

“LGBTQ SAVES provides a safe and brave space in Fort Worth by hosting in-person and virtual weekly meetings, Pride events, and community dinners for LGBTQ youth and their families. Join us in building a community where all youth are safe.” [Read more](#)

## Important Dates in August

Immunization Awareness Month  
08/10 Gay Uncles “Guncles” Day  
08/19 Trans Flag Day  
08/20 Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

## Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



SHAAD is a reminder of the need for increasing “awareness and advocating for new and necessary resources and solutions to turn the tide of HIV/AIDS in the South,” says AidsVu.org. [Read more](#) Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day “is a powerful reminder of the need for an unwavering commitment to southern communities” to eliminate HIV/AIDS in the southern U.S. [Read more.](#)

## Gay Uncles Day

Gay Uncles Day, celebrated on August 10, 2025, “brings warmth and joy to queer family bonds. It celebrates LGBTQ relatives—especially gay uncles—who bring extra care, laughter, and connection into children’s lives.” [Read more](#)

## PFLAG Fort Worth Poster

On page 5 of this newsletter, please find a poster of our 4 PFLAG Fort Worth regular monthly events. Please share with people who may be interested in PFLAG Fort Worth or who may need to know they’re not alone. Thank you for caring and sharing!

## 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?** [Contact Ruby at 817-382-7353](#)

## Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

We Are a Welcoming Congregation

901 Page  
Fort Worth, TX  
76110



817.924. MYUU (6988)

Sunday Service at 10:30 in person and on Facebook Live





### Fort Worth City Hall

Fort Worth City Hall's rooftop was lit on June 28 with rainbow-colored lighting as a public display of solidarity with the LGBTQ community to celebrate Trinity Pride. [Read more](#)

### Dad Dances with Trans Son at Son's Wedding



[Read more here](#)

"I was a son wrapped in a moment with his father to the lullaby of my childhood. But I was also something more. I felt like a prince, and like the best parts of a princess too: adored, cherished, and at the center of a dream I once imagined," wrote Ryan Cassata.



### Celebrate Over 10 years of Marriage Equality with Celebrity Couples

Great progress has been made over the past ten years since marriage equality became legal. However, "For many LGBTQ+ people, especially those who grew up without legal recognition or representation, seeing public figures commit to each other in this way matters. These marriages show what's possible and help push back against the idea that queer relationships are outside the standard." [Read more](#)

### Dallas Gay Dads Star in 'Back to the Frontier'

The new reality series, *Back to the Frontier*, features gay dads Jason Hanna and Joe Riggs along with their 10-year-old twin sons. Hanna recently posted on his Instagram, "Representation matters deeply – especially for those who are still finding the courage to live their truth. When families like ours are visible, it opens doors for others to feel safe, loved, and validated," He wrote in response to criticism by Franklin Graham. [Read here](#)

The gay dads and sons are from Dallas. Riggs writes, "It's been amazing to hear the support. We have a lot of two-dad families and two-mom families or single-dad families or single-mom families that message us, saying, 'Thank you for representing families like ours.' That's been really heartwarming, and that was one of the main goals for participating. [Read here](#)



(Photo courtesy of Magnolia Network)

### ALA Lists "Most Challenged" Books

The American Library Association recently released its list of the most "challenged books" of 2024. Most books have LGBTQ themes. Many of the challenges to books can be attributed to lists compiled by Moms for Liberty and other groups reported Deborah Caldwell-Stone, director of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom. The most challenged books of 2024 include "All Boys Aren't Blue," by George M. Johnson and "Gender Queer," by Maia Kobabe. [Read more](#)





# PFLAG

## FORT WORTH



### 1st Thursday

#### **PFLAG Fort Worth Meeting & Support**

6:45pm Social+Snacks  
7:00pm Meeting/  
Support Groups

**Celebration Community  
Church - Fellowship Hall  
908 Pennsylvania  
Fort Worth**

For Zoom info, call or email  
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### 2nd Wednesday

#### **PFLAG Fort Worth CONFAB**

Join us at 6-6:30ish  
for an evening of fun  
and conversation at

**Shaw's Patio Bar & Grill  
(at PFLAG table)  
1051 W. Magnolia  
Fort Worth**

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### 4th Monday

#### **PFLAG Fort Worth Sam House Supper Club**

Join us to serve dinner to residents  
of Samaritan House, bring a dish,  
or just help serve from 5:30-6:30pm

**Samaritan House  
929 Hemphill St.  
Fort Worth**

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### Last Sunday

#### **PFLAG Fort Worth Trans Support Group**

**Virtual on Zoom  
3:00pm**



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**You are not alone! At PFLAG Fort Worth, we have the support and resources you need.  
We are parents, family, and friends of LGBTQ+ people and LGBTQ+ people.  
Join us to help create a caring and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and all who love them.**

**#PFLAGProud #PFLAGProud #PFLAGProud #PFLAGProud #PFLAGProud #PFLAGProud**

# 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](http://www.pflagfortworth.org)

Also, there are two ways to interact with PFLAG Fort Worth through PayPal!

To make a donation go to [paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2047249](https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2047249)

To set up a recurring membership, go to our website, [pflagfortworth.org](http://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 2023-2024:

- 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
- 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 2024 - September 2025:

- Offer scholarship to graduating seniors of LGBTQ SAVES
- 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.**