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### Choose people who choose you!

At PFLAG Fort Worth,  
we have support and resources  
You are not alone!  
We are parents, family, friends,  
LGBTQ who choose to support  
all LGBTQ people!  
Join us!



*The PFLAG community can be  
our greatest resource!*

Ready to learn more about our  
LGBTQ+ family members, friends,  
neighbors, co-workers, etc.? Want to  
find out how to be an Ally or be more  
comfortable when talking with others  
about our LGBTQ+ loved-ones? We  
did! That's why we've read many of  
these booklets AND why we go to  
PFLAG meetings where we can talk  
comfortably about our loved-ones and  
friends. To read or download copies of  
these booklets, [please click here.](#)

### PFLAG Fort Worth

<u>1st Thursday</u> PFLAG Fort Worth Meeting & Support	<u>2nd Wednesday</u> PFLAG Fort Worth CONFAB
<u>4th Monday</u> PFLAG Fort Worth Sam House Supper Club	<u>Last Sunday</u> PFLAG Fort Worth Trans Support Group

## PFLAG Fort Worth

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

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Meeting and Support Group  
1st Thursday Every Month  
6:45pm Social  
7:00 Meeting/Support Group  
In person and on Zoom  
Celebration Community Church  
Fellowship Hall  
908 Pennsylvania, Ft Worth

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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  
Interesting speakers/Group Support  
Share Our Stories - Share Our Strength

PFLAG Fort Worth  
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CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

908 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. FT WORTH, TX

#TRADITIONWITHOUTJUDGMENT

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM

www.celebration-community-church.com

### October Speaker for PFLAG Fort Worth

Our speaker for October is Keith Uselton. As a teen, Keith started the first Gay/ Straight Alliance Club in Fort Worth at South Hills High School. PFLAG helped Keith start the GSA club.

Our speaker for our PFLAG meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of November will be Shelly Skeen with Lambda Legal.

### 4th MONDAY

#### Sam House Supper Club

Join us by bringing a dish and/or just come and help serve supper to residents of Samaritan House every 4th Monday of the month from 5:30 – 6:30.



### 1st THURSDAY

#### PFLAG Fort Worth Meets

Please join us at our meeting and support group on the FIRST THURSDAY of every month.

Perhaps you need us.

We KNOW we NEED you!

We meet in the building behind Celebration Community Church.

On Thursday, October 2, come at 6:45 for refreshments. At 7:00 we have a speaker. After that, we divide into small support groups where we can talk and listen.

You're welcome to talk as much or as little as you want or not talk at all. You can listen and discover how much PFLAG loves, supports, and cares for you. You are not alone! You don't 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 and easy. See you soon!

### LAST SUNDAY

#### Trans Support Group Meeting

On Sunday, Sept 28, (the last Sunday of the month, we had our September Trans Support meeting at 3 pm on Zoom. Our speaker was Andrea Segovia from TENT (the Transgender Education Network of Texas). TENT works to stop discrimination against Trans people through social, legislative, and corporate education. Attend our next Trans Support Group that meets the LAST SUNDAY of the month, October 26 at 3:00 virtually on Zoom.

The time is always right  
to do what is right.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

LEADING WITH LOVE

Maybe the journey isn't  
about becoming anything.

Maybe it's about  
unbecoming everything  
that isn't really you,  
so that you can be  
who you were meant to be  
in the first place.

-Paulo Coelho

LEADING WITH LOVE

### REMINDER:

There are far more people  
working for justice,  
equality, and diversity  
than opposing them.  
Don't let hopelessness  
trend in your head.

- John Pavlovitz

LEADING WITH LOVE

We must reach out our hand  
in friendship and dignity,  
both to those  
who would befriend us  
and those  
who would be our enemy."

- Arthur Ashe

## LGBTQ+ History Month

Every October our LGBTQ+ community celebrates history and achievements. Also, we highlight some of the people from the LGBTQ+ community who are making important contributions. [Read more here.](#) Learn more about the achievements and contributions of the LGBT people highlighted this year. [Read more here.](#)

Want to learn more? You can search all 620 people included in past years. [Search here.](#)

## National Bullying Prevention Month

The National Bullying Prevention Center says, "Every day, thousands of young people experience bullying from their peers at school, after school in their neighborhoods, and even when they are at home, through social media and texts. There are many ways to support bullying prevention as an individual or with friends, family, your school, or your entire community." [Read more here](#) [Watch video here](#) [Get newsletter here](#)



[Learn more about Banned Books Week here.](#)

The 2025 theme for Banned Books Week is "Censorship Is So 1984 — Read for Your Rights." Resources for this annual event are produced by PEN America and the ALA, American Library Association. [Read more here](#)

## Important Dates in October

LGBTQ History Month

National Bullying Prevention Month

Hate Crimes Awareness Month

10/5 - 10/11 - Banned Books Week

10/19 - 10/25 - Ace Week (Asexual Awareness)

10/06 - Wear Blue to Prevent Bullying

10/08 - International Lesbian Day

10/11 - National Coming Out Day

10/11 - Let Freedom Read Day

10/12 - Anniversary of Matthew Shepard Death

10/18 - International Pronouns Day

10/22 - Unity Day Wear Orange to Stop Bullying



Oct. 6 Is Wear Blue Day, [Read more here](#)

## LGBTQ SAVES - LGBTQ Youth

Youth Pride Festival on October 11 is all about empowering LGBTQ+ youth with community resources, opportunities to shine, and ways to connect with community. This free event will be hosted on October 11, 2025 but RSVPs are required to attend. Please [register and learn more here](#)

"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](#)

## 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



## 🌈 PFLAG Fort Worth Poster 🌈

Later in this newsletter, please find a poster of our [4 PFLAG Fort Worth regular monthly events](#). Please share this poster with people who may be interested in PFLAG Fort Worth or who may need to know they're not alone. Thank you for caring, sharing and displaying our PFLAG Fort Worth poster!



On Thursday, October 9 from 6 – 7pm CDT, join a virtual event presented by HRC, Human Rights Campaign, to celebrate National Coming out Day and “inspire a weekend of action.” [Read more here and RSVP.](#)

### His Shirt Said “Free Dad Hugs”

Guess what happened at a Pride parade when a man offered *Free Dad Hugs*. In an article in *People Magazine*, Joelle Goldstein wrote about Scott Dittman and his experience. Dittman wrote on his Facebook page the following, “Imagine that, parents. Imagine that your child feels SO LOST FROM YOU that they sink into the arms of a complete stranger and sob endlessly just because that stranger is wearing a shirt offering hugs from a dad.”

He wrote, “Think of the depths of their pain. Try to imagine how deep those cuts must be. Please don’t be the parent of a child that has to shoulder that burden.” [Read more here](#)



### LGBTQ+ Inclusion & Business Performance

The HRC, Human Rights Campaign, and Whistle Stop Capital analyzed almost 20 years of corporate data to find that “inclusive workplaces are not just good for people, they’re good for business.” [Read more here.](#)



[Read more here](#)

### Hate Crimes Awareness Month

The SPLC, Southern Poverty Law Center, has declared October as Hate Crimes Awareness Month. They plan to direct a yearly drive to increase awareness of the steady increase of hate crimes. [Read more here.](#)

Want to learn more about how to respond effectively to hate crimes? [Read more here.](#)

The SPLC report for 2024 gives “a clear analysis of groups upholding white supremacy in the United States, new and renewed anti-democracy trends, a summary of the tactics and strategies they are utilizing, and formulas for prevention.” [Read the report here.](#)

### Top Gay Halloween Events in U.S.

Halloween month is here! Are you ready to dress in costume and celebrate Halloween? Here are some of the best Gay Halloween celebrations in the U.S. according to Fodors and Fagabond. [Read here](#) and [Read here](#)



Halloween Parade in Chicago  
[See more here](#)

### Let Freedom Read Day, October 11

The American Library Association says, “The freedom to read is under attack – let’s do something about it! On October 11, take at least one action to help defend books from censorship and to stand up for library staff, educators, writers, publishers, booksellers, and readers!” [Read more here.](#)

[Click here for an action sheet](#) of things to do on Oct. 11, Let Freedom Read Day, and on other days!



On Oct. 22, Unity Day, stand up for kindness [acceptance, & inclusion to prevent bullying!](#)  
**Wear Orange!**  
[Read more here.](#)  
[Watch video here.](#)





# 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  
817.382.7353  
info@pflagfortworth.org

### 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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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, renew your membership, attend events/meetings, and/or donate 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.

### Some ways we served our mission in 2024-2025:

- Providing a monthly speaker and support group, in person and virtually on Zoom
- Providing a monthly dinner for Fort Worth Samaritan House residents
- Making Christmas stocking for Samaritan House children, providing money for Halloween costumes, and tutoring residents
- Proudly marching in the Dallas Pride parade and attending Pride events
- Staffing a booth at the Fort Worth Pride Festival and Picnic events as well as other area events
- Sponsored Badge of Pride exhibit
- Donated scholarships to LGBTQ SAVES, Camp Haven, TRANSportation Network.

- Sharing our mission of advocacy, support, and education with businesses, universities, federal agencies, etc.
- Hosting a monthly virtual trans Support Group on Zoom with partner St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Hurst, TX
- Sent an officer to the PFLAG National Conference

### Goals for October 2025 - September 2026:

- Continue to offer scholarships to graduating seniors of LGBTQ SAVES, etc.
- 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, talent, presence at events, etc. Commit to our mission of support, education, and advocacy. Attend our events 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.**