



Texas banned rainbow crosswalks, so San Antonio painted the sidewalks. [Read more here](#)

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## PFLAG Fort Worth

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**For Zoom, contact us at 817.382.7353**  
**or at [info@pflagfortworth.org](mailto:info@pflagfortworth.org)**  
**for Dallas PFLAG go to [pflagdallas.org](http://pflagdallas.org)**

### Mom of Trans Son Shares Relief

Amber Briggie, mother of Trans son named Max who lives in Denton, writes she is “incredibly grateful to Lambda Legal and PFLAG National for holding the line for 4 years. FOUR YEARS! Thanks to them, my family was able to stay \*together\* in our home. I got to watch my son turn 18 in the town he's grown up in, surrounded and supported by his friends that he's known his whole life. 4 years ago, we weren't sure any of this would be possible - we were pretty convinced back then that we would have to flee Texas...to stay together.” [Read more here](#)

## Joint Statement on Ruling from Texas Supreme Court

On April 24, the “Texas Supreme Court issued a ruling in Doe v. Abbott and PFLAG v. Abbott, challenging the Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Services’ mandate to investigate families with transgender children. Lambda Legal, the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Texas, and PFLAG...For more than four years, we successfully blocked DFPS from investigating Texas families based on allegations that they were providing gender affirming medical care to their transgender adolescents. [Read more here](#)

Lambda Legal writes, “Any family that is contacted by DFPS related to gender affirming medical care should contact the Lambda Legal Help Desk.” [Click here for Lambda Legal Help Desk](#)



Amber Briggie, mom of Max who is Trans, says, “Unfortunately, there are a lot of people out there who want to treat Max differently and limit his rights because they have a political agenda, built on fear and misunderstanding. And my sweet, innocent boy is on the receiving end of their bullying. [Read more](#)

## PFLAG Fort Worth

**Choose the people  
who choose YOU!**

**No need to be a member.**

**No cost to attend.**

**You are not alone!**

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**Meeting and Support Group**  
**1st Thursday Every Month**  
**6:45pm Snacks & 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  
Call or Email for Link  
817-382-7353  
info@pflagfortworth.org



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4th MONDAY of MONTH  
PFLAG Fort Worth  
Sam House Supper Club

Join your PFLAG friends by bringing a dish and/or coming to help serve supper to residents of Samaritan House every 4th Monday of the month from 5:30 - 6:30 at 929 Hemphill St., Fort Worth .



Every 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, May 7, 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 of MONTH  
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 to find. See you soon!



LAST SUNDAY of MONTH  
Trans Support Group Meeting

On Sunday, May 31, the LAST SUNDAY of the month our Trans Support Group meets at 3:00 on Zoom. To attend, contact us at 817.382.7353 or at [info@pflagfortworth.org](mailto:info@pflagfortworth.org)

👉 PFLAG Poster 👈

Later in this newsletter, there is a poster of our 4 PFLAG Fort Worth monthly events. Please share this poster with others who may be interested in PFLAG Fort Worth or who need to know we're here for them. Thank you for caring and supporting us by displaying our PFLAG Fort Worth poster!

Super Safety Saturday

PFLAG Fort Worth's table is at the Super Safety Saturday event sponsored by Texas Health at Clear Fork on April 25. The purpose is to keep our families informed, empowered, and safe. This event is sponsored yearly by Texas Health. Join us in 2027.

LEADING WITH LOVE

“Unless you have dialogue, unless you open the walls of dialogue, you can never reach to change people’s opinion.”  
“Once you have dialogue starting, you know you can break down prejudice.”  
~ Harvey Milk

LEADING WITH LOVE

“You have to give them hope. Hope for a better world, hope for a better tomorrow, hope for a better place to come to if the pressures at home are too great. Hope that all will be all right. Without hope, not only are the gays, but the blacks, the seniors, the handicapped, the ‘us-es.’ The ‘us-es’ will give up.”  
~ Harvey Milk

LEADING WITH LOVE

“I was born of heterosexual parents. I was taught by heterosexual teachers in a fiercely heterosexual society. Television ads and newspaper ads – fiercely heterosexual. A society that puts down homosexuality. And why am I a homosexual if I’m affected by role models? I should have been a heterosexual. And no offense meant, but if teachers are going to affect you as role models, there’d be a lot of nuns running around the streets today.” ~ Harvey Milk

LEADING WITH LOVE



### Rainbow Steps at Dallas Church

When asked about painting the steps at the church, Rev. Griffin-Allison, senior pastor of Oak Lawn United Methodist Church in Dallas said, "When forces of power try to erase symbols of queer joy and inclusion, the Church has a choice — to retreat into comfort or to step forward in courage. We're choosing courage. This is not a political act; it's a pastoral one. It's an expression of our faith in a God whose covenant love is wider than fear and whose grace refuses to be painted over. The rainbow is a reminder that God keeps showing up — especially for those the world tries to silence. We're painting our steps because we want every person who approaches our doors or passes through the neighborhood to know: there's a place for you here, and the love of God meets you exactly as you are." [Read more here](#)

### Rainbow Steps at Austin Church



A staircase at Central Presbyterian Church in Austin is a rainbow. Church officials said, "This project is more than color refresh; it is a public reminder everyone belongs. This rainbow of colors show our surrounding community all people are valued and welcome." [Read more here](#)



"Watch the PFLAG Academy Online Learning Session 'Be Kind, Rewind: Understanding Your Role in Building Inclusion.'" [Learn more here](#)

### You Are Loved for Who You Are!

On Trans Day of Visibility (March 31, 2026), Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser, lead pastor of Community United Church of Christ in Champaign, Illinois, posted this wonderful message on Facebook. She gave us permission to quote her in our newsletter. Please read her entire message by scrolling to her entry on March 31 and then keep reading! (Rev. Leah is our daughter's pastor.) [Read message here](#) [Read about CUCC here](#)

"It's Trans Day of Visibility, beloveds. Know that YOU are made in the very image of God -- God, who couldn't be contained in or fully expressed by one form, who is three-in-one, a Trinity. God's the one who broke the binary first. (Remember that when people get angry.) Your expansive self is holy. And don't forget it. Genderqueer beloveds: I see you and love you for exactly who you are..."



"I'm thinking of the trans name blessings over which I've presided. These are some of the most sacred moments I've had in ministry when a beloved one stands before the church, which is really the Body of Christ (because that's what we are when we're gathered together) to say their name and have it echoed back, affirmed and confirmed by the Body..."

"Trans beloveds: I see you and love you exactly for who you are. I'm thinking, also, about you parents of gender expansive little ones, the fierce momma bears, the proud papas, parents of all kinds by birth or by choice, you who have listened deeply to your kiddos. Thank you for doing right by your child, for being their protector and their champion. I wish more parents...and legislators...could learn from you. Jesus talked about God caring for her children the way a mother hen does, and scientists talk about how much DNA the TRex and chicken share. Remember that the next time you roar and bear your claws to protect your child -- your big protective love is fierce and holy. In fact, it evokes the very love of God. On this trans day of visibility, I see you too...You are loved for who you are."

"This world is a cruel and often unkind place, becoming more so by the day it seems, but you make it more beautiful, more sacred. You make it the good place it was created to be. Blessings to you on this Transgender Day of Visibility." [Read more here](#)

### Rainbow Mural in Houston

Soon after the removal of rainbow crosswalks in Houston, a local artist decided to find a place to paint a rainbow mural. Nicky Davis said, "I could just feel how upset everyone was and how they felt like Houston had turned its back on the gay community." I decided to paint the biggest rainbow mural I could find." So, Davis painted this rainbow mural at the Vegan Cafe which stands near the intersection where the rainbow crosswalk was removed. [Read more here](#)





Our 11th year to improve & protect the quality of life of older LGBT adults in North Texas.

The coalition for aging LGBT has served “the aging LGBT community since 2015. Our mission is to promote personal well-being, dignity and autonomy through the delivery of high quality, affordable and culturally competent home and community-based care from our affiliate organizations. We are working with involved LGBT and Aging Organizations (locally and nationally) to create comprehensive programs to address unique needs of the LGBT Aging Community.” [Read more here](#)

### Research on Legalizing Marriage for Same-Sex Couples

Research has proven that legalizing marriage for same-sex couples HAS NOT harmed family formation in the US. “Across 96 empirical studies conducted over the past 20 years, research has consistently found that same-sex couples; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals; and their children have benefited from the granting of legal status to the marriages of same-sex couples. In contrast, research has not identified any reliable adverse consequences of granting same-sex couples access to legal marriage.” [Read more here](#)



Comic by Dave Buesing of Comic Book Herald

Dave Buesing, founder, editor-in-chief, and primary voice behind Comic Book Herald, writes, “If you’d told me after reading Gender Queer that Maia Kobabe’s frank, lucid memoir about coming out as non-binary would become the most banned book in America, I’d have been a bit shocked...My primary takeaway from Kobabe’s journey was appreciation for her ability to explain the challenges of gender, the importance of pronouns, and developing relationships through the entire journey...I can’t make heads or tails why the frank discussion of sexuality in Gender Queer is any more censorable than say Shakespeare, but I do see why bigots and fear-mongers would be scared of the work: It’s incredibly effective.” [Read more here](#)



The April 9 edition of Transgender Rights Digest “covers a Nazi-era policy resurfacing, the tracking of transgender people by state governments, and a new law in Idaho that could imprison transgender people for life for simply using the restroom. Despite the horrors, we note remarkable defeats of anti-transgender legislation across the nation in states like Georgia and Kentucky.” [Read more here](#)

The Transgender Rights Digest is published by Lawyers for Good Government. [Read more here](#)

Lawyers for Good Government publishes an analysis of trans rights laws for all U.S. states. This is updated daily. [Click here to access the Policy Resource Hub for TransRights.](#)



### PFLAG Fort Worth supports LGBTQ SAVES.

“SAVES empowers LGBTQ youth aged 12-24 in Fort Worth by fostering safe and brave spaces for social connection, personal growth and community support. Through in-person and virtual weekly meetings, Pride events and inclusive community dinners, we create a nurturing environment for youth and their families.” [Learn more about SAVES here](#)

Bertinand Gardner of LGBTQ SAVES writes, “We’re teaming up with Circle Theatre to ensure each Friday during the Rent showing gives back to the LGBTQ+ community.

- Pay-What-You-Can Fridays, Friday 8:00 PM (and all Friday evening performances throughout the run)
- How to get in - Bring a new or gently loved LGBTQ+ book = unlock \$5-\$20 tickets
- Walk-up only. First come. Limited seats.
- Every book collected goes directly to LGBTQ+ youth at our Youth Pride Picnic on June 20

Check out our SAVES wishlist to make your donation count. [Click here for SAVES wishlist](#)



[Learn more about RENT here - www.circletheatre.com/rent](#)

Rent is a “groundbreaking, Pulitzer Prize and 4 time Tony Award Winning rock musical that follows a group of young artists struggling to survive, create, and love in New York City under the shadow of poverty and the AIDS crisis.”



**IDAHOBIT - May 17**

IDAHOBIT is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia which began in 2005. Every year, IDAHOBIT is celebrated on May 17 to celebrate “the 1990 decision by the World Health Organization to remove homosexuality from its International Classification of Diseases.” This year’s theme reminds us all that “the soil of truly democratic societies must be rich in meaningful equity and justice for all, fostering the flourishing of the entire community. [Read more here](#)



**Harvey Milk Day**

Harvey Milk is honored on May 22. He was the “first openly gay politician in California and a leader of the American Civil Rights Movement. Time magazine included Harvey Milk on a list titled “The 100 Most Important People of the 20th Century.” Milk was not only an advocate for the LGBT community, but for all minorities. He believed in safe, strong neighborhoods and supported public education, affordable childcare, and equal rights for all.” [Read more here](#)



**World Day for Cultural Diversity**

World Day for Cultural Diversity “celebrates not only the richness of the world’s cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development. The United Nations General Assembly first declared this World Day in 2002.” [Read more here](#)

**Important Dates in May**

**Mental Health Awareness Month**

**Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

05/03 - International Family Equality Day

05/16 - National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day

05/17 - IDAHOBIT - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

05/18 - World AIDS Vaccine Day

05/19 - Agender Pride Day

05/21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity

05/22 - Harvey Milk Day

05/24 - Pansexual and Panromantic Day

**Mental Health Awareness Month**

**- Spotlight on Dr. David Burns**

David Burns, M.D. “is an award-winning researcher and teacher, the bestselling author of *Feeling Good*, with more than 10 million copies sold worldwide, and the host of the *Feeling Good* podcast, which has received over 9 million downloads. Dr. Burns was a pioneer in the development of cognitive therapy, and is the creator of TEAM CBT, which makes rapid recovery from depression and anxiety possible. His *Feeling Great* app triggers 60% to 70% reductions in feelings of depression and anxiety in most users in less than two hours.” Dr. Burns says, “If you’re looking for personal help with depression, anxiety, a painful relationship conflict, or a habit or addiction, my mission is to provide you with the tools you need to change your life. They’re all right here on my website, and most of them are TOTALLY FREE and very effective.” [Try FREE App here](#) [Read more here](#)



**International Family Equality Day**

*Celebrating the Rainbow of Families in our World!*

International Family Equality Day began in 2012 to celebrate the diversity of families all around the world. “The Council of Europe recognises the IFED as an important tool to combat homophobia and transphobia and to promote a tolerant and cohesive society.” [Read more here](#)

**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**

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76110



817.924. MYUU (6988)

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



# 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**

For more info, call or email  
817.382.7353  
info@pflagfortworth.org

### 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**

For more information contact Ruby at  
817.382.7353

### Last Sunday

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

**Virtual on Zoom  
3:00pm**



For Zoom info, call or email  
817.382.7353  
info@pflagfortworth.org

**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.**