



Pictures from [Ameridisability Pride](#)

PFLAG Fort Worth

Important Dates

- 07/02 PFLAG Potluck Picnic (Page 2)
 - 07/08 Food and Fun Confab (Page 3)
 - 07/27 Sam House Supper Club (Page 3)
 - 07/26 Trans Support Group (Page 2)
 - 08/06 PFLAG Meet/Support (Page 2)
 - 08/12 Food and Fun Confab (Page 3)
- To attend PFLAG Fort Worth events
For Zoom, contact us at 817.382.7353
or at info@pflagfortworth.org
for Dallas PFLAG go to pflagdallas.org

UN Takes Historic Stand: Disability Rights Resolution Affirms Protections for LGBTQ+ People

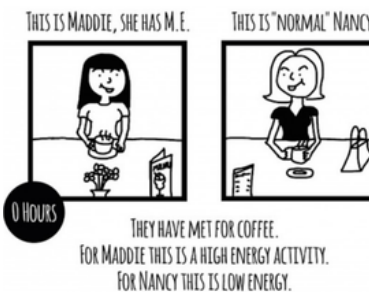
In November, 2025, “the United Nations passed a disability rights resolution that—for the first time—explicitly recognizes that persons with disabilities face discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.” During negotiations, an attempt to delete the reference to ‘sexual orientation and gender identity’ failed... Its message is clear: disability rights cannot be fully realized unless all forms of discrimination, including those faced by LGBTQ+ people, are addressed.” The United States opposed this resolution. [Read more here](#)

Celebrating the Intersection of LGBTQ+ and Disability Pride

Kyra Coates writes, “June and July are months of celebration of resilience, identity, and community. While June marks LGBTQ+ Pride Month, July carries the celebration forward with Disability Pride Month. These back-to-back months are more than a calendar coincidence. They are deeply connected by a shared history of activism, struggle, triumph in the face of injustice. [Read more here](#)



Picture [here](#)



[Click here to see the rest of this story](#)
[by Laura Chamberlain explaining what it's actually like to live with an Invisible Disability.](#)
[Laura Chamberlain's Website](#)

PFLAG Fort Worth

**Choose the people
who choose YOU!
No need to be a member.
No cost to attend.
You are not alone!**

**4th of July Picnic
Inside - Air Conditioned Potluck
Begins at 6:45-7:00 pm
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
Interesting speakers/Group Support

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

LAST SUNDAY of MONTH

Trans Support Group Meeting

On Sunday, July 26, 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

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 are interested in PFLAG Fort Worth or who need to know we're here for them. Thank you for caring and supporting us by displaying PFLAG Fort Worth poster!

Tarrant Commissioners Vote
Against Honoring HELP Center
Commissioner Alicia Sims proposed a resolution to honor The HELP Center for LGBTQ+ Health, but this was voted down. The HELP Center, was established in 1994 by 2 Catholic nuns and an AIDS victim's mother. DeeJay Johannessen, CEO of the HELP Center, said "the mission has always been to promote health, prevent disease, and care for people who have nowhere else to turn...helped 7,000+ Texans, delivering \$70+ million of medical care, medication, support services free...prevents 200+ new HIV infections per year." [Read more here](#)

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, July 2, come
at 6:45- 7:00 for our July Potluck Picnic,
indoors and air conditioned! Bring a dish or
just bring yourself! All are welcome! 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. See you there!

2nd WEDNESDAY of MONTH PFLAG Fort Worth CONFAB

Join us for fun and conversation every 2nd Wednesday about 6:00pm. 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!

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 76104. In June, we'll serve supper on Monday, June 22.



PFLAG Fort Worth at LGBTQ SAVES Picnic



The HELP Center website says, "HELP believes that financial pressures should not rob anyone of the dignity to determine when and how to make life choices and disclosures. [We include] numerous college students who are on their parents' health insurance - but are not yet out to their parents. HELP privately pays for these students to get PrEP so they don't have to use their parents' insurance. In addition, HELP's other programs and activities foster safety and education in the North Texas LGBTQ+ population." [Read more here](#)

LEADING WITH LOVE

...movements
don't typically succeed
alone;
they thrive when we
show up for one another
and cross former lines
of difference and division.

~ Kyra Coates

LEADING WITH LOVE

Disability Pride
affirms the right
of every person
to be seen, valued,
and included
exactly as they are.

It is a rejection of
narratives
that treat disability
as something
shameful or tragic,
but instead
celebrate disability
as a natural,
meaningful part
of the human experience.

~Kyra Coates

LEADING WITH LOVE



Targeting LGBTQ Books Nationwide
 H.R. Bill 7661 of the 119th congress “is moving through Congress to erase LGBTQ stories from public schools and libraries by threatening them with defunding.” Rep. Mary Miller, Illinois politician who is anti-LGBTQ, endorsed this bill that “targets books that mention LGBTQ people and families. This bill sends a dangerous message to LGBTQ young people, as well as children with LGBTQ parents”

GLAAD says, “This is not about protection; it is a targeted attempt to erase our families.” [Read more here](#)

Best LGBTQ Comics & Graphic Novels for Teens

The Austin Public Library presents a list of the best LGBTQ Comics & Graphic Novels for Teens. The librarians say, “These queer comics highlight Black, Indigenous, and People of Color as characters and creators. We use the hashtag #ownvoices when the race/ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation of the creator is the same as the main character.” [Read more here](#)



How an Evangelical Pastor Became a Trans Ally

Tedx Talks writes, “What does it take to stand up for those who are vulnerable and misunderstood? In this heartfelt and powerful talk, Kevin R. Scott shares his personal journey as a father to a transgender daughter and an ally to the trans community. From calling out harmful comments to confronting systemic injustice, this talk explores the courage and compassion needed to protect and support transgender people. “ [Watch this Tedx Talk here](#)



The DuPage County Health Department in Illinois presents the Progress Pride Flag. They write, “There are many different types of pride flags for the various LGBTQ+ sub-communities. The newest version of the Progress Pride Flag, designed by Valentino Vecchietti, includes representation of those who have been affected by HIV/AIDS, or are intersex, non-binary, or transgender.” [To learn more about pride flags click here](#)



QUEERthrive or QT
 “is a nonprofit dedicated to fostering resilience, emotional well-being, and belonging for LGBTQ+ individuals by providing a community that understands, supports, and uplifts.” [Read more about QT and QUEERelate here](#)
 On July 15 at 7:00-8:30pm, QUEERelate will meet at Oak Lawn United Methodist Church 3014 Oak Lawn Ave, Dallas, TX



Queer America Podcast

The Queer America Podcasts are presented by the SPLC, Southern Poverty Law Center. Although these podcasts include information for teachers, we can all benefit from a review of LGBTQ+ history. SPLC writes, “LGBTQ+ people have always existed, but LGBTQ+ history, which is an integral part of the history of the United States, has often been ignored or erased. This 13-episode series from Learning for Justice and hosts Leila Rupp and John D’Emilio can help us learn about LGBTQ+ history. This podcast is produced in partnership with University of Wisconsin Press, publishers of Understanding and Teaching U.S. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History.” [Read more here](#)

Read the “June 2026 issue of The PFLAG Banner, a bi-annual newsletter that shares all of the news from PFLAG National...learn about the incredible efforts and successes of our Fighting For Our Pride advocacy campaign, with PFLAG chapters fighting back against harmful anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.” [Read PFLAG Banner now](#)



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](#)

If you know an LGBTQ youth, ages 12-24, who needs a supportive, safe, brave space to thrive OR want more information OR want to get involved, please email us at contactus@lgbtqsaves.org



Disability Pride Month



The Disability Pride Flag was designed by Ann Magill, a writer who has cerebral palsy. Columbia Medical Center describes the meaning of the flag. "Black field: mourning for victims of ableist violence and abuse. Diagonal band: 'cutting across' walls and barriers that separate disabled people from society. Red - physical disabilities. Gold - cognitive disabilities. White - invisible and undiagnosed disabilities. Blue - psychiatric disabilities. Green - sensory disabilities." [Read more here about the Disability Pride Flag](#)

Support for People with Disabilities

- [The Invisible Disabilities Association](#) or IDA "is about believing. We believe you! The frequently invisible nature of illness and pain may lead to disbelief about that illness or pain by those surrounding the person who lives daily with invisible disabilities. This disbelief can lead to misunderstandings, rejection by friends, family and health care providers. It may also lead to accusations of laziness or faking an illness. We are passionate about providing awareness that invisible illness, pain and disabilities are very real!" [Read more about Invisible Disabilities here](#)
- [The Arc](#) promotes and protects the human rights of people with INTELLECTUAL and DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. There are over 8 million people with IDD in the United States, which encompasses over 100 different diagnoses, including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and more. [Read more about Arc here](#)
- American Assn. of People with Disabilities, a national disability-led and cross-disability rights organization, AAPD advocates for full civil rights for over 70 million Americans with disabilities by promoting equal opportunity, economic power, independent living, and political participation. [Read more about AAPD here](#)

Preventing Bullying - Books for Kids

These excellent books for elementary school -aged kids help children understand how it feels and what to do if they or others are being bullied for whatever reason. Check these out from the library to read this summer! [Read more here](#)



Important Dates in July

Disability Pride Month

- 07/04 - American Independence Day
- 07/06 - Omnisexual Visibility Day
- 07/12-18 - Nonbinary Awareness Week
- 07/13 - Lesbian Aunts Day
- 07/14 - International Nonbinary People's Day
- 07/16 - International Drag Day
- 07/26 - Americans with Disabilities Act

Supporting LGBTQ+ Young People with Disabilities

The Trevor Project presents a guide giving specific information about how to support LGBTQ+ youth who are also disabled and how to "better understand the things that impact them." This guide includes items such as recognizing "intersectional identity of being LGBTQ+ and disabled, significance of person-first and identity-first language," and "how to be an ally to LGBTQ+ disabled young people." [Read more here](#)



The data above are from the Human Rights Campaign's 2024 Disabled LGBTQ+ Youth Report: A Descriptive Overview of the Experiences of Disabled LGBTQ+ Youth [Read the report here](#)

Omnisexual Visibility Day.

LGBTQ and All says, "Omnisexuality is when someone is attracted to all gender identities and sexual orientations... It is essential to note that sexual orientation and gender are unique to every person, so someone's definition of their sexuality or gender could differ from another person's." [Read more here](#)

Nonbinary Awareness Week

The week is dedicated to raising awareness of and celebrating the wide spectrum of gender identities that exist outside of the traditional gender binary.

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

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

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

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, 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.