

Happy Fall, Y'all

Fort Worth Botanic Garden

PFLAG Fort Worth

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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

YOUTH PRIDE FESTIVAL 2026

EMPOWERING LGBTQ+ YOUTH

LGBTQ SAVES

If you are an LGBTQ+ youth or young adult under the age of 24 or have LGBTQ+ children in that age range, mark your calendars for October 10th! We will be set up from 1-4PM. [Click here to learn more, get tickets](#)

PFLAG Votes 2026: Turning Pride Into Power!

“No matter where you live, the color of your skin, or who you love, when an elected official’s decisions target LGBTQ+ people, and transgender folks and families... the results affect all of us. Your vote is how you make a difference. It’s how you turn LGBTQ+ pride into power,” says Dr. Edith Guffey, Chair of the Board of PFLAG National. PFLAG National writes, “when we vote, we protect our families. When we educate, we empower our communities. When we organize, we build power, when we show up together, we shape the future.” [Read more here](#)

[BE SURE you are registered.](#)

Over 1 million Texans are on a “voter suspense list.” What?!? [Check your voter registration here.](#) [Find out more about voting here.](#)

PFLAG Fort Worth

Choose the people
who choose YOU!

No need to be a member.

No cost to attend.

You are not alone!

PFLAG Meeting/Support Group

1st Thursday of 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

Trans Virtual Support Group

Last Sunday Every Month

3:00-5:00 on Zoom



LET'S TALK

Transgender Support Group
In Partnership with
Epiphany 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



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, October 1, come
at 6:45- 7:00 for our meeting/support group.
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 on October 14!



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 Oct.,
we'll serve supper on Monday, October 26.



PFLAG Fort Worth Speaker in October



Liam Yesko, owner
of the "Rainbow
House" in Haltom
City, will speak at
our meeting this
month. Liam said,
"I own my property,
I don't have an HOA,
and...I'm like, 'Let's
paint it rainbow,
let's see what happens,'" Yesko told the Fort
Worth Report. [Read more here](#)

LEADING WITH LOVE

All parents
should be aware that
when they mock
or curse gay people,
they may be mocking
or cursing their own child.
~Anna Quindlen

LEADING WITH LOVE

Children
should be able
to live a life free from
bullying and harassment,
and it is time
that we all
took a stand against this.
~Katherine Jenkins

LEADING WITH LOVE

If they don't like you
for being yourself,
be yourself even more.
~Taylor Swift

LEADING WITH LOVE



LAST SUNDAY of MONTH
Trans Support Group Meeting
On Sunday, October 25, 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!



Estranged? How to Heal

Joshua Coleman writes, “Therapists can help estranged families understand the past, work on making amends, and potentially rebuild their relationships.” In Greater Good he says, “Family estrangement is rarely a sudden rupture. More often, it unfolds slowly—a series of misunderstandings, hurt feelings, mismatched expectations, or unresolved conflicts that accumulate over months, if not years...I’ve learned that reconciliation is difficult not because families are uniquely broken, but because both generations are operating with profoundly different assumptions about what love, repair, and responsibility require.” [Read more here](#)

GLAAD Accountability Project

The GLAAD Accountability Project monitors and documents individual public figures and groups using their platforms to spread misinformation and false rhetoric against LGBTQ people, youth, and allies.

[Click here to access this information](#)



LGBTQ Nation says, “Organizers now plan to hold a 999-person block party” on October 3 instead of Kelso Pride. The block party replaces KELSO Pride which has been rescheduled for a Saturday in April because Southlake City Council denied their permit to have Pride on Oct. 3. At the block party, there will be “food trucks, vendors, and a fundraiser for local LGBTQ+ organizations.” [Read more here](#)



[Click here to read HRC report on LGBTQ Customers Opinion](#)

Happy Halloween from PFLAG Fort Worth



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](#)

LGBTQ SAVES Announces Leadership Transition

LGBTQ SAVES, a longtime advocate and resource for LGBTQ+ youth, recently announced a leadership transition. After fifteen years of outstanding leadership as Founder and Executive Director, Sharon Herrera will transition into the role of Founder and Executive Director Emeritus, passing the leadership of the SAVES organization to Bertie Gardner, who currently serves as Program Director. PFLAG Fort Worth congratulates Sharon and Bertie!



LGBTQ SAVES Youth Pride Festival

LGBTQ SAVES' Annual Youth Pride Festival is scheduled for October 10. This day will emphasize community, belonging, and celebrating LGBTQ+ youth. Youth Pride Festival is a family-friendly event where youth can connect with LGBTQ+ resources, discover local small businesses and artists, express themselves, and simply enjoy being part of a community that celebrates who they are. [Learn more here](#) [Volunteer here](#)

LGBTQ SAVES RECURSOS EN ESPAÑOL



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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





[Click here to watch a video about Spirit Day](#)

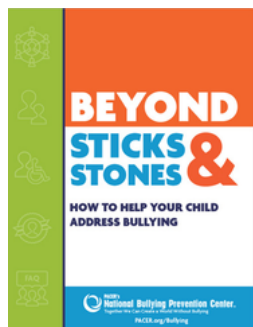
GLAAD Writes, "The statistics concerning LGBTQ youth are staggering:

- Nearly 70% feel unsafe at school.
- Almost half were bullied in the last year.
- 10,000+ book bans are actively erasing their stories and representation.
- LGBTQ hate speech protections are quietly being rolled back on social media platforms.

"Let's show young people we have their backs. Take the Spirit Day pledge that you'll go purple on October 15 and commit to speaking out against bullying and discrimination anywhere you see it. This pledge only takes a minute, but if we all join in, we can create real, lasting change." [Take the pledge here](#)

GLAAD asks us to "Post a photo of yourself in purple on social media using the hashtag #SpiritDay and tag @glaad"

National Bullying Prevention Month



National Bullying Prevention Month is a "month long event to prevent childhood bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion." On Wednesday, Oct. 21, wear orange to unite "for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to visibly show that no child should ever experience bullying." [Read more here](#)

National Bullying Prevention Center's "four-part series provides comprehensive information for students and adults about how to help someone who is experiencing bullying, as well as how to address bullying in the community." [Click here for resources](#)

Important Dates in October

LGBTQ+ History Month

National Book Month

National Bullying Prevention Month

10/08 - International Lesbian Day

10/11 - National Coming Out Day

10/15 - Spirit Day — Wear purple to support LGBTQ+ youth against bullying

10/21 - Unity Day - Wear Orange to unite

10/21 - International Pronouns Day — Encouraging respect for personal pronouns

10/25-31 - Asexual Awareness Week (Ace Week)

10/26 - Intersex Awareness Day

LGBTQ+ History Month

The Washington Blade says, "Equality Forum, the Philadelphia-based group that organizes the nation's annual LGBT History Month in October, is scheduled to launch the 2026 LGBT History Month at a VIP Reception on Sept. 27." During the month of October, 31 lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender icons will be celebrated, one each day. At the opening VIP reception, Dr. Anthony Fauci, a leader in the "fight against HIV/AIDS and COVID-19" will receive the International Role Model Award. [Read more here](#)

LGBTQ+ Books!

October is both National Book Month and LGBTQ+ History Month, making it an ideal time to read, share, and celebrate literature by and about the LGBTQ+ community. In honor of National Coming Out Day on October 11, Penguin-Random House presents "a collection that includes books by LGBTQIA+ authors and stories that are about LGBTQIA+ individuals and their journeys. These stories show moments of pride and perseverance and capture the beauty of being oneself. [Read more here](#)

Books for National Coming Out Day



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
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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

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.