PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

Parents, Families, Friends, And Allies United with LGBTQ People



We have to cancel our March Sharing Meeting.

Our April Meeting will be Sunday, April 19th.

Please contact our Helpline at 883-0384

If you need assistance, support, or information before then.

Sharing Meetings are held at Kenilworth United Church of Christ, 45 Dalton Drive, Tonawanda 14223 from 2:30 to 4:30 on the third Sunday of most months. We meet in the library; please use the parking lot entrance. The building is handicapped accessible. If requested, newcomers can meet privately with a PFLAG parent instead of joining the sharing group.

In addition, outside of our monthly meetings, if need be, New Parent Meetings can be scheduled at a convenient location. Call our helpline to request a meeting.

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We meet because we have learned someone very close to us is gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. We try to help one another deal with this information in a positive manner. Although we do not always agree, we try to be understanding. We offer help to those who seek it, but do not force ourselves on others. We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a level that is comfortable for us.

PFLAG BUFFALO/NIAGARA OFFERS GSA GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

PFLAG recently received a generous donation from The Colligan Family Fund through The Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo.

At a recent meeting, board members decided to use some of the funding to support Gay Straight Alliances (GSA's) in local schools. There are approximately 40 in the Western New York area, generally in high schools but also in some middle schools.

These groups support LGBTQ teens and allies and promote positivity and awareness.

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara is now offering grants to these groups to help with supplies, activities, and experiences that support their mission and have a clear LGBTQ connection.

We are proud to offer this new opportunity along with the 2 scholarships currently available each year. Applications are available at www.pflagbuffalo.org.

MEET THE AUTHOR



Linda Drajem, longtime PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara parent, will be present at the our April meeting to speak, focusing on her recent book, *Wandering Close to Home: A Gay Son and His Feminist Mother's Journey to Transform Themselves and Their Family.* Linda and her son Christopher collaborated on this memoir.

Linda and Christopher have had a blog for quite some time where their letters to each other on LGBTQ matters and current events are posted. At times, these *Our**Family Matters* pieces have been shared within this newsletter and on our Facebook

page. PFLAG B/N looks forward to hearing from Linda at our April meeting. Following Linda's sharing, the regular sharing meeting will be held.

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