

**How PFLAG began:** After the parents of a gay man saw him on TV being attacked and beaten while police looked on (a typical response in 1972), their outrage turned to activism. Later that year Jeanne Manford marched with her son in New York's Pride Parade, and many gay and lesbian spectators begged her to talk to their parents. She began a parent's support group that first met in March 1973. This and similar efforts evolved into the PFLAG of today, with over 500 chapters and 250,000 members worldwide. The Tucson PFLAG chapter has been meeting since 1991.

### FREE Resources You Can Understand

National PFLAG website <http://www.pflag.org> offers downloadable free booklets and a PFLAG chapter locator. For materials, click "Chapter Information and Resources" in the left column, then "Download PFLAG Publications."

- » *Be Yourself* – for youth
- » *Faith in our Families* – about religion
- » *Opening the Straight Spouse's Closet*
- » *Our Daughters and Sons* – for parents
- » *Nuestras Hijas y Nuestros Hijos* – parent's pamphlet in Spanish
- » *Welcoming our Trans Family and Friends*
- » *PFLAG's Transgender Network* – offers several publications in English & Spanish

### Recommended Publications & Websites

- » *Beyond Acceptance* – Griffin, Wirth & Wirth
- » *Crisis – 40 Stories* – Gold and Drucker (eds.)
- » *Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality* – Rogers
- » *Now That You Know* – Fairchild & Hayward
- » *The Other Side of the Closet* (straight spouse) – Buxton
- » *Transgender Child* – Brill and Pepper
- » *Answers to Your Questions about Sexual Orientation and Homosexuality*, American Psychological Assn, free at <http://www.apa.org/topics/sexuality/>
- Human Rights Campaign (HRC) – [hrc.org](http://hrc.org)
- Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN— for high school students) – [glsen.org](http://glsen.org)
- Lambda – [lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org) (anti-hate and discrimination)

## Help Move Equality Forward

1. **Tell your story.** Encourage open and honest discussion of GLBT issues.
2. **Join PFLAG**, and bring a friend.
3. **Call, email, write or visit** your state representatives and let them know where you stand on issues of concern to the GLBT community.
4. **Send letters to the editor** of your local paper about equality and fairness for all.
5. **Vote.** Encourage like-minded voters to register and be heard in elections and ballot measures.
6. **Advocate for change.** Speak up for the GLBT community wherever you can – in the workplace, local organizations, and faith communities.
7. **Teach your children** that being GLBT is simply another way to express love. Teach them to honor who they are and to make healthy life choices.
8. **Let GLBT family members and friends know** they are loved just the way they are.
9. **Do not stereotype GLBT people** or tolerate anti-gay remarks or jokes.
10. **Learn more.** Read, attend public presentations, broaden your understanding of what being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender in our society is like.

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### Become a part of PFLAG Tucson!



Parents, Families and Friends  
of Lesbians and Gays  
Tucson Chapter

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PFLAG is about respect. We hope you will join the PFLAG Family and help us promote a healthy, tolerant community.

## You have a home in PFLAG!



### Our Mission

*Promoting the well-being of gay,  
lesbian, bisexual and  
transgender persons,  
their families and friends through  
Support, Education, and Advocacy*

### Regular Meetings

First Wednesday of each month

7:00–9:00 pm

Ward VI City Council Offices

3202 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street

One block east of Country Club Road  
One block south of Speedway Boulevard

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# AT PFLAG, WE ARE FAMILY!

We welcome all who care about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people:

- ♥ Parents, siblings and extended family members
- ♥ GLBT people themselves
- ♥ Friends and allies
- ♥ Straight spouses

## PFLAG'S MISSION:

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gender persons, their families and friends through:

♥ **Support**, ♥ **Education**, and ♥ **Advocacy**.

♥ **SUPPORT** for parents, families, straight/gay spouses and GLBT people. In the confidential setting of our monthly meetings, we provide each person – at any stage of their journey – the chance to share experiences and issues in a safe, supportive, friendly environment. We also show public support for the GLBT community and our GLBT loved ones.

PFLAG Tucson support activities include the monthly meetings, marching in the annual Gay Pride Parade, staffing a booth at Pride in the Desert, and hosting recognition dinners each year celebrating GLBT youth, seniors, and couples.

♥ **EDUCATION**, both individually and in our community. We promote respect and understanding of GLBT relationships as healthy, normal, and loving, and of GLBT people as responsible, productive, and caring human beings.

PFLAG Tucson education activities include annual fundraising and scholarships to GLBT youth and adults whose college educations can further LGBT equality. Also, speaker panels address college classes and organization meetings.

♥ **ADVOCACY** in a grassroots fashion for equal rights – not special rights – for our relatives and friends.

We fought against a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in Arizona and have advocated for domestic partner benefits for state employees. We speak out against unequal treatment of GLBT people and hate crimes against them.

## Become a part of the PFLAG Tucson family

### I am interested:

- Add me/us to your email list (email address below).
- Send an information packet (topics of special interest) to me:

- I would like to help with special events or volunteer other services – please contact me.
- I want to help out with a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I want to join PFLAG Tucson. I enclose dues for:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Individual membership.....\$40
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Family membership .....\$50
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring membership.....\$250
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime membership .....\$1000

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner/Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership information is kept strictly confidential and will be used only for purposes related to PFLAG.*

PFLAG is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To support our efforts, complete this membership form and mail with your check payable to **PFLAG Tucson** to:

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Tucson, AZ 85740

