

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

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



**Next Sharing Meeting
Sunday, February 16th
2:30 to 4:30
Kenilworth United Church of Christ**

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 this option.

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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 agree at all times, 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.

Donation Allows PFLAG to Strengthen Mission and Impact

Late last year, The Greater Buffalo Community Foundation, with funds from The Colligan Family Fund, donated \$1000.00 to PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara.

This very generous grant will allow PFLAG to expand scholarship awards and assist local Gay Straight Alliances (GSA's) , as well as offer more resources to parents, friends, and families.

This is the second time that such a grant was given by The Colligan Family Fund.



We here at PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara send heartfelt thanks to the Colligan Family along with our promise that their donation will be used solely to promote the work of PFLAG and its mission in the Western New York area.



PFLAG SPREADS WORD OF MISSION WITH LOCAL COUNSELORS



On January 10th, Lisbeth Ball and Julie Christiano, PFLAG board members, spoke to The High School Counselors Association of Western New York. The group's monthly meeting was held at Medaille College.

The two PFLAGers spoke about PFLAG's origins and purpose, focusing on how PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara helps through sharing meetings and scholarships. Brochures and bookmarks were given to attendees. Now many more counselors' offices around the area will have information and resources to pass out to students and parents in need of support.

We thank the group for inviting us to speak and share. If anyone is interested in having PFLAG speak to a group, please contact us. We will be happy to spread the PFLAG word!

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