

PFLAG BUFFALO/NIAGARA



Our Next Sharing Meeting

Sunday, January 16th 1:00-2:30

Zoom Meeting # 555 112 0003 Passcode 700

Outside of virtual group sharing/support meetings, New Parent Virtual Meetings can be scheduled for those in need monthly meetings. Call our Helpline to request a meeting. Please reach out. We are here for you.

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We meet because we have learned someone 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.

MANY THANKS TO COLLIGAN FAMILY FUND FOR DONATION



PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara had an extra reason to be thankful in 2021. In late November, we received word that The Colligan Family Fund at The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo donated \$1000.00 to our chapter.

We are extremely thankful for this generous donation and to the Colligan Family Fund advisors for choosing us to receive this funding.

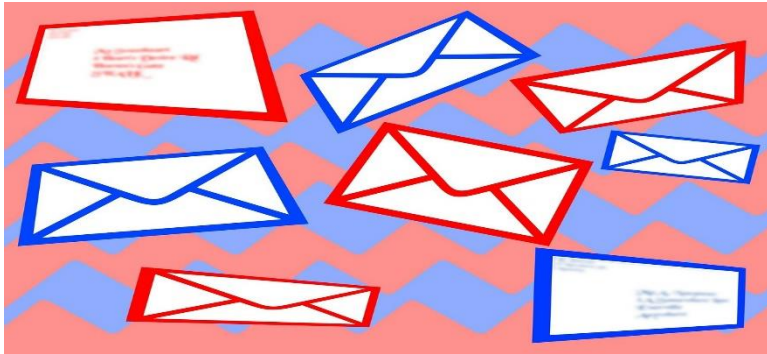
The monies will be used for our outreach to local schools, agencies, and people who could benefit from PFLAG support.

This donation will be used for the printing and mailing costs associated with this outreach. The remainder of the donation will be used towards our annual scholarships and grants to school groups.

Thank you so much, Colligan Family Fund and Colligan Family! Your continued support will make a difference keeping PFLAG an active and helpful resource in the community.

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PFLAG IN A BAG



Recently, PFLAG B/N created bags with our updated brochures, bookmarks, and “bling” (beads, pencils, and assorted PFLAG branded items). Many thanks to board member Sharon Barrett for getting the materials printed and then organized into the attractive and convenient “PFLAG in a Bag” packs.

The bags were distributed to counselors attending the Counselors’ Association of WNY. We send our thanks to Dr. Mark Veronica, president of the organization.

This group has worked with PFLAG and our scholarships in the past and we are very grateful for them helping us with distribution of our materials.

Also, brochures and bookmarks were mailed to other Erie and Niagara County high schools, public, private, and charter schools who were not in attendance at that meeting. These two distributions are the first steps in our goal of reintroducing (or introducing as well) ourselves to those who can recommend our support services.

We know the information will be used when families need our support and the counselors have our name and materials ready to share.

Middle schools and mental health agencies are next on the mailing list! We are excited about the outreach effort and know it will be helpful. Our goal is to increase awareness of PFLAG so that those in need will know to call us and/or come to a support meeting.

We especially thank the Colligan Family Fund (see previous article) for its donation that is funding this outreach effort.

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