

**PFLAG BUFFALO/NIAGARA**  
**Parents, Families, Friends, And Allies United with LGBTQ People**

**April Sharing Meeting**  
**via Zoom**  
**Sunday, April 18th**  
**2:30-4:00**



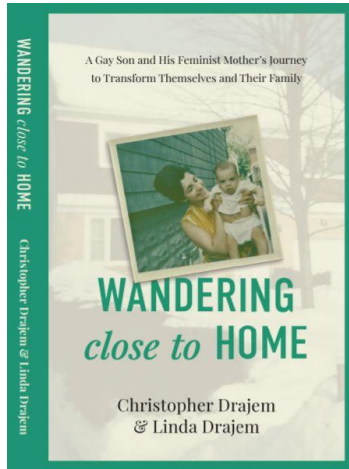
*Please leave contact information at 883-0384 at least 24 hours before the meeting. You will be sent the meeting codes.*

In addition, outside of our monthly group sharing/support meeting, New Parent Virtual Meetings can be scheduled for those in need of support and information between 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.**



### ***AUTHORS BRING BOOK TO LIFE AT PFLAG BOOK TALK***

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Linda and Christopher Drajem discussed their book, *Wandering Close to Home*. This longtime PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara mother and her son wrote the book about their experiences as a “gay son and his feminist mother on a journey to transform themselves and their family.”

During the Zoom talk, each read powerful excerpts that gave insights into their lives and hearts. A question-and-answer period followed; attendees gained further insights into their lives and journeys as well as how the book came to be.

We are so thankful that Linda and Christopher spoke with us; it was a memorable night. One attendee summed it up perfectly, “I really enjoyed the reading and discussion. Truly, the message was loud and clear. Love in a family and love for a mate enable all to live a full rich life without ‘settling’ for less. A great lesson for everybody.”

We hope to host more talks and are privileged that this first talk had PFLAG and Buffalo connections as well as highlighting such a wonderful work.

We heartily recommend *Wandering Close to Home*, available at Talking Leaves, Amazon, and our PFLAG library upon request.

You can read more about the book and other Drajem writings on LGBTQ issues by going to [drajem.com](http://drajem.com).

Thank you, Linda and Christopher!

## **LIST OF PROVIDERS**



*We are often asked for names of mental health providers. We do not have our own list, but GLYS Western New York has a list that we will share. You may access the full list by following or cutting and pasting this link:*

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16cJsel84kWrsskW4oTJMb7YAk1eEYcNDaIFljcveA/edit?usp=sharing>

*GLYS Western New York and PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara do not endorse or recommend these practitioners, but these providers have met GLYS's criteria for inclusion. If you do use one of these or another practitioner, GLYS asks that you give an evaluation by using this link:*

<https://forms.gle/CsRHX7bz86pFZJRK8>.

## **THREE PFLAG SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**



This year PFLAG is offering 3 scholarships of \$500.00 each to graduating seniors. The application is available at [www.pflagbuffalo.org](http://www.pflagbuffalo.org); follow the Scholarship/Grants tab. The requirements are listed in the application.

Please share this news with students in your family or in your lives. These past two school years have been so challenging for teens.

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