

PFLAG BUFFALO/NIAGARA

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



We want everyone to be safe and act in personal and community interest.

We have a sharing meeting scheduled for April 19th but will update if it is canceled. We will notify you via email and Facebook.

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.

LOCAL GROUP DONATES FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara offers two \$500.00 scholarships each June: The Mary L. Hewett Scholarship and the Marvin J. Henchbarger Scholarship are offered annually. This year, we are extremely pleased to announce there will be an additional \$500.00 scholarship offering to graduating seniors.



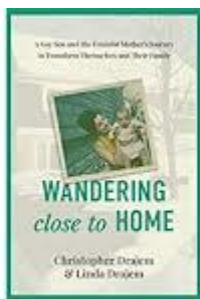
The Buffalo Bears, a local gay men's organization, is fully funding a third scholarship. A social organization that also raises funds to help local groups, the Bears chose PFLAG as this year as the recipient of their fundraising. Board members met with Ken and other members at their monthly meeting. The group wanted their funds to go to benefit the youth of the area, and decided to fund a scholarship award to a local LGBTQ student. PFLAG members met with the Bears on March 14th to accept the check and thank them for their wonderful donation. Please share the word of this and our 2 annual scholarships.

Despite the closure of schools and cancellation of conferences, students can still apply for these monies as they prepare for college entrance.

Again, PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara thanks Ken and the Buffalo Bears for their generous gift! It was a pleasure meeting you and learning about your history of helping others in the Western New York Area.

Here is the link for the applications: <https://www.pflagbuffalo.org/scholarships-and-grants>.

LOCAL AUTHOR TO SHARE ABOUT NEW BOOK AT MEETING



★★★★★ (13 Reviews)

As part of our April meeting, Linda Drajem, longtime local PFLAG mom, will talk about a book she co-wrote with her son Christopher. Please consider attending to hear about this powerful book and then stay for sharing. The book tells of the journeys of Linda and her son Christopher as each moved toward becoming their authentic selves. The book is titled, *Wandering Close to Home: A Gay Son and His Feminist Mother's Journey to Transform Themselves and Their Family*.

Linda has been involved with PFLAG as a mother, board member, and supporter for decades. She has also spoken at meetings about the power of writing, blogging, and the blog she and her son Christopher use to share thoughts on current events that impact the LGBTQ world.

To keep current in between newsletters, visit these PFLAG online locations.

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