

Creating a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

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LEADING WITH LOVE



We send love to our subscribers. Thank you for being a part of our PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara family. Thank you for helping us lead with love.



SHARING MEETING
Sunday, February 16th
1:00-2:30
We will meet virtually.

Please call the Helpline (716.883.0384) for Zoom codes. If you have joined virtually before, the same codes will give access.

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Please set aside time this month to learn about important LGBTQIA+ people of color.

You can learn about many heroes, artists, and trailblazers by following the links below.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/nbc-out-proud/black-history-month-17-lgbtq-black-pioneers-who-made-history-n1130856>

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/blog/against-the-erasure-of-black-queer-history/>

APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE!

On January 16th PFLAG B/N was privileged to screen the film *This Time*. This award-winning movie tells the story of a closeted teenager, Grace, and her unlikely ally, Red.

There was no need to fight the weather or highway as the screening was via Zoom. That made it easy for members of PFLAG Rochester to watch with local attendees.

The audience gave “This Time” a resounding 5 stars, applauding the quality, content and messages of the film. The comments were all positive and people were happy that PFLAG B/N offered this “super” film and screening for their viewing.

PFLAG thanks director Robert Vaughn for offering this film to us. We thank Pat Cole from Rochester for her help getting the word out, and finally, we thank all who attended to share the struggles and successes of Grace and Red in *This Time*.



FAST AND FREE HELP ON THE WAY

Did you know important downloads are available from PFLAG National? We have shared some titles before, but we wanted to let you know that more are available. You will be able to download books offering guidance about when a loved one comes out as well as books about having a LGBTQ+ child or LGBTQ+ grandchild. PFLAG National is here for you with important and immediate resources.

Hard copies are available for purchase, but free and fast books can be yours in seconds.



<https://pflag.org/find-resources/>

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On November 20th, the Pride Center of Western New York hosted a Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) virtual event. Every year Pride Center gathers people together to remember, reflect, and support. Lisbeth Ball and Julie Christiano, PFLAG board members attended.

The names of the 48 trans victims of deadly violence were read by the Pride panel, honored in a solemn roll call. One participant said, “This day of collective mourning.” But it was also described as “a rallying cry for change and a day of solidarity.”

Afterward, a panel discussion followed. One of the panel members said the day was “to grieve for people we’ve lost but also a good time to come together.” Another panelist, Ari Moore, local leader and advocate, was strong in her belief that though she is a trans activist, not all can do the same. Ms. Moore stated, “Those who can be forerunners, bless you. But not everybody can be in front of City Hall or in Albany. Just by existing, we are resisting.”

Another powerful message was that even though TDOR is a solemn time, “There is plenty of trans joy” and to honor the victims “we should live out best lives for them.”

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara sends sincere gratitude to the Pride Center for this TDOR event.