



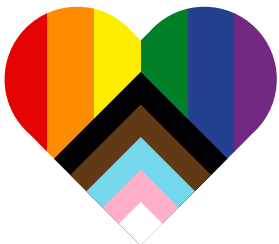
PFLAG Fort Worth

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To attend virtual PFLAG Fort Worth events, see our website for a link pflagfortworth.org

For Dallas PFLAG - www.pflagdallas.org



Let's work together to make Texas a better, safer place for LGBTQ+



PFLAG.org says, "No matter who we are, what we look like, or who we love, we know our communities are stronger when we show up for each other. But an organized effort to divide us has pushed laws to remove our trans and queer loved ones from public life, to ban the resources that help our kids learn, to force Black people, immigrants and LGBTQ+ people out of our jobs and homes, and to control whether and when we grow our families." [Read more here about voting with love.](#)

PFLAG Fort Worth

Meeting and Support Group

First Thursday Every Month
6:45pm Social
7:00 Meeting/Support Groups
(7:00 on Zoom too)

Celebration Community Church Fellowship Hall
908 Pennsylvania, Ft Worth

Transgender Support Group

Last Sunday Every Month
3:00-5:00 on Zoom

**Share our stories,
Share our strength.**

Talk a little or a lot as you want

You do not need to be a member and there is no cost to attend.

LET'S TALK

Transgender Support Group

In Partnership with

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Hurst

VIRTUAL on Zoom

LAST SUNDAY of Every Month 3-5pm

Talk as much or as little as you want

Share Our Stories - Share Our Strength

PFLAG Fort Worth
Call or Email for Link

817-382-7353

info@pflagfortworth.org



CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

908 PENNSYLVANIA AVE . FT WORTH . TX

#TRADITIONWITHOUTJUDGMENT

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM

www.celebration-community-church.com

Comprehensive Schools for All - GSA Network

Founded in 1998, the GSA (Genders and Sexualities) Network originally was called the "Gay Straight Alliance" until 2016.

Now, the organization focuses on all genders and sexualities. [Read more here.](#)

When there is a GSA in a school, there is evidence that there is less bullying. [Read more here.](#) [And read more here](#)

J. Loving, co-Executive Director of GSA speaks for GSA, "This 2024 election year, one of the most important things we can fight for is our right to learn—our right to grow, to transform, to become, and to express our mind's potential—this collective birthright is fundamental."

[Read more here.](#)

GSA Advisor - Tim Walz

As a high-school teacher and coach, Tim Walz decided to sponsor a GSA club at the high school where he and his wife were teaching. Walz said he decided to serve as advisor when he saw gay students bullied by other students. Walz said the advisor "really needed to be the football coach, who was the soldier and was straight and was married." [Read more here](#)

PFLAG Fort Worth's meeting/support group

meets on the First Thursday of every month. We look forward to seeing you on September 5 at 6:45pm, when we meet for a social time. At 7:00, we have a speaker. At about 8:00, we gather in small groups to share our stories. You can talk as much or as little as you want, or not at all.



Our speakers are excellent, and many are from our LGBTQ+ community.

PFLAG Fort Worth meets in the Fellowship Hall building behind Celebration Community Church at 908 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth, TX. Parking is free and easy to find.

Family support and acceptance are critical to the health and wellbeing of LGBTQ+ individuals. Come to PFLAG Fort Worth to give and receive support.

You do NOT need to be a member to attend, There is no cost to attend.

Ben Greene, Author of My Child Is Trans, Now What?

Our speaker this month is Ben V. Greene, author of the book, My Child Is Trans, Now What? In his book, Ben warmly encourages readers to learn more about and accept those all of those who are trans, non-binary, and questioning. Ben is an openly transgender man whose career as a public speaker "to spreading empathy, awareness, and understanding about the transgender community."

Our Fort Worth Public library has 2 copies of Ben Greene's book in their collection. One is at Summerglenn Library and the other is at East Regional Library in Fort Worth. [Read more about Ben Greene here](#)



PFLAG Confab - 2nd Wednesday

Join us for fun and casual conversation every 2nd Wednesday for the month about 6:30ish. Ruby with the glorious red hair usually arrives first to save us a table at Shaws Patio Bar and Grill, easily found at 1051 W. Magnolia, Fort Worth, just south of downtown. Parking is free and easy to find. We'll see you there!



LEADING WITH LOVE

Ben Greene writes, "I am not suggesting that you raise your children entirely absent of gender. What I'm advising is that you raise your children with openness to things outside of what's typically expected of their gender."

LEADING WITH LOVE

Ben writes, "...if there's one thing you take away from this book, it's that there is no right or wrong way for anyone to identify as anything. There is no set schedule, no set of steps, and no process that's required for someone to officially be trans, nonbinary, or any other identity."

y'ALL: LGBTQ+ Voices of Fort Worth

The English department at TCU has been publishing a community outreach “chapbook” since 2019. A chapbook is a short book focused on one particular theme or topic. Started by Dr. Chantel Carlson, the series of chapbooks originally focused on stories from individuals involved with the Women’s Center, arranged in dramatic monologues within each chapbook.

In 2023 Dr. Carlson and Dr. Mat Wenzel started a new series, focusing on LGBTQ+ stories in Fort Worth composed of transcripts of recorded oral histories. Luke Judd is a founding member of this publication, as well as the student Editor-in Chief. Together, they have been working on expanding the project to create an online archive of LGBTQ+ oral histories to supplement the chapbook.

Luke and Mat are seeking volunteers to record their oral history about their LGBTQ+ experiences in Fort Worth and the greater Fort Worth area, as well as volunteers who are interested in conducting oral history interviews with local LGBTQ+ individuals. For more info visit this link.
<https://1147.tcu.edu/category/community-perspectives/>



[Read about queertime in cowtown here](https://1147.tcu.edu/category/community-perspectives/)

Questions about the project? Want to be involved?

Contact Mat and Luke at eleven40seven.yall@gmail.com

And engage with our previous work at

<https://1147.tcu.edu/category/community-perspectives/>

Exerpts from A Conversation by Luke Judd and Mat Wenzel

Mat Wenzel: Luke! What’s your experience been like so far?

Luke Judd: My experience has been amazing! Honestly, the chapbook has been the best part of my experience at TCU.

Mat: I think as a writer and scholar I was really excited to get some Queer voices in print. ... The team decided to make a video and you took on that project all on your own. The way people really responded to your video that included archival footage paired with the actual recorded voices of the people printed in the chapbook really blew me away. Even now, when I watch it, I’m so moved in a way that the chapbook doesn’t really do. (The chapbook has lots of other effects, though, like entering into formal archives these stories that scholars and researchers can use in the future). I love that you made another video last semester to go with that chapbook, and people have really responded to that one as well. What was your process like in making these videos? How do you view their relationship to the printed chapbook?

Luke: Honestly, making those videos has been really impactful for me...being able to do what I love and produce something that brought me to tears to even make was really important to me. Hearing people’s stories was already something that got me emotional, but then when I was looking for videos and photos online of LGBTQ+ Fort Worth life, it was incredibly impactful. It was people that LIVED here, being out, and being proud about it in these videos. I remember when I showed my mom the videos, she even knew who some of them were from when she was involved in the LGBTQ+ scene and it just meant a lot to me to know that the people I was looking at, lived in the same place as me, and for a lot of them paved the way for things and parts of life I am able to enjoy today. Unfortunately, I am running a little dry on footage so I would love to get any videos or pictures anyone would be interested in submitting. I know we’ve been talking about moving the chapbook to an online platform, why do you think that’s important?

Mat: Yes, tears literally every time I watch the videos. I think an online archive is important to me because it doesn’t live completely in academia... I’m more interested in building something that the larger LGBTQ+ community can benefit from, free of charge. What I’m really looking for is community. I want us to hear these stories and cry together and laugh together. I want the stories to remind of us more and more stories. And the closer bonds we build through community the more empowered we’ll be to protect the most vulnerable among us—because it seems pretty clear that the social and governmental structures that currently exist either ignore the most vulnerable, (continued on the Page 4)



(Exerpts from a conversation by Luke Judd and Mat Wenzel continue here)

...or are outright against them. That's sort of my vision. This is your last official semester with the project. What's your vision for the future?

Luke: I know, I really wish it wasn't. I want to graduate, but I do not want to leave this project, that's for sure...as far as my own vision for the future, I think you are so right about the way there needs to be more queer research, more community building within the queer community and I think projects like this are the way to do it. I for sure want to stay involved in this as much possible, and really push it out into the community. I think today, there is a really big gap between generations when it comes to communication, which I've heard is becoming more and more of a problem. People are making friends outside of their age range less and less, which I think is especially worrying for the LGBTQ+ community, because there is so much to be taught generation to generation, both older to younger, and younger to older, and without that form of connection, it can be easy to become disconnected from your community. I think especially now that there is no longer as much of a communal space in bars, though there's still some, they are becoming less popular in the community, so we need new ways to get stories out there, because even if one person sees a story that makes them think, hey that reminds me of myself, and I'm going to be okay, then I think it's worth it.



LGBTQ SAVES

LGBTQ SAVES' mission is "to provide safe, brave spaces for social and personal development of LGBTQ youth." For info write bertinand.gardiner@lgbtqsaves.org Read more here

Important Dates in September

- ♥ National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
- ♥ 09/17 National Voter Registration Day
- ♥ 09/18 National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day
- ♥ 09/21 Anniversary of *It Gets Better* Project
- ♥ 09/22 - 28 Bisexual Awareness Week
- ♥ 09/22 - 28 Ally Week
- ♥ 09/22 - 28 Banned Books Week
- ♥ 09/23 - Bi Visibility Day
- ♥ 09/27 - Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



Are you registered to vote? Will you vote in the upcoming election? Human Rights Campaign asks all of us to "show up to protect LGBTQ+ youth and our community," to "show up to reject bullies and hate," to "show up to defend our right to love who we love," to "show up to fight until every last one of us is fully free — without exception." [Read more here](#)



Trans Texans & DPS

Trans residents of Texas are now blocked from changing their gender on their driver's license. This change went into effect on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. [Read more here](#)

Looking for a Way to Help?

WHO: PFLAG Fort Worth's Sam House Supper Club

WHAT: Serve Dinner to Sam House residents, bring a dish to donate, or just come to serve.

WHEN: Fourth Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

WHERE: Samaritan House, 929 Hemphill St, Fort Worth, 76104

WHY: Because it makes a Difference

Interested? [Contact Ruby at 817-382-7353](#)

**Westside Unitarian
Universalist Church**

We Are a Welcoming Congregation

901 Page
Fort Worth, TX
76110



817.924. MYUU (6988)

Sunday Service at 10:30 in person and on Facebook Live



PFLAG has a huge selection of resources to help all of us vote. Learn all about voting.

[Read here about voting while trans/non-binary.](#)

[Read here about voting with a disability.](#)

[Read here about your voting rights](#)

[Read here about the Election Protection Hotline](#)

[Read here about the U.S. DOJ Voting Rights Hotline](#)

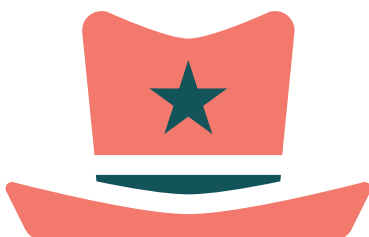


Let's Get Out the Vote Like a PFLAG Texan!

[Read more here about All You Need to Know to Vote, and Get Out the Vote, Like a PFLAGer.](#)

GLSEN School Survey Request

Request from GLSEN. "If you are 13 years or older and identify as LGBTQ+ and/or two spirit and you attended middle or high school in the US last year, this survey is for you. At GLSEN, we know that LGBTQ+ youth of color, trans students, students with disabilities, youth living in rural areas have unique experiences in schools. If you are a student with those experiences and identities, we especially want to hear from you! If this doesn't describe you, you can still help us by sharing this survey with others." [Read more here](#)



Voting is a key part of our participation in society and having our voices heard in the issues that affect us all, and we have the right to vote regardless of gender identity. Having ID that doesn't match your gender identity or presentation should not affect your right to cast a ballot, in any state. But with increasingly strict voter ID laws, trans people may face barriers—both because of difficulties in obtaining an ID that's accepted, or because they might run into bias or misunderstandings of the law when it comes to their gender.

As the fight against restrictive voter ID and other voter suppression laws continues, knowing your rights can help avoid or solve problems at the polls. We want everyone to get out and vote! Find out what your state's laws are, what to expect at the polls, and what to do in case your right to vote is challenged.

CHECKLIST BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Check your voter registration status at [HeadCount.org](https://headcount.org). If you are not yet registered, follow the instructions at vote.gov.

If you are registered, verify that the name and address on your registration are up to date, and if not, make sure to update your information.

Check to see what, if any, ID is required when you vote in your state by going to 866ourvote.org/state, and then get the appropriate form of ID if needed.

If ID is needed in your state, make sure your name and address on your voter registration matches your name and address on your ID by the election. But don't worry if your gender identity or gender presentation doesn't match your name, photo, or gender marker, as that is not required by law.

Consider signing up to vote by mail, also known as absentee voting, if your state allows it. Find out more at usa.gov/absentee-voting.



PFLAG National advises, "If ID is required in your state, bring it. It is also helpful to bring your voter registration card, a utility bill showing the address where you are registered, and our #VotingWhileTrans one-pager. If poll workers question your identity or eligibility to vote, show them the utility bill and the "Information for Poll Workers and Election Officials" section of our #VotingWhileTrans guide." They are available in English and in Spanish. [Access these here.](#)

How Many Reasons to Vote Can You Think Up?

Are you going to vote? Do you know someone who is thinking of just NOT voting? How many reasons to vote in the upcoming election can you think of? Here is a list of 30 reasons to vote. Did you think of all of these? Did you think of more? Please keep this list along with your list of reasons to vote and pull it out when you hear someone say, "I don't think I'll vote. Why should I bother to vote? I don't want to waste my time." [Read the list of 30 reasons to vote here.](#)

To Our PFLAG Fort Worth Members and Friends

Membership and/or Donations

To join PFLAG Fort Worth and/or make a donation, please go to www.pflagfortworth.org

Also, there are two ways to interact with PFLAG Fort Worth through PayPal!

To make a donation go to paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2047249

To set up a recurring membership, go to our website, pflagfortworth.org.

Click on the Membership tab on the top, then choose the level of membership you want.

Complete the process through PayPal (if you don't have PayPal, it's free and easy to set up).

The advantage to using PayPal online is you don't have to remember to renew every year!

The PFLAG mission of support, education, and advocacy is as vital as ever. Please continue your support by renewing your membership, attending meetings, and/or donating to PFLAG Fort Worth so we can fulfill our mission. Despite a growing acceptance of diversity in our society we are all too aware of hostility and worse toward LGBTQ persons. Please help PFLAG keep working toward the society we want; where people are informed, rights are protected, and families find care and understanding.

Among the ways we served our mission 2022-2023:

- Speaking to Fort Worth ISD teachers, counselors, and administrators about equality
- Offering a monthly speaker and support group, in person and on Zoom
- Providing a monthly dinner for up to 50 Fort Worth Samaritan House residents
- Making Christmas stocking for Samaritan House children, providing money for Halloween costumes, and tutoring residents
- Proudly marching in the Fort Worth and Dallas Pride parades
- Staffing a booth at the Fort Worth Pride Festival and Picnic events

- Sharing our mission of advocacy, support, and education to business, universities, and federal agencies, including the TCU Education Department
- Offering a monthly trans Support Group on Zoom with partner St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Hurst, TX

Goals for October 2023 - September 2024:

- Offer scholarship to graduating seniors of LGBTQ Saves
- Develop ways to become more visible to those who need us and don't know we are here
- Send an officer to the PFLAG National Conference
- Continue advocating for the LGBTQ community with businesses, educators, and families

Everything we undertake has a financial outlay for materials, space, publicity, fees, insurance, printing, etc., and proudly, scholarship awards. We are making a difference and need you with us. Please help PFLAG Fort Worth move equality forward during the coming year with your financial generosity, time, and talent. Commit to our mission of support, education, and advocacy. Attend our meetings to connect with us!



PFLAG FORT WORTH, TEXAS

PFLAG Fort Worth promotes the health and well-being of LGBTQ people and their families and friends through support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.