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PFLAG Riverview Newsletter

Our Mission

Our mission is to build on a foundation of loving families united with LGBTQ+ people and allies who support one another, and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value and affirm LGBTQ people.

Director's Corner

Thanksgiving is a few weeks away, which means gathering around the table to share a feast and create wonderful memories with family. Unfortunately, for those who have come out and have been rejected, it can be the most painful day of the year. I have learned many things since joining PFLAG, but one of the most important is that there are relatives and then there is family.

I'm so grateful for my PFLAG FAMILY, where there is always unconditional love & support. Please know we will be here during difficult times and to celebrate with you when you shine. I hope you will plan to come our Holiday party, November 30th, so we can celebrate the season together.

With much love,

Jodi Chadwell Vice President-Co-Founder PFLAG Riverview



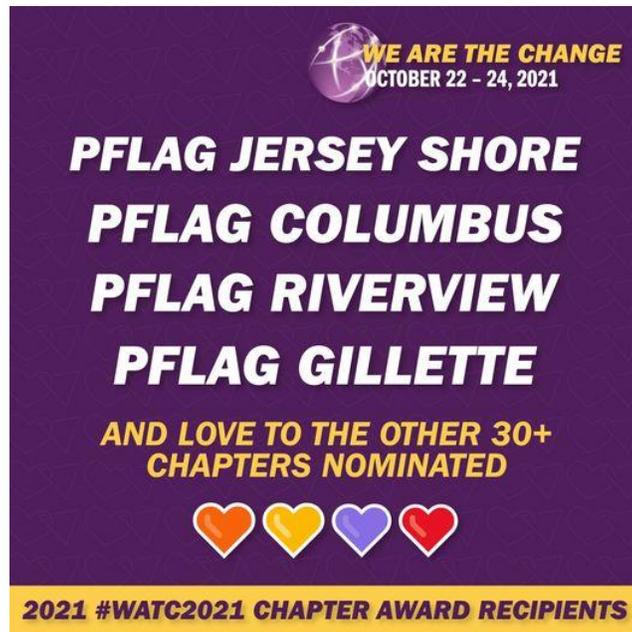
October Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that attended our Painting Party in October! A big thank you to Pinots Palette as well! We had a blast and our chapter raised \$770!



PFLAG National Award

“We are honoring four exceptional PFLAG Chapters that have shown up for their communities over the last 18 months. Won't you join us in congratulating [PFLAG Jersey Shore](#), [PFLAG Columbus](#), [PFLAG Riverview](#) and [PFLAG Gillette](#) along with the other 30+ Chapters nominated for critical work being done to further acceptance and [#equality](#) in communities around the country.” -PFLAG National



We are honored & grateful to be one one of the PFLAG National Award Recipients. [PFLAG Riverview](#) honors every person who is being the change they want to see happen in our world!! LGBTQ+ people deserve equality, affirmation, & the freedom to love who they love & be all of who they truly are without fear or shame!!

 -Faith Moller PFLAG Riverview President
December 28th 7:00pm: PFLAF Connects In-Person Meeting at The Regent

Upcoming Events

November 9th 7:00pm: PFLAG Connects Zoom Support Meeting Our Special Guest will be Jessica DelleChiaie, she identifies as a lesbian, her pronouns are she/her/hers and she served under “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell.” Here is her bio:

I was born and raised in Massachusetts. In 2002 I joined the Air Force as a Medic and was stationed at MacDill AFB, FL. In 2004, I deployed to Balad, Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. I was medically retired from the USAF in 2006. I earned a bachelors and master’s degree from the University of South Florida in 2012/2014 respectively. I have been employed at the Tampa VA Hospital since 2008 originally as a nursing assistant, but I am now a registered nurse working as the Nurse Recruiter. I have an 11-year-old son who is in 6th grade and enjoys soccer, coding, and of course anything on his phone or YouTube.



November 11th 12:00pm-2:30pm: Nov. 11th is a No School Day for Veterans Day!! Drop your teen or tween off at the Food Court for pizza prior to them dividing into teams to go on a Mall Scavenger Hunt!! Send money for lunch if they would rather eat something else. Please comment below the names & pronouns of the kids you are dropping off to us. Please RSVP to Pflagriverviewfamily@gmail.com.

November 12th: Tampa Pride at the Zoo: If you would like to volunteer at Pride at the Zoo, please contact Debbie Ducko for more information mdducko@gmail.com or FB message

November 16th 7:00pm : PFLAG Riverview Zoom Board Meeting. If you are interested in attending, please email Faith.pflagriverviewfamily@gmail.com

November 30th 7:00pm: Holiday Party at The Regent

Let's celebrate the holiday season together with a Friendsgiving style meal, a Holiday PJ Contest, & a White Elephant Gift exchange. You and your family are invited to join us. Doors will open at 6:30pm. PFLAG will cover the meat, drinks, and desserts. Everyone else bring a side to share. (Feel free to bring you favorite adult beverage if you are over the age of 21.) Holiday Pajamas are encouraged but not mandatory. We will have a contest for Prizes!! Everyone (including kids) should bring a new gift wrapped that is a \$20 value to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange. PLEASE RSVP pflagriverviewfamily@gmail.com or FB invite HOW MANY GUESTS YOU WILL BE BRINGING & WHICH SIDE. Thank you and hope you can join us!!

***** Please take note due to the Thanksgiving holiday we will be meeting the 5th Tuesday of the month instead of 4th Tuesday*****

Future Events

December 14th 7:00pm: PFLAG Connects on Zoom Support Meeting

December 28th 7:00pm: PFLAG Connects In-Person at The Regent

***From time to time, we have special guests share on both zoon and in-person support meetings. Please feel free to email Faith at Pflagriverviewfamily@gmail.com to offer your suggestions for future topics of discussion.*

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<http://www.pflagriverview.org/>

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WE CELEBRATE
PRIDE 365

