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Parents, Families and Friends ~~of~~ ^{And} Lesbians and Gays
(and Bisexual, Transgender, and "Questioning" People)

August 25, 2011

Dear **members** and **friends** of **PFLAG Phoenix**,

Thank you for your ongoing interest, support and participation in our PFLAG Phoenix chapter during the past year. It's that time of year once again that **we ask for your continued support** of our critical work by **joining** or **renewing** your **PFLAG Phoenix membership**.

***** Please **join/renew** your membership **online** *****
***** **TODAY** at www.pflagphoenix.org, or *****
***** complete & return the **enclosed membership form**. *****





Your financial support helps us fulfill our mission of *support, education and advocacy* for and on behalf of our local LGBTQIA community. Below are just a **few examples** of what **your financial support** has helped us accomplish during these past twelve months:

- Staffed PFLAG information tables at the following events **outside** the LGBTQIA community:
 - at the 64th Annual Navajo Indian Fair (for **five** days!) – the **first** LGBTQIA organization to do so within Arizona's Native American community!
 - at the Chandler Multi-Cultural Fair, and at the Tempe Family/Youth MyFest Fair.
 - at the Arizona Marriage and Family Therapist Conference – the **first** LGBTQIA organization to be invited to their annual conference!
- Sponsored a Family Pride Night at a Phoenix Suns game in March – two months **prior** to Suns president and CEO Rick Welt's highly publicized "coming out".
- Participated in a peaceful protest during a national Exodus International Conference in Phoenix where "reparative therapy" was being presented as a "cure" to being LGBTQ.
- Presented "Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity/Expression & PFLAG 101" sessions via our busy Speakers Bureau to a number of college classes and businesses in the Valley.
- Kept our members, supporters and the LGBTQIA community informed of breaking news, community events, and advocacy alerts via our extensive website (www.pflagphoenix.org), our chapter email list, and our **very active** Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PFLAGphoenix).
- Awarded three scholarships totaling \$2,500.00 from among a field of worthy applicants.

Another huge accomplishment was the addition of **two** new support group meetings to our existing **five** support group meetings that are operated by PFLAG Phoenix. In April, we started our **new Fountain Hills support group** which meets **every fourth Friday** at 7:00pm.

In June, we started another support group designed to target the unique needs of the local **Native American LGBTQIA community** – the **first** such PFLAG support group in the U.S.! This group meets every **second Tuesday** at 7:00pm. With the addition of these two groups, **PFLAG Phoenix is now serving approximately 170 individuals per month/over 2,000 per year!**

So, what does your financial contribution buy for our chapter? *

	\$ 35:	One month's rent at our North Scottsdale location; OR , 30 PFLAG "Our Sons & Daughters" booklets.
	\$ 45:	One-tenth of our annual credit card processing fees; OR , 75 color tri-fold PFLAG Phoenix brochures.
	\$ 100:	One-half of our annual telephone/fax service expense; OR , one-half of our annual office supplies expense.
\$ 250:	Registration fees to the AZ Family Therapist Conf.; OR , five month's rent for our bilingual meeting.	
\$ 500:	Registration fees for our Phoenix Pride festival booth; OR , our annual website and email service costs.	
\$1,000:	Annual rent at our Central Phoenix support meeting; OR , one-third of our annual printing/publications costs.	

* **\$15.00** of every **Phoenix membership** goes to PFLAG National (*unless you opt out on the enclosed form*) to support their work educating and advocating at the national level.
***** PFLAG Phoenix **receives no funds** from PFLAG National. *****

It must also be noted that there are absolutely **NO PAID POSITIONS** at PFLAG Phoenix. Every officer, director, and volunteer serves without financial remuneration. **A special heartfelt THANK YOU!** goes out to **ALL** who so graciously volunteer their time and talents!

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Thank you for supporting PFLAG Phoenix!


 Sheila Lopez-Aguirre, President

P.S. As always, you **DO NOT** have to become a dues-paying member of PFLAG Phoenix to **attend** any of our support group meetings across the Valley, **participate** in any of our activities, or **volunteer** with our chapter.