



# PFLAG

## Fort Collins / Northern Colorado

### Next Meeting

**Date:** Jan 9, 7 PM Program, 8 PM Support

**Program:** The Center in Northern Colorado

Hi Everyone---our first meeting of the new year will be Monday, January 9th at 7:00pm at the Plymouth Congregational Church (916 West Prospect Road) in Fort Collins.

Please join us as we welcome staff from The Center in Denver, who will review for us their organization's vision, mission and programming. Of most interest and importance is how this will be rolled out in Northern Colorado, now that The Center has expanded to our area. The program this month will be an informal session with lots of Q&A, followed by our support hour at 8:00pm. So please join us if you can!

### PFLAG News

#### Transportation to PFLAG meetings

If you are interested in attending PFLAG meetings but need transportation, please call Craig Wilson at (970)667-5236 prior to the day of the meeting.

#### Annual membership drive

Our annual membership drive is currently in progress. Many of you received a letter inviting you to become a PFLAG member or renew your PFLAG membership. If you have not yet sent in your membership form, please do so now. If you've misplaced your membership form, one is attached to the end of this newsletter.

### Events of Local/Regional Interest

#### Jan 12: The Center stakeholder briefing

The GLBT Community Center of Colorado is proud to announce the expansion of programming to Ft. Collins and Northern Colorado beginning January 3, 2012. Carlos Martinez, CEO of The GLBT Community Center of Colorado invites you to attend a Northern Colorado stakeholder briefing and community conversation on Thursday, Jan 12, 6-8pm at Foothills Unitarian Church, 815 Yorktown Ave, Fort Collins.

The Northern Colorado office will initially be located at 212 South Mason Street, Fort Collins (former site of the Lambda Community Center). [\[Get more information here.\]](#)

### News of National/Global Interest

#### Marriage Equality in Washington State?

The governor of Washington, Chris Gregoire, announced that she will introduce and support a bill for same-sex marriage. She makes an intelligent case for why states should stay out

of the business of discrimination. She also shares her own evolution on this important issue. [\[YouTube video\]](#)

### Education and Advocacy

#### Advice to parents—your kid might be gay

The article "Open Letter to Parents: Your Kid Might Be Gay" is a thoughtful piece for all parents. It concludes with these words of wisdom:

Make certain your child knows being gay isn't bad, and maybe, just maybe, they won't feel the need to hide if they are. And then they'll have a better chance of growing up into that happy, healthy adult you dream they will become.

[\[Huff Post Gay Voices, Jan 5\]](#)

#### A heart-warming resource of love from parents

Parents and LGBT youth can find heartwarming messages of love from parents, family and friends of LGBT persons on a new web site—[aNoteToMyKid.com](#). The web site provides a grassroots movement that gives everyone—parents, family, and friends—the opportunity to express unconditional love for the LGBTQ people in their lives. [\[Huff Post Gay Voices, Jan 5\]](#)

#### I'm a straight ally because ...

Straight allies have thousands of reasons why they are allies. Now it is your chance to be part of PFLAG's national campaign to tell everyone about your reasons! Some of the PFLAG National Staff have started the effort -- check out their new photo album to get ideas.

After you've seen their reasons, download their "I'm A Straight Ally Because..." card fill it out, take a picture, and then submit the photo and card to National PFLAG! You can send your photos by e-mail to [info@straightforequality.org](mailto:info@straightforequality.org) or you can submit a photo by posting on your own profile and tagging Straight for Equality! [\[PFLAG Facebook\]](#)

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### Support PFLAG Fort Collins / Northern Colorado—Become a Member

A membership in PFLAG extends a helping hand to families who have gay members, provides educational materials for families and the public, and offers a family voice that stands for equality and justice for all human beings. You can join at any time of the year. The membership year extends from October 1 to September 30.

Name(s) of Member(s): _____	_____	Local, Student	\$15
_____	_____	Individual Membership*	\$30
Address: _____	_____	Family Membership *	\$45
City: _____	_____	Gold Membership*	\$75
State: _____ Zip Code: _____	_____	Platinum Membership *	\$100
Home Phone: _____	_____	Other Donation _____	
Other Phone: _____	_____	Email list only (no membership)	
Email: _____	*National Dues of \$15 is included with membership		

Make checks payable to **PFLAG Fort Collins** and mail to 305 West Magnolia, PMB 117, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Membership fees and contributions are tax deductible. All information will remain confidential. PFLAG is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

**MEETINGS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 6:45 pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
916 W. Prospect Rd.  
Fort Collins, Colorado

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In addition to parents, families, friends, and GLBT people, we welcome anyone involved in the coming-out process.

We welcome anyone who supports the PFLAG mission of **SUPPORT, EDUCATION and ADVOCACY** for GLBT people.