



# PFLAG BOULDER COUNTY

**PFLAG**  
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

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November 2012

## PFLAG Program: A Jihad for Love

Tuesday, November 13th, 7pm

This film is a documentary created by Muslim filmmaker, Parvez Sharma, filmed in 12 countries and 9 languages. We will hear the stories from gays and lesbians about how it is to be Muslim and gay.

Looking beyond a hostile and war-torn present, the film reclaims the Islamic concept of a greater Jihad, whose true meaning is akin to "an inner struggle" or "to strive in the path of God" allowing its remarkable subjects to move beyond the narrow concept of Jihad as holy war.

## Our Annual Potluck

Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30

Celebrate the holidays by coming to our festive potluck social where the special entertainment will be our favorite talented musical trio, **Somethin' About Lulu**. We are honored that the Lulu's will return from their much-too-long-for-their-fans sabbatical to perform for us.

Bring yourself, your friends and neighbors, and a dish to pass. The Board will furnish table settings and some main dishes. You bring salads, desserts and side dishes. Note the earlier 6:30 time.

## A Gentle Reminder about Dues

Have you paid your annual PFLAG dues yet? **Only 37 member units have paid their 2013 dues so far.**

Make PFLAG a high priority to keep our chapter strong. After the election, you can expect a phone call from a PFLAG board member. We need your suggestions, beyond dues, about how to make our chapter more effective in meeting your needs.

Mail checks to: P.O.Box 19696, Boulder, CO 80308 or pay with credit card on line: [www.pflagboulder.org](http://www.pflagboulder.org).

## Meetings

PFLAG Boulder County  
First United Methodist Church  
1421 Spruce Street  
14th & Spruce - 303.444.8164

**6:00 to 7:00 PM - Support & Advocacy Groups Meet**

**7:00 PM - Program**

At 6 p.m. a support group, especially intended for newcomers and others dealing with personal LGBT-related issues, meets in the library as long as needed. Confidentiality is promised.

The public is always welcome to the main program at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, held in the Parlor.

Contact [info@pflagboulder.org](mailto:info@pflagboulder.org) with questions, concerns, or requests for support to get a personal response.

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**And whatever you do, don't forget to vote!**

**Congratulations to Ollin Montes a Winner of the 2012  
Out In The Silence Award for Youth Activism!**

Three years ago, as stories about the alarming rates of anti-gay bullying and youth suicide gained national attention, Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer started traveling to communities across the country with their film, **Out In The Silence**, a PBS documentary about the brutal bullying of a gay teen and his family's courageous call for accountability, to raise awareness about the issues and help people develop solutions. A Longmont screening was part of their itinerary.

Besides the challenges that remain for LGBTQ safety and acceptance, Joe and Dean also learned of the vibrant new, youth-led movement that is pushing for justice. Inspired by these bold efforts, they launched a new national **Award for Youth Activism** to encourage and honor creative and courageous young people and their work to call attention to bullying and discrimination and to promote safe schools and inclusive communities for all. Nominations for inspiring individuals and organizations poured in from across the country.


On October 11, National Coming Out Day 2012 three winners of the Second Annual Award for Youth Activism included our own Ollin Montes who will receive \$1,000 and year-long outreach and promotional support for his important work from the Out In The Silence Campaign. We must add that Ollin won our PFLAG Outstanding Youth Award last May at our Appreciation Banquet. He also spoke on the Safe School Program Panel for our September program. We are proud of this well-deserved national prominence for him.



**Ollin Montes - Longmont, CO**

Last April, a right-wing talk radio jock in Colorado whipped up a firestorm of controversy about the first-ever Diversity Day at Longmont's Niwot High School, a full day of workshops aimed at encouraging students to be understanding and respectful of cultural and other differences. In the midst of all the negative attention, aimed primarily at workshops addressing LGBT issues, and efforts to shut it down, 17 year-old student Ollin Montes held his ground. As a member of the high school's Gay-Straight Alliance and the City of Longmont's Youth Council, Ollin had helped organize the event and inspired many in the community by his insistence that it go forward as planned. In fact, he understood an important organizing maxim, that in crisis comes opportunity. Diversity Day was a huge success and helped open long-needed dialogue, and build bridges, on many issues in the community!

As president of his own high school's GSA, Ollin went on to found and lead the St. Vrain Valley United Gay Straight Alliance Network, and is working with statewide advocacy organization One Colorado, to make his and other schools and communities in the region more inclusive and accepting of all.



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**First United Methodist Church of Boulder**  
is proud to host the PFLAG monthly meeting

[www.fumcboulder.org](http://www.fumcboulder.org)

Education Hour 9am - Worship 10:30am

**Celebrating Diversity**  
**Embracing Inclusivity**  
**Sharing God's Unconditional Love**

## The Current Administration's 25 Key Accomplishments for LGBT Equality

### Jobs and the Economy

- Established guidelines to help protect transgender federal employees from workplace discrimination
- Clarified the Family Medical Leave Act, FMLA, to ensure LGBT federal employees have the same protections as straight employees
- Enforced HUD's new rule against housing discrimination for LGBT people

### National Security

- Ended "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
- Permitted military chaplains to officiate same sex marriages
- Created the first ever U.S. Government strategy to combat human rights abuses against LGBT people abroad
- Ordered that transgender veterans receive respectful care through the VA
- Clarified the meaning of "Family" to include LGBT relationships, saving bi-national families from deportation
- Led a UN measure restoring "sexual orientation" to Human Rights

### Education

- The first White House conference on bullying, bringing government agencies together with community members & educators to prevent bullying
- Created the Interagency Taskforce on Bullying
- Recorded "It Gets Better" video to support LGBT youth
- Completed the first U.S. Institute of Medicine study on LGBT health

### Civil Rights

- President Obama & Vice President Biden openly support same sex marriage
- A Presidential proclamation for National Adoption Month calling for equal treatment of same-sex partners
- Declared the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, and ordered the US Attorney General to no longer defend it in court
- The Matthew Shepard/James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act
- Awarded The Medal of Freedom to Billie Jean King and Harvey Milk
- Allowed transgender Americans to receive true gender passports
- Endorsed the Respect For Marriage Act, which would allow all states to recognize any other state's gay marriage law
- Michael Fitzgerald confirmed to Federal Bench in California, President Obama's 4th openly gay nominee

### Health Care

- Signed the Affordable Care Act, expanding access to health care
- Implemented, then strengthened, hospital visitation and medical decision-making rights for LGBT patients and their partners
- Affirmed the administration's commitment to an AIDS-free generation by 2015
- Lifted the ban that prohibited people with HIV/AIDS from entering the US
- Created a National Resource Center for LGBT Elders

*The following handout was presented at a recent PFLAG Denver meeting and was approved by National PFLAG staff for distribution because it speaks of issues accomplished that affect LGBTQ equality. As a reflection of our PFLAG advocacy mission, we are sharing this impressive list of accomplishments by the current administration. Unfortunately there was no good news about LGBT equality in the opposition's platform. We tried to represent both sides!*



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## PFLAG Co-sponsors November Transgender Events

### November is Transgender Remembrance Month

PFLAG Boulder County, in cooperation with the proudly progressive, open and affirming congregation, Cairn Christian Church, will celebrate transgender persons, their families, friends and allies with two special events. The intent is to become better allies to the transgender community. While we seek to honor those who have lost their lives because of their transgender status, we also want to celebrate the unique journeys and special gifts that transgender folks bring both to churches and to the broader community. Please join us at these special events to learn more about the transgender community.

### Transgender Day of Remembrance Worship Service—November 25th 10-11:15am

In worship we will celebrate the lives of transgender people and honor the lives of those who have died at the hands of hate.

### In Their Own Words: Stories from Significant Others, Family Members, Friends, Allies (SOFFAs) of Transgender People—November 28th, 7-9pm

Contributors to the book *Trans-Kin: A Guide for Family and Friends of Transgender People* will tell their stories of learning to love and support their transgender loved ones as well as answer questions from the audience. There will be discounted copies of the book available at a book signing after the program. Coffee and snacks will be available with time to mingle with those who share your concerns.

### All events will be held at:

Cairn Christian Church • 1700 Stonehenge Drive • Lafayette CO 80026  
303.442.1861 • Pastor: Rev. Dr. Charisa Hunter-Crump

## GIC Launches Mentorship Program

The Gender Identity Center of Colorado (GIC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. GIC's mission is to provide support, outreach, and advocacy for all forms of gender identity and expression, and to educate the public.

GIC is launching a mentorship program for newly transitioning (male to female) women who are in need of positive, nonjudgmental, supportive female mentors to act as role models of female gender expression and mannerisms. This role should remain professional in nature. GIC is asking for a 3-month commitment, 4-5 hours per month (1-2 outings per month).

The role of the mentor is to meet with the newly transitioning person for interactive social activities such as coffee, shopping, museum outings, etc., to help the learner gain confidence in living as her genuine self. This is a unique opportunity for mentors to give the gift of their time to transitioning individuals who need camaraderie, respect and support. For additional information, or for mentor applications, please contact Carrie at [mentors@gicofcolo.org](mailto:mentors@gicofcolo.org) or 303-202-6466.

## PFLAG Co-Sponsors Film in Longmont

*Saturday, November 10th, 7pm*

The film *"Mosquita y Mari"* will be screened at the First Congregational Church of Christ in Longmont (1500 Ninth Ave) PFLAG is co-sponsoring this event with Bent Lens Cinema and Out Boulder. There will be a Bent Lens Salon immediately following the film. Admission is free.

An Official Selection of the 2012 Sundance Film Festival, *"Mosquita y Mari"* is a coming of age story that focuses on a tender friendship between two young Chicanas. Mounting pressures at home collide with their new-found connection, forcing them to choose between their obligations to others and staying true to themselves. To watch a trailer go to: <http://www.mosquitaymari.com/>

The Gender Identity Center will hold its annual **Transgender Day of Remembrance** on November 20<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm.  
Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Golden Co 80401

## Champion of the Moon Glories

by M. E. Corey Brown, Amazon.com :: Reviewed by Dave Parker, PFLAG Greensboro, NC

**One of the best fantasy novels I have read. Highly recommended.**

Author Corey Brown blends a new concept into the genre, adding a complex interaction of a princess and her lady-in-waiting lesbian lover and a minor noble and his gay lover in a battle with evil incarnate.

High Princess Antonia is the sole surviving child of Enre, King of Tradencia. Both her brothers have been killed in battle, while her mother has just died of an unexplained cause. Enre recognizes his mortality, and desires to marry his daughter to someone suitable to be the new King. He discusses possible partners for her in an effort to make the best choice for Antonia and the kingdom.

Antonia and her lady-in-waiting lover Kazandra are horrified by the prospect of marriage to a man. In Tradencia, Antonia's lady-in-waiting will be expected to marry immediately after her mistress. But Kazandra is intelligent – and manipulative. She has an idea how they can select Antonia's husband through subterfuge in court, with an outcome that will suit her as well.

King Enre decides to challenge his knights and nobles with a series of difficult tasks and/or decisions to determine who would be the most likely to protect and serve the county he loves. While the young men expect the winner to become the new husband for Antonia, the King actually is trying to select the most qualified leaders. Antonia will get to select from those qualified.

The story revolves around the various challengers, their friends, and their efforts to eliminate their competitors. Meanwhile, Kazandra is manipulating them in various ways that will lead to their elimination. She finds a very workable solution, but needs the help of a man with very strong magical powers to make her efforts succeed.

The lesbian and gay lovers are the stars of this story – a welcome change. Equally interesting, is the acceptance of their orientation by their family members and others around them. But their horror of mating with their potential spouses – and their solution to the problem - is the core of the story.

### TYES

**A Support Organization for Families with Gender Variant Children**

Meets, 6 p.m. on fourth Fridays  
E-mail: [TYES.group@gmail.com](mailto:TYES.group@gmail.com)

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Membership fees and contributions are tax deductible. All information will remain confidential. PFLAG is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

Thank You!!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Student \$15
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 www.pflagboulder.org

PFLAG Boulder meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 14th and Spruce, Boulder, Colorado. Program starts at 7:00 pm, sharing time begins at 6pm.

**REMEMBER**, our confidentiality pledge must not be broken.

Newsletter is published monthly. A subscription is included with each membership to PFLAG. Material related to PFLAG is welcome from any source. Deadline is the twentieth of each month. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject, or edit any material submitted.

**Membership Categories**

- \$25.00 Individual
- \$35.00 Family
- \$10.00 Student
- \$10.00 Newsletter Only
- \$50.00 Supporting
- \$100.00+ Sustaining

Membership dues are renewed on October 1st of each year. Send address changes and membership information to PFLAG, P.O. Box 19696, Boulder, CO 80308.

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**OUR MISSION**

*PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gays, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, 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 to secure civil rights.*

*PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.*

**Nov 15th—CAVP Event Helps to End Violence**

**Rooting Down, Rising Up** is the name of the fundraiser for the Colorado Anti-Violence Program (CAVP) to be held on Thursday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Turnhalle Ballroom, located on the main floor on the east side of the Tivoli building at the Auraria campus in Denver. The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, photo booth, silent auction, and an interactive multi-media program that uses a time capsule, poetry, youth-created films, testimonies and drag performances to imagine the future and honor the past. Tickets are \$25 per person, and some discounted/sponsored tickets are available. All proceeds will benefit the nonprofit CAVP, which works to end violence within and against GLBT people in Colorado. For tickets, send an email to [info@coavp.org](mailto:info@coavp.org).

**Nov 14th—Annual OASOS Community Potluck Set**

On Wednesday, November 14th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. is the annual OASOS Community Potluck. PFLAG members are invited because we support the OASOS program, its youth, and its purpose.

Please come to join in an evening of food, mingling, games, and fun. We will supply turkey and pies for the event; guests are invited to bring side-dishes and desserts. The potluck will be held at BCPH's auditorium at 3450 Broadway. RSVPs to [hcrate@bouldercounty.org](mailto:hcrate@bouldercounty.org) are appreciated; however, please don't hesitate to drop by spontaneously.

**Nov 11-18—Trans Awareness Week**

Tues 11/13: **Trans Sexual Health Workshop** @ the Pridehouse

Weds 11/14: **Trans\* & Genderqueer Support Group OPEN HOUSE: Informational Session** @ the Pridehouse, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Followed by the Trans & Genderqueer Support Group)

Fri 11/16: **Trans\* & Ally Potluck** @ the Pridehouse, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (Followed by the SOFFA Support Group—(S.O., friends, family, allies)

**Dec 2nd—12th Annual Lavendar Gala**

All Boulder County LGBTs (lesbian/gay/ bisexual/transgender) age 60 and up, allies, friends and family are welcome to this annual celebration. Organizer Nancy Grimes says, "We'll have live music for listening and dancing, and a special guest performance by Ms. Eda Bagel. Catered hors d'oeuvres are included in the \$10 suggested donation at the door; a cash bar is offered.

RSVP by Tues. Nov. 27, to 303-441-1585 or at <http://lavendergala.eventbrite.com>. Festive attire is encouraged. Call 303-441-3583 for location, to donate a door prize or to arrange a ride. Hosted by Boulder County Aging Services and sponsored by Aging Services Foundation, the Open Door Fund of The Community Foundation, the David Ensign Charitable Fund, and Out Boulder.