





## Elliot Page Announces that He is Transgender

Elliot Page, the Oscar-nominated star of the 2007 movie “Juno,” has announced that he is transgender. “I feel lucky to be writing this. To be here. To have arrived at this place in my life,” he said. Page, a 33 year old Canadian actor and producer formerly known as Ellen Page, is also known for roles in the movies “X-Men: The Last Stand,” “X-Men: Days of Future Past” and “Inception”, as well as the recent Netflix series “Umbrella Academy.”

He continued: “My joy is real, but it is also fragile. The truth is, despite feeling profoundly happy right now and knowing how much privilege I carry, I am also scared. I’m scared of the invasiveness, of the hate, the “jokes” and the violence. To be clear, I am not trying to dampen a moment that is joyous and one that I celebrate, but I want to address the full picture.



Elliot Page

“The statistics are staggering. The discrimination towards trans people is rife, insidious and cruel, resulting in horrific consequences. In 2020 alone it has been reported that at least 40 transgender people have been murdered, the majority of whom were Black and Latinx trans women.

“To the political leaders who work to criminalize trans health care and deny our right to exist and to all of those with a massive platform who continue to spew hostility towards the trans community: you have blood on your hands. You unleash a fury of vile and demeaning rage that lands on the shoulders of the trans community, a community in which 40% of trans adults report attempting suicide. Enough is enough. You aren’t being “cancelled”, you are hurting people. I am one of those people and we won’t be silent in the face of your attacks.

“I love that I am trans. And I love that I am queer. And the more I hold myself close and fully embrace who I am, the more I dream, the more my heart grows and the more I thrive. To all trans people who deal with harassment, self-loathing, abuse and the threat of violence every day: I see you, I love you and I will do everything I can to change this world for the better. Thank you for reading this.”

Elliot

See story in *New York Times* December 1, 2020: <http://nyti.ms/3pD3kBd>

## What is “Deadnaming”?

Excerpts from article in *Lifehacker* December 4, 2020

Earlier this week, Elliot Page posted a statement on Twitter introducing himself as transgender. In the same sentence, he told us his name and pronouns (he/they) and yet within minutes, many across social media and traditional news outlets broke and discussed the news using his deadname and former pronouns.

A lot of people learned the term “deadnaming” for the first time this week. Here’s what deadnaming means, why it’s harmful and how to be supportive and respectful when speaking of trans people.

A deadname is a trans person’s former name that they no longer use, also often referred to as a “given name” or “legal name”. While deadname is usually a noun, it’s also used as a verb to refer to the act of using the wrong name for a trans person.

According to the Trans Journalists Association, there is never a reason to publish someone’s deadname in a story. Deadnaming can have a significant impact on a trans individual’s well-being, undermining their gender and identity. It may remind them of people in the past who didn’t accept them for being transgender, bringing up painful emotions and memories of needing to conceal their true selves.

Using a person’s chosen name and pronouns is a simple sign of respect and a way to communicate that you accept the person for who they are.

*(Editor note: Do you think the New York Times journalist should have omitted the deadname and expected the reader to see the photo and remember who starred in “Juno”?)*

### Out Loud *(Continued from page 1)*

Thank you to Music Director Kai Brown and pianist Sandy Shroads.

Out Loud, please bring us more! We miss seeing all of you in concert.

If you want to make a donation to Out Loud Colorado Springs Men’s Chorus you can visit its website at: <http://bit.ly/2KN2wuZ>

### Thank You

To the Saponas Foundation, First Congregational United Church of Christ and the Ruskey/Bianchi Family for their significant, ongoing support of Colorado Springs PFLAG.

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To receive this newsletter regularly, go to the website: [www.cspflag.org](http://www.cspflag.org). To contact PFLAG, send email to: [information@cspflag.org](mailto:information@cspflag.org).

Support Line: (719) 425-9567

Facebook: PFLAG—Colorado Springs <https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGCS/>

PFLAG National Office website: [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)

### TransParent Group

The TransParent group for parents of gender variant and transgender youth is meeting virtually on Zoom on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00—7:30 p.m. For more information, and to receive the Zoom meeting link, email [transparenting@insideoutys.org](mailto:transparenting@insideoutys.org) or call Inside/Out at (719) 328-1056.

### TYES

Transgender Youth Education and Support (TYES) is a Boulder-based parent group that provides information and a community of support for parents of gender dysphoric and gender variant younger children. Website: [www.TYES-Colorado.org](http://www.TYES-Colorado.org).

### SAGE LGBT Senior Hotline

The SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline is available for anyone 50 or over who wishes to discuss issues related to sexual orientation/ gender identity.

Staffed entirely by highly trained LGBT volunteers, the Hotline can be reached at 888-234-SAGE from 4 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, and on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., eastern time. It can also be found at: [www.LGBTHotline.org/SAGE](http://www.LGBTHotline.org/SAGE)



## BULLETIN BOARD

**Jan. 16—Educating Children of Color Summit.** Annual one-day symposium online this year. See p. 1

**Jan 25 — Safe at School Coalition.** 5:30 p.m. Community meeting on Zoom. P. 1

### PFLAG's Welcome Letter to New Administration

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of PFLAG founder Jeanne Manford, the PFLAG National Board of Directors sent a letter to president-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President elect Kamala Harris, which said, in part:

"As parents of every race, ethnicity, faith tradition, age, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression—representing more than 400 chapters across the country, 250,000+ members and supporters, and the entire PFLAG National Board of Directors—we commit to working with you and your administration in the spirit that our founder, Jeanne Manford, set forth: Creating a country where equality and justice for all really IS for all."

(Read the complete message at: <http://bit.ly/2JCnhck> )

### The Boys in the Band

Plunge into gay life and the gay liberation movement and treat yourself to the recently released Netflix film "Boys in the Band", starring Jim Parsons, long-running star of the series "Big Bang Theory".

During its 1968 run as a play on Broadway, the show was controversial, and coincided with the Stonewall Riots that ushered in the Gay Liberation Movement. The gay community was critical of the play and also of a 1970 film version. The play was a great success when it returned to Broadway in 2018, which led to the making of the new film with essentially the same cast.

Reviews by the New York Times <http://nyti.ms/3o1Nqjr> and NPR <http://n.pr/2WUNF4b> are very interesting, as is a recent NPR interview with Jim Parsons on the radio show "Here and Now" <http://wbur.fm/380y7ST>

### "Icons" Gay Piano Bar Opens Downtown



Josh Franklin and John Wolfe

No, it's not just a bar. It's a "gay piano bar."

And it's not just a place to grab a glass of Prosecco on tap. It's a place to feel safe and loved, no matter who you love, and free to sing along to whatever tune is coming from the piano.

A couple who are business partners, Josh Franklin, a Colorado Springs native, and John Wolfe, who grew up in West Virginia, are used to singing on Broadway stages and touring theaters across

the country. But they've (mostly) paused their jobs in the arts to open Icons, what they're emphasizing as the downtown area's only food and beverage establishment designed and geared toward the LGBTQIA community. A plethora of creative cocktails accompanies their imaginative hot dog offerings.

Icons opened at 3 East Bijou Street on November 13. PFLAG sent flowers and the singers of Out Loud celebrated with them. *The Gazette* heralded the opening with a lengthy and very supportive article: <http://bit.ly/3b5n7FN>

A comment from the Icons Facebook page: "Love it. The owners are amazing and the staff is great. Boy, can they ever sing!"

Donations to help Icons weather the pandemic can be made at its Go Fund Me site by pasting this phrase into your browser: [gf.me/u/x8p4fp](http://gf.me/u/x8p4fp)

### Important

You don't always know where other people are on their journeys.

THEREFORE, PFLAG meetings, both in-person and virtual, must always be a safe space.

Who you meet, and what you hear ...

Must remain strictly confidential.

### PFLAG Colorado Springs - Financial Report for FY 2020

Bill Oliver, Treasurer

Friends, something new: a financial report showing our income and expenses for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2020. It should be no surprise that our expenditures were down this year due to Covid restrictions. For example, the big July PrideFest weekend and march were cancelled, as well as all in-person PFLAG tabling opportunities as of March. Similarly, our support to relevant service organizations was down due to their restricted operations. Fortunately, our chapter is blessed to have many generous donors, whose giving was not diminished by the pandemic.

"Zoom" has become a new normal for all of us, and it has unexpectedly become a great resource for our "3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday" monthly meetings. For example, it has enabled many non-local people to easily join us, which has contributed to participation by several first-timers each meeting. We do hope, however, that before long 2021 will be a safe year for our in-person "witnessing" of PFLAG resources and presence in the community.

**PFLAG Colorado Springs**  
**Financial Report for FY 2020**

	<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENSE</b>
Member dues	3849	Partial support for two board members to attend PFLAG National Convention	1000
Major gifts	2200	Monthly newsletter + stamps	867
King-Soopers Program	622	PFLAG literature to hand out	652
Amazon Smile Program	91	Chapter dues to PFLAG National	645
Miscellaneous	30	Co-sponsored film <i>"Unsettled"</i> at the Rocky Mtn Women's Film Festival	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>6792</b>	In support of Inside Out Youth Services' annual Queer Prom	500
		New banner plus plastic name tags	319
		Fee for tabling at <i>"Educating Children of Color"</i> at Colorado College	50
		Assorted administrative expenses	164
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4697</b>

Bill Oliver - 12/18/20

**FY2020**  
**Covid-19 Pandemic**



\$6792 income

62 paid members  
in 45 households

\$3569 spent on programs

Monthly meetings  
4 in-person  
5 virtual zoom

\$1128 operating  
expenses

12 Newsletters published  
to 461 email recipients  
& 74 print recipients  
costing \$867

\$652 in PFLAG  
literature distributed

Pridefest: cancelled

1 film co-sponsorship  
"Unsettled" @ RMWFF

Community event participation  
*-Educating Children of Color*

Community  
partner support

*-Inside Out Queer Prom*  
*-Rocky Mtn Women's Film  
Festival*

**Web & Social Media**

PFLAG-Colorado Springs



[cspflag.org](http://cspflag.org) website