



PFLAG Colorado Springs

Parents, Families, Friends, and Allies United
With LGBT People to Move Equality Forward

June 2020

June PFLAG Meeting— Participate From Home

The June 16th PFLAG meeting will focus on discussion of emotional well-being during the extended shutdowns that we are all experiencing because of the pandemic.

Everyone is invited to participate in the meeting using the popular video conferencing program, Zoom.

To ensure the privacy and safety of participants, the link that will allow individuals to join the meeting will be sent individually by email to those who wish to attend the meeting. It will not be posted on our website or displayed in this newsletter.

To attend the June 16th meeting, please send an email message to: virtualmeeting@cspflag.org. Please provide the first name and last initial that you will use for the meeting. Participants need to identify themselves this way to join the meeting—your full name is not required.

You can participate in the way that makes you feel most comfortable,



June is Pride Month

whether on video or by phone.

We will send you our guidelines for participating in a PFLAG meeting. An invitation with a link to the meeting will be sent the day before the meeting (June 15th) to those who have told us they want to attend.

Please remember that PFLAG meetings are always a safe and confidential space.

We are all missing having in-person meetings and we look forward to having a good group conversation on Zoom in June.

PFLAG Monthly Meeting

By ZOOM Online
Videoconference

Tuesday, June 16th
7:00 p.m.

To attend the meeting, please send an email message to: virtualmeeting@cspflag.org

You will receive information about how this works. Everyone is welcome.

Intermission

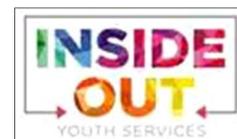
Out Loud Colorado Springs Men's Chorus has decided to take a brief intermission this season to help make sure that our members, family and friends are as safe as we can be during this pandemic.

We have postponed our Spring 2020 Concert "Why We Sing" to June, 2021.

Please stay tuned throughout the summer for a virtual event that we are trying to hold in the late summer or early fall. Follow us on our website:

<https://www.outloudcsmc.com/> and on Facebook at Out Loud Colorado Springs Men's chorus.

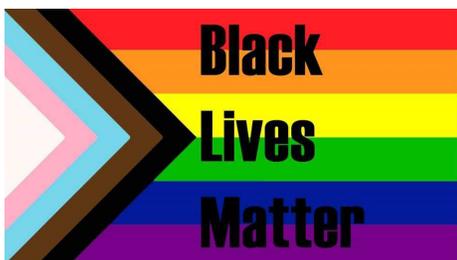
We plan on coming back strong with our Holiday Concert December 11-12.



Inside Out Youth Services is offering online programs on weekdays for youth ages 13-22 in the Pikes Peak Region. Chat rooms are open from 1:00 - 9:00 p.m. and virtual programs are offered from 7:30—9:30 p.m.

To join a group, call 719-315-1825 to connect with an Inside Out staff member.

Pride Solidarity March for Black Lives Matter—June 14



Pride fests all over the world may be canceled this year but that doesn't mean we should all stay home.

Join PFLAG to march in solidarity with Black Lives Matter in Colorado Springs on Sunday, June 14th.

The march will begin at Acacia Park in downtown Colorado Springs at 11:00 a.m. This will be a peaceful march. Look for the PFLAG banner and join us.

Organizers of the march include Alycia Erickson, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church; Lou Szo-

dy; Candice Michelle Woods; Benjamin Tyler and Dara Hoffman-Fox.

Tony McDade mattered.
Monika Diamond mattered.
Nina Pop mattered.

Black trans lives matter.

Black queer lives matter.

Black LGBTQIA+ lives matter.

Black lives matter.

#EndWhiteSilence

#BlackLivesMatter

#SayTheirNames

Get involved.



This newsletter is published by the Colorado Springs Chapter of PFLAG.

PFLAG Vision Statement. PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

PFLAG Mission Statement: By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

Support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ

Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ

Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ.

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Justice in June

Several LGBT leaders in Colorado Springs have posted "Justice in June" on their Facebook pages to help educate those who choose to be allies of Black Lives Matter.

This resource was compiled by Autumn Gupta for the purpose of providing a starting place for individuals trying to become better allies.

Justice in June—click on link:
<https://bit.ly/2XPbGej>

The following four Ted Talks are among the many excellent items in Justice in June. Links:

"How to Overcome Our Biases: Walk Boldly Towards Them"
<https://bit.ly/2XN5hAb>

"Let's Get to the Root of Racial Injustice"
<https://bit.ly/2UsOdNC>

"How Studying Privilege Systems Can Strengthen Compassion"
<https://bit.ly/3h7MJ5c>

"How We're Priming Some Kids for College and Others for Prison"
<https://bit.ly/30op0b8>

Message From One Colorado

The following is a message from Daniel Ramos, Executive Director of One Colorado.

Last week, One Colorado joined more than 300 LGBTQ organizations across the nation with a commitment to embrace anti-racism and end white supremacy, not as necessary corollaries to our mission, but as integral to the objective of full equality for all people, including LGBTQ people. See letter at : <https://bit.ly/30xFFc>

Over the weekend, members of our team marched with the Movement for Black Lives and against police brutality. When I joined the protest in the late afternoon, I was greeted by an experience that is central to the history of the LGBTQ movement — the over-policing of marginalized communities.

Let's never forget that the first Pride was a protest. The LGBTQ movement has made incredible advances *because* of protest. So as we honor the courage of the Black and Brown transgender women who started the LGBTQ movement by standing up against injustice (*in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn*), we stand with Black people fighting for justice today.

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June 16- Colorado Springs PFLAG Meeting on Zoom. 7 p.m. See p.1.

June 20-21- Virtual Denver PrideFest — To be celebrated online. Check the PrideFest website: <https://denverpride.org/pridefest/> for up to date information.

July 16 — Off the Street Breakfast — Fundraiser for The Place. This event is being reinvented as a virtual gathering. Watch this site for updates: <https://theplacecos.org/off-the-street/>

Pride 5K—June 20 —From Home

The Center on Colfax will host the Denver Pride Virtual 5K, which will raise vital funds for the Center. Register here to par-



ticipate virtually in the 5K on June 20:
<https://bit.ly/2UM08GP>

Steadily Donate to Colorado Springs PFLAG—For Free!

If you are looking for a way to help PFLAG continue our support for the LGBTQ community of Colorado Springs, consider linking your King Soopers Loyalty Card to PFLAG Colorado Springs. It is easy to do and will not cost you anything!!!

King Soopers will donate a small amount of money to PFLAG each time you use your Loyalty card at King Soopers, City Market, and Loaf and Jug (for gas) through its Neighborhood Rewards Program. It all adds up! If this sounds good to you, please follow these steps:

1. Go to www.kingsoopers.com
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3. Click on "Savings and Rewards"
4. Scroll down to "King Soopers Community Rewards"
5. Click on "Enroll Now"
6. Click on "View by Type"
7. Click on "Diversity"
8. Find us, Colorado Springs Chapter P-FLAG, Inc.
9. Click on "Enroll"
10. You are finished!

THANK YOU!