



PFLAG Colorado Springs

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

November 2020

PFLAG Sponsors “Transhood” Film in Rocky Mountain Women’s Film Festival

Lori and John Vollmar and the Colorado Springs Chapter of PFLAG are co-sponsoring the film “Transhood”, to be shown at the Film Festival in the “Dinner and a Movie” slot on Sunday, November 15th.

The Festival: “Together at Home” is the motto for 2020.

Message from RMFF:

“For the past 32 years, Colorado Springs film lovers have been attending the Rocky Mountain Women’s Film Festival. This year, the Festival is coming home to us. Thanks to RMWF’s partnership with the online streaming platform Eventive, we will be able to watch the 2020 lineup of films from home. It’s certainly going to look and feel a little different than what we are used to, but isn’t that what this year is all about?”

“Thirty-six outstanding films, over nine days. Each day, 2-3 films will be made available to stream online. You’ll need to begin watching films (from the comfort of your home) on the date of release, so get ready to mark your calendar! Filmmaker discussions will follow many of the films.



“Transhood”

“Whether you are the all-in Full Festival type or prefer a sampler pack, we’ve got a pass that will fit both your viewing habits and your budget. Go to <https://wff2020.eventive.org/welcome> to explore the various options.”

The Film: Excerpts from Guy Lodge’s review of “Transhood” in *Variety* June 3, 2020:

“When you’re a child, one of the most maddening things adults always say is how fast children grow up. If

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November PFLAG Meeting

By Zoom Online

Tuesday, November 17
7:00 p.m.

Conversation and Support

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

You will receive an email with information about how to join the upcoming meeting. If you don’t get this email within 30 minutes, please let us know by sending an email to: information@csppflag.org.

Please note: The link for the meeting changes every month, so don’t use last month’s link!

Everyone is welcome.

PFLAG Annual Meeting

The PFLAG monthly Zoom meeting on November 17th will also serve as the annual meeting of the membership of the Colorado Springs Chapter of PFLAG.

At the annual meeting the board of directors is elected for the upcoming year.

If you are interested in running for a seat on the board, you are invited to send an email to: information@csppflag.org with your contact information and a brief statement about yourself on or before November 8th.

Time to Renew Your Membership!

It is easy to sign up as a new member or renew your membership online at www.csppflag.org.

Transgender Day of Remembrance—Friday, November 20



A candlelight vigil event will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20th in Acacia Park (Nevada Avenue and Bijou Street) to mark the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR).

TDOR was inspired by the 1998 murder of Rita Hester. See: <https://tdor.translivesmatter.info/>

The vigils held around the world on this day raise public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, an action that news media don’t perform.

Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of those who might otherwise be forgotten.

Through the vigil, participants express love and respect for these people in the face of national indifference and hatred. Day of Remembrance also reminds non-transgender people that trans people are their sons, daughters, parents, friends and lovers.

Day of Remembrance gives allies a chance to step forward with the trans community to stand together, memorializing those of who have died by anti-transgender violence.

The vigil will honor the 47 known individuals in the United States and 386 more worldwide who died in the past year. This includes death by violence, by self-harm and those who died in ways yet to be determined.



Reaction to Addition of Judge Barrett to the Supreme Court

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.

To join the local chapter and receive this newsletter regularly, go to the website: www.cspflag.org. To receive complimentary copies of the newsletter, please contact us by email.

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Jerry Albrent from Colorado Springs PFLAG brought this Facebook post to our attention:

To my family and friends. I repost this (on my Facebook page) because it explains how many gay people feel and why so many of us are concerned.

— Jerry

Original Post dated October 27, 2020:

Most of our friends and family won't remember that in just 2003—just 17 years ago—homosexuality was still outlawed in 13 states. A Texas case—Lawrence vs. Texas—went to the Supreme Court when two men were dragged from their home in handcuffs for being gay.

As horrific as that sounds, 'three members of the court voted that they saw nothing wrong with putting people in prison because they're gay'.

One of those justices is still on the court and swore in Amy Coney Barrett last night.

The person Barrett described as her mentor and extremely close to her ideologically also argued vehemently in that case that every gay person you know should remain felons.

For some of us, yesterday's confirmation sounds warning bells—it harkens back to an era when we were terrified to share our families with the world. We were afraid to let anyone know about the most important people in our lives.

If you don't quite understand why your gay friends and family are terrified right now, that might give you a slight glimpse into their lives and what is going through their heads as she was sworn in last night."

Keith Kirkland, President
Knoxville Gay Men's Chorus

PFLAG Facebook Page

Cindy Waldmann does a great job of managing our PFLAG Facebook page: PFLAG—Colorado Springs. Here are several of her recent posts.



Minovsky
@MinovskyArticle

Dad ranted about how LGBTQIA+ identities were getting too confusing to keep up with, my 88 year old grandma shut him down. "The way things are now is better than when people had to hide away or killed themselves because nobody understood who they were. Respect costs you nothing."

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. This group is offered by Inside Out Youth Services.

For more information, and to receive the Zoom meeting link, email transparenting@insideoutys.org or call Inside/Out at (719) 328-1056.

This is What a PFLAG Parent Does for Their Child

<https://bit.ly/2HFZYgP>

(Short video)



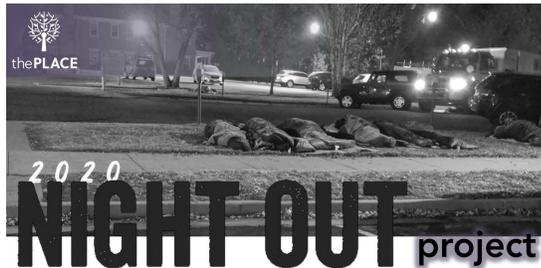
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November 5 — First Thursday Tour of Inside/Out — Repeated every month. All tours take place on Facebook live starting at 4:00 p.m. For more information, and to sign up for a Tour, send an email to Joy@insideoutys.org.

November 13-21 — Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival — Details at www.rmwfilm.org See p. 1.

November 19 — Night Out Project — Fundraiser for the Place. See below.

November 20 — Transgender Day of Remembrance 6:00 p.m. in Acacia Park. See p. 1.



The Place (formerly affiliated with Urban Peak) is a vibrant youth shelter and program in downtown Colorado Springs. Its mission is to ignite the spark in youth to exit homelessness and live a self-determined, fulfilled life.

November is National Runaway and Homeless Youth Month and The Place is asking for YOU to help bring youth in from the cold this winter. The Night Out Project is an experiential project where participants spend a night out on the street to raise awareness and funds for The Place to work with youth experiencing homelessness.

Colorado Springs PFLAG members have participated in Night Out in the past by sleeping out in sleeping bags overnight with the group. Sleepers sometimes form teams and ask their friends to donate in support of the team.

Support the Place today by signing up as a Sleeper and Fundraiser or by donating to your favorite Team and/or Participant. Together we can end youth homelessness! More information is available on the website for The Place: <https://theplacecos.org/night-out-2020/>



Film Festival — "Transhood"

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you've only lived a few years, it takes forever: The powers and privileges that come with being older are at once tantalizing and infinitely far away.

"Yet when the child's lifetime is a fraction of yours, they change drastically if you look away for so much as a day; in the case of transgender childhood, moreover, even the subtlest transitions are seismic. Sharon Liese's documentary "Transhood" maintains an artful bifocal perspective, capturing both youthful impatience and parental whiplash as it tracks the physical and emotional development of four trans children over the course of five years.

"While wholly sympathetic to the cause, "Transhood" isn't just a work of blandly cheery activism: Liese frankly observes the practical obstacles and psychological swings endured by its four young subjects and their families, sometimes to upsetting effect.

"The families in question have little in common but their location in Kansas City, not a bastion of liberal values and thus a critical choice of location: The nervous tension between the kids' personal explorations of identity and the Christian-right conservatism that surrounds them is suggested throughout, occasionally flaring up in overt acts of discrimination."

(NB—"Transhood" premieres nationwide on November 13 on HBO. See trailer at: <https://bit.ly/3jTqzUJ>) PFLAG thanks Lori and John Vollmar for co-sponsoring this film.

PFLAG Meetings Are a Safe Space

Who you meet, and what you hear must be kept strictly confidential.

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.

Support Colorado Springs PFLAG—Become a Member

You can join at any time of the year. The current membership year extends from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

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___ Supporting Member—Silver 40
___ Supporting Member—Gold 60
___ Supporting Member—Platinum 100

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