ORIGINS

A Mother's Love

In New York City, strangers are hugging Jeanne Manford. Mrs. Manford didn’t win a marathon or write a hit musical. Strangers are hugging and kissing Jeanne Manford just for supporting her son. Why? Because it’s 1972, and Jeanne’s son is gay. At a time in history when being gay was seen as a mental illness and a crime, one mother’s act of love would start a phenomenon - and collect a lot of hugs.

Encouraged by the outpouring of support that day, Jeanne and her husband founded the first monthly support group for parents of lesbian and gay children - and PFLAG was born.

What started in 1973 as 20 people meeting at a church in Greenwich Village has grown to more than 200,000 members in over 400 neighborhood PFLAG chapters across the United States and beyond!

And over forty-five years later, PFLAG moms still collect a lot of hugs!

PFLAG

Awesome PFLAG Moms and one honorary awesome PFLAG mom @Long Beach Pride 2018
Our VISION

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.

Our MISSION

To build on a foundation of loving families, united with LGBTQ people and allies who support one another, and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value, and affirm LGBTQ people.

About PFLAG

PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ family. We are a non-profit, tax-exempt community based organization made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members, and allies. Because together, we are stronger.

PFLAG is not affiliated with any religious or political group.