



# Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families



## PFP Trip to Great Wolf Lodge

In April, Philadelphia Family Pride hosted our 4th annual Great Wolf Lodge weekend at the water park in the Poconos. It was our largest group yet with 99 people in attendance!

What set this year apart from previous years was the number of toddlers - there were way more little ones splashing around this year than ever before!

Several families gathered at a local pizza place on Saturday night for dinner. It was a great opportunity to talk away from the bustle at Great Wolf Lodge.

In the water park, the kids stayed in the water as much as possible while parents gathered in small groups to chat. Everyone left looking forward to next year's PFP pilgrimage to Great Wolf Lodge!



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## PFP Fun at Smith Playground and the William Way Center

PFP families had a great time playing at the always-fun Smith



Playground on Saturday, April 13. The little ones climbed the pirate ship and rode the little train while the big kids tackled climbing the big spider webs.

Little and big kids alike (as well as a few adults) slid down the giant historic wooden slide (pictured). Watch for more events at [Smith Playground](#) this year as this has become one of our PFP favorites!



A week earlier, on April 6, PFP families got together at the [William Way Center](#), Philadelphia's LGBT Community Center, to play carnival games and win prizes.

The fun and games was organized by the staff of [Camp Highlight](#), a summer camp for kids of LGBT parents. Our next event at William Way is a happy hour for prospective parents on Saturday, May 4 from 4:00-5:30pm.



## Thanks to Fight for Philly

Philadelphia Family Pride would like to thank [Fight for Philly](#) for donating union printed PFP logo stickers and business cards for our board members and (one) staff member. Thanks so much!

## Member Milestone

♥ PFP members Jen and Kim Maguire-Wright celebrated the first birthday of their twins Jack and William on Friday, April 26. Congrats parents and happy birthday boys!

*If you'd like a family milestone included in an upcoming newsletter, please e-mail Stephanie Haynes at [stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org).*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, May 4:** PFP will be holding two workshops as part of this year's [Equality Forum](#) - one on surrogacy and one on LGBT parenthood starting at 1pm in Center City.

A happy hour for prospective parents at the William Way Center will follow the workshops from 4-5:30pm.



**Sunday, May 5:** PFP will have a table inside the Piazza this year as part of Equality Forum's [SundayOUT](#). Admission is \$10 for 12 and over. [E-mail Stephanie](#) to volunteer to work an hour or two at the table and get free admission.

**Saturday, May 18:** PFP is marching again this year in the New Hope Celebrates Parade. [More info.](#)

That evening, the Main Line Unitarian Church is hosting a potluck for PFP families. [More info.](#)

**Sunday, May 19:** Single LGBT parents and single prospective parents will be getting together for a picnic in the new [Hawthorne Park](#) in Philadelphia.

**Sunday, June 9:** Ride the PFP trolley in the Philly Pride parade (sponsored again by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) and visit the Family Zone at Penn's Landing. [More info.](#)

Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed for more upcoming events.

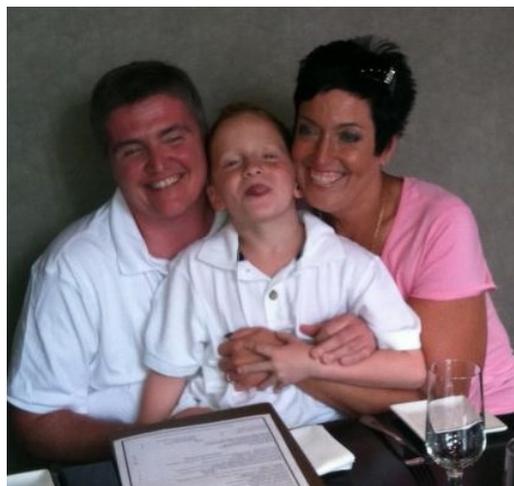


## Member Profile: The Forbes-Woodrum Family

Vice Chairperson, Wendy Michele Forbes (right), met her partner Tam Woodrum at the opening benefit for the Philadelphia Trans Health Conference in 2012.

After a long distance, whirlwind romance, Tam relocated to Philadelphia from Wisconsin. They just finished construction on a house in the gritty hills of Manayunk. Together they are raising Wendy's son, 8 year-old son, Dylan Forbes-Shank, from a previous relationship.

Wendy is a realtor in Philadelphia and South Jersey, and Tam is an Executive with GE Healthcare. Both are activists in the Trans and LGBTQ Community.



Wendy is leading the Summit in Philadelphia for Marriage Equality, teaches Trans Parenting Classes and has been on the Board of Philadelphia Family Pride for 9 years.

Tam wrote the "Transitioning at Work" toolkit for GE Healthcare and, along with their son, recently taught a class on Trans Families at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Educating and teaching others in the community is extremely important for this dynamic family.

Weekend family fun is all about eating healthy and staying active. This couple lost a combined 180lbs in the past few years and have a new appreciation for nutritious food.

Friday nights are spent at Sang Kee Noodles on the Main Line after Dylan gets out of practice for the Philadelphia Boys Choir.

The family enjoys hiking at different local parks on Saturday mornings with their 2 dogs Finian and Fyfe followed by trips to the local Farmers Market.

Sundays they enjoy services at Main Line Unitarian Church or making a big breakfast at home. Dylan loves playing street hockey or baseball in their new neighborhood of Delmar Heights.

Wendy joined Philadelphia Family Pride 9 years ago after meeting former community coordinator, Jennifer, and her partner at Equality Forum; two months later Wendy announced she was pregnant at the PFP Summer Picnic in Mt. Airy. The family loves the New Years Day Brunch -- it's a great way to start off the New Year and see old friends. "Going to PFP is like coming home," Wendy said.

Over the past 9 years Wendy has watched PFP grow from a small non-profit with less than 100 families with most events in Mt. Airy to a larger non-profit with 250 families and events in the all over the Greater Philadelphia Region.

She is most proud of PFP supporting the Milk and Cookies Event for the National Equality March in DC in 2009.

In 2013, Wendy looks forward to teaching educational workshops at events like PFP's Family Matters Conference and hopes to see PFP supporting more national events.

Please feel free to contact her at [wendy@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:wendy@phillyfamilypride.org) if you would like her to speak at your GSA, college or business.



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