

JULY 2013



PFP Summer Picnic Fun at Elmwood Park Zoo

Over 100 PFP parents and kids got together on a beautiful Saturday, July 13, at the [Elmwood Park Zoo](#) in Norristown for our annual summer picnic.

The picnic was sponsored this year by [Jerner & Palmer, P.C.](#) to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their firm. **Thanks** to attorneys and LGBT parents Ben Jerner and Tiffany Palmer for their sponsorship and the bonus stuffed animals with little Jerner & Palmer shirts for all the kids!



As usual with PFP potlucks, there was tons of good food to go around - everything from hoagie trays to pizza to fruit salad.

PFP board secretary Robin Matthews **painted kids' faces** and kids and parents alike enjoyed watching the giraffe eat its "birthday cake" of carrots and hay. (Some kids also fed the giraffes, pictured.)



Animals on display at the zoo range from turkey vultures and elk to wolves and parrots.

If you have a suggestion for a location for next year's summer picnic, please e-mail Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.

Other July events included a **meetup at Smith Playground** attended by 10 families - photo at right - on the morning of Saturday, July 27.

That night, there was a **Parents Night Out** dinner for single parents at [Earth Bread + Brewery](#) in Mt. Airy.

Thanks to everyone who attended one (or both) of those events.





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Planning Underway for 2013 PFP Conference

PFP is excited to announce plans for our **4th Annual Family Matters Conference** for LGBTQ parents and prospective parents! It will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the [William Way Center](#) in Center City Philadelphia.

Planning is already underway. The committee has selected **three themes** that we are using to guide our programming: *Growing Your Family*, *Telling Our Stories*, and *Knowing Your Rights*.

In addition to the workshops, we have lined up a terrific keynote speaker [Cory Silverberg](#), author of the popular book for kids [What Makes A Baby](#).

We will have another panel of teens of LGBTQ parents to answer our questions and talk about their experiences. If you have a teenager or know a teenager that has LGBTQ parents, please let us know if they are willing to be on the panel.

On-site child care and programming will be offered for children 3 -11, run by [Camp Highlight](#). Older children are welcome to accompany their parents to any of the sessions being presented.

Please submit your workshop proposals and ideas via this link by Sunday, August 18:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013familymattersworkshopproposals>

Contact conference coordinator Stephanie Haynes by replying to this e-mail or at 215-888-0722 for further information, to ask questions, or to volunteer to help with planning and day-of-conference duties.



Member Milestones



PFP Vice-Chair Wendy Forbes has accepted a job as a Talent Resource Leader with JC Penney in West Virginia. (No she, won't be working with Ellen!) Wendy, her partner Tam (who is from WV) and son Dylan will be moving to Charleston in August.

Wendy has been with PFP and on the board since she was a prospective parent nine years ago. During her time on the board, Wendy has served as Secretary, Membership Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

"I am particularly proud of the fact that the membership has doubled during my time with PFP," said Wendy. She added that she most loves the political aspect of her involvement - everything from rallies in Harrisburg for marriage equality to leading the LGBT family group for the National Equality March in DC.



PFP would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Wendy for all her hard work, dedication and leadership over the years. She will be missed!

Watch out West Virginia! Wendy is already working on plans to partner with [Fairness WV](#) and will be joining [Get Equal West Virginia](#)!



On June 30, the Margolis-Entrekin family welcomed its newest member, Jordan Leigh Margolis.

Big brother Bennett is especially excited about their new little girl (pictured). Congratulations to all of you!

If you recently got a marriage license in Montgomery County and would like to have a wedding announcement appear here, please let us know, and send a photo!

Please e-mail Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 4: For those PFP



families visiting Provincetown for the annual Family Week, Marc and David Berman will be hosting an [ice cream social](#) from 1-3pm.

Saturday, September 7: Parents Night Out Dinner at the lesbian mom owned [Cedar Point Bar & Kitchen](#) in Fishtown - \$25/person. RSVP to info@phillyfamilypride.org.

Friday, September 20: This year's Camping with Pride trip will be September 20-22 at a group camp site at French Creek State Park. RSVP to info@phillyfamilypride.org. *More details coming VERY soon.*

Sunday, September 29: PFP will take a group tour of the [Mutter Museum](#) starting at 1pm. More details to follow.

Save the date: PFP's Fourth Annual [Family Matters Conference](#) will take place on Saturday, October 19th at the William Way Center.

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



Take a Photo for #CommonwealthEquality

Lesbian mom and organizer Marion Leary recently started a social media photo campaign for marriage equality in Pennsylvania, called [#Commonwealth Equality](#) with cofounder Elizabeth Field. (That's a link to their Facebook page - click it and like their page!)

Marion is pictured here (left) with her partner Lara Kelly after they got a marriage license in Montgomery County in support of Register of Wills Bruce Hanes. If you missed the news, [read more about this recent PA marriage equality development here](#).

To participate, print out [the template](#), write your message of support, take a picture with yourself, family, friends, etc. and e-mail it to them at commonwealthequality@gmail.com. They'll post the photo on their social media pages, and you'll join a visual protest for marriage equality in Pennsylvania!

Here are some of the photos they've received:





"Our parents deserve the same rights."



"I have two moms and they are awesome!"



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[Read about #CommonwealthEquality in the news.](#)



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