



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families



PFP Neighborhood Potlucks

Over 30 Philadelphia Family Pride families met up on March 16 and 17 at one of five **neighborhood potlucks** around the region to share food and meet their neighbors!

Groups gathered in Philadelphia at the home of Tracy and Mia in Queen Village on Saturday (pictured, right) and Staci and Kristina's place in West Philly on Sunday.

Others got together in Wyncote, Montgomery County at Kelly and Shira's, at Board Member Bryan Berchok's in Perkasio, Bucks County and Abby and Cheri's in Delaware County.

In Queen Village, the kids played upstairs while the parents caught up in the kitchen. Kids and parents at the Montco potluck played Spot It and Headbandz (pictured, right).

The group at the West Philly get-together enjoyed Federal Donuts and other yummy food while discussing cosleeping. Two babies attended this year's West Philly potluck who attended last year in utero!

The group in Bucks County gobbled up phenomenal Papas cupcakes made by Bryan's partner John, while at the Delco potluck host Abby was reunited with a person she worked with at a camp 20 years ago! Small world!

Thanks again to the hosts and attendees, and congrats to Emmanuel Williamson who won the drawing for the \$25 gift card!





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PFP Fun at NEST Playdate

PFP families with infants and toddlers had a great time visiting NEST in Center City Philadelphia on Sunday, March 10 for a free play date!

About 15 families got together to play in the fantastic playspace which consists of a colossal birdhouse centerpiece (pictured, below), a meandering "creek" serving as a guide to various nature-inspired exhibits, and an oversized farmers market.

Thanks so much to [NEST](#) for hosting us and for giving each family a free pass for future visits!



Dads Potluck and Color Me Mine

If that isn't enough, even more PFP fun was had in February with two events the weekend of February 23-24.

First up was the Dads Potluck at the home of Marc and David Berman on Saturday the 23rd where Dads, Pops and their kids got together for good food and games.

On Sunday the 24th, a few PFP families got together at the Color Me Mine in Glen Mills for an afternoon of crafts and fun (pictured).



If you have a suggestion for an event, please e-mail Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.

Thanks to Philadelphia University!

Philadelphia Family Pride would like to thank the Campus Activity Board at Philadelphia University for a donation of \$1,050 to PFP. They raised the money as part of last fall's annual Drag Variety Show fundraiser. This support will go a long way in helping fund our programs for LGBT-parented families this year. Thanks!



Member Milestones



PFP members Christa and Erika would like to announce the (very recent) arrival of their second child, Christopher Ryan, born on March 18th. He was 8lbs, 5 oz and 21" long. (Family, including big sister pictured, right.) Congratulations!



PFP moms Tracy and Erika are proud to announce that their daughter Karlie (age 11) was invited to attend the Junior National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC in July. She'll be representing Elkins Park School and Cheltenham. Way to go Karlie!



If you'd like a family milestone included in an upcoming newsletter, please e-mail Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 6: Join PFP and Camp Highlight for a free [Family Fun Day](#) at the William Way Center for LGBT parents and their kids from 11am-1pm. Play carnival games and win prizes!

Saturday, April 13: Meetup with other PFP families at the [Smith Playround](#) in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. Ages 12 and under.



Saturday, April 20: Travel up to the Poconos for a fun weekend at [Great Wolf Lodge](#). Two discounted rooms left - book by Friday, March 22.

Saturday, April 20: Not going to Great Wolf Lodge? Join PFP on one of two [Spring Hikes](#). Choose either the Wissahickon or John Heinz Wildlife Refuge.

Saturday, April 27: Youth Service Day - *details coming soon.*

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.

A happy hour for prospective parents at the William Way Center will follow the workshops at 4pm.



Saturday, May 18: 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.

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



LGBT Equality Bill in Philly City Council

An important and exciting piece of legislation is about to be introduced in Philadelphia City Council: [Councilman Jim Kenney's LGBT Equality Bill](#).

This bill will make landmark strides in Philadelphia's efforts to achieve LGBT equality, addressing a wide range of issues important to Philadelphia's LGBT community and families – from health benefits to tax fairness; from affordable housing to transgender discrimination.



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Philadelphia Family Pride is proud to support this legislation and the positive impact it will have on LGBT folks of every background and identity, especially families. We hope you'll join us in doing so.

Can you join us at the legislation's first public hearing at City Hall on Thursday, April 11 from 1-5pm?

Having LGBT families in the audience of the hearings will not only demonstrate support for the bill, but also help members of City Council put faces with the issues they are legislating.

While Pennsylvania struggles to keep up with the rest of the Northeast, it is exciting to see local lawmakers doing everything they can to push our city's potential to secure LGBT equality to the max.

We hope you can make it. If you are interested in testifying at the hearing about the importance of LGBT equality or have any questions, contact PFP Education Committee Chair Sandra Telep at sandra@phillyfamilypride.org.



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