

TORONTO PFLAG

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

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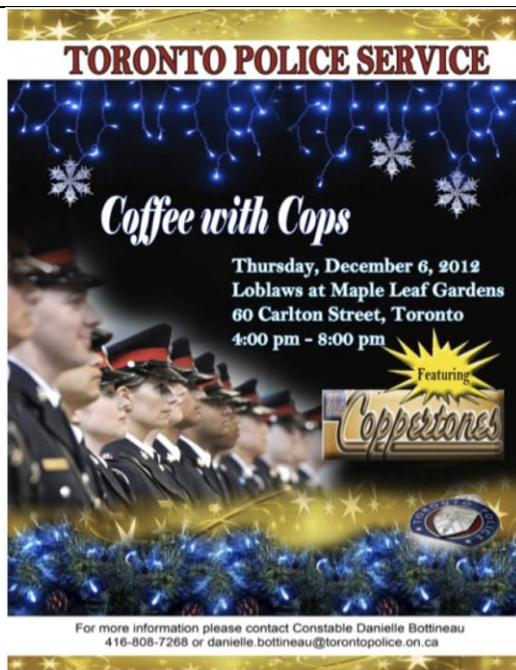
Toronto PFLAG is a charitable organization that speaks for a more accepting Canadian society by providing support, education and resources to all people who wish to grow in their understanding of sexual and gender diversity.

Toronto PFLAG actively assists in the recognition and growth of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, two-spirit, intersex, queer and questioning persons, and their families and friends, within their diverse cultures and societies.

Next Support Meeting

Wednesday
December 5, 2012
7:30 p.m.

Kimbourne Park
United Church
200 Wolverleigh Blvd.,
Toronto, ON M4C 1S2



TORONTO POLICE SERVICE

Coffee with Cops

Thursday, December 6, 2012
Loblaws at Maple Leaf Gardens
60 Carlton Street, Toronto
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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For more information please contact Constable Danielle Bottineau
416-808-7268 or danielle.bottineau@torontopolice.on.ca

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will be in partnership with Loblaws at
Maple Leaf Gardens on Thursday,
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between
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November News

Support Meeting: On November 7th, 2012 Toronto PFLAG was proud to welcome Enza Anderson as the guest speaker at the Monthly Support Meeting. By sharing her story with the group, Enza turned our meeting into an educational evening as well as a support meeting.

Enza's positive attitude and outlook on life are infectious, and all the attendees gained immeasurable insight from her story. We thank Enza and all the volunteers who contribute to making our Monthly Meetings so welcoming to those seeking support.

Nov. 19th, LGBT Giving Network Major Donor Thank You Through the LGBT Giving Network Toronto PFLAG was able to invite our major donors in 2012 to attend an evening event generously hosted by David and Kate Daniels and Lorraine Segato. The Daniels opened their home providing a beautiful venue in which organisations could meet with, thank and show appreciation for, those major donors whose support this year has contributed to our ongoing endeavours to support the LGBT community in Toronto.



Irene, Renda Abdo, Smith Restaurant, Nadya Mancini, Wish

Nov. 20th, Trans Day of Remembrance:

November 20th was Transgender Day of Remembrance and various TDoR events were attended by Toronto PFLAG volunteers.

On Page #4 Marla Green writes about the TDoR event she attended at The 519.

Although positive progress is being made for trans rights, it was sobering to learn that since November 2011 around the world 265 trans people were murdered and countless others were victims of violence and discrimination. And Bill 279 is still being debated.

BMO – Panel Discussion: Trans issues in the workplace:

On November 20th, Toronto PFLAG was privileged to be invited to participate in a Panel Discussion at BMO, for executives and employees.

This event organized by Enza Anderson, Leader of BMO's Diversity Group invited Dr. Rev. Cheri diNovo, MPP, Dr. Sydney Tam, M.D., Sherbourne Health Centre, and Irene Miller, Toronto PFLAG to speak on trans acceptance in today's workplace.



Irene, Dr. Sydney Tam, Enza Anderson (not shown Cheri diNovo)

Nov. 20th, Canadian Safe Schools Network Gala

This event was a Fundraiser for the Canadian Safe Schools Network and Gary and Irene Miller were invited as guests of Toronto Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

Along with Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair, Brian Burke was to have attended as a Guest Speaker; however, he was unable to attend and Rick Mercer attended and spoke in his stead.

Toronto PFLAG presented a workshop at the CSSN 2012 Conference and it was exciting to hear their plans for 2013.



Gary, Irene, Dave Fraser and Stu Auty, CSSN

Toronto PFLAG Attends Transgender Day of Remembrance

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 20th at the 519 to honour those who were killed because of transphobia: anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

The deaths of those based on anti-transgender hatred or prejudice are largely ignored. Over the last decade, more than one person per month has died due to transgender-based hate or prejudice, regardless of any other factors in their lives.

It was a very sombre occasion, and Toronto PFLAG was represented by Marla Green. There were several guest speakers, a short film, and performances. We expressed love and respect for transgender people in the face of indifference and hatred. This day is one which gives trans-allies a chance to step forward and stand in vigil, memorializing those who have died by anti-transgender violence.

A special 'Thank You'

Every month we thank those who make donations to our charity, and this month we want to say a special 'Thank You' to those people who designate their United Way contributions to us.

Often we do not learn the name of the donors, so we hope you are reading our e-newsletter and know that your United Way donations are very much appreciated by all of us at Toronto PFLAG.

THANK YOU

Toronto PFLAG wants to offer a heartfelt '**Thank You**' to the wonderful people who have recently made a donation to Toronto PFLAG. Your donations are allowing us to continue offering our 24/7 Telephone Support Line, our Monthly Support Meetings and our ongoing outreach and community support.

If you would like to help, you can make a donation through the secure servers at CanadaHelps.org (charitable donation receipts are issued automatically), and if you wish you can specify that your donation remain anonymous, or you can choose to honour someone or a special occasion.

Or you may send a cheque to

Toronto PFLAG, 200 Wolverleigh Blvd., Toronto, ON, M4C 1S2.
(charitable donation receipts will be issued for amounts of \$20+)

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