

PFLAG Detroit
Support □ Education □ Advocacy

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Sunday, March 10th

Mr. Jerry Peterson

Executive Director—Ruth Ellis Center



Jerry Peterson has more than 30 years of experience in the non-profit sector and expertise in executive leadership as well as developing community collaborations between the public and private sectors to address vital issues for lesbian, gay, bi-attractional, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

Prior to the Ruth Ellis Center, Peterson was facilitator for the LGBTQ Youth Advocacy Collaborative, a collaboration of six non-profit agencies working to reduce mental health disparities in Contra Costa County, California, by reducing rejecting behaviors and increasing accepting behaviors toward LGBTQ young people in families, schools, service providers and faith groups.

At the Ruth Ellis Center, Peterson has spearheaded system change initiatives to improve outcomes for LGBTQ children, youth and young adults and their families in community mental health, juvenile justice, child welfare and housing/homelessness at the regional, state and national levels.

Peterson also spent 14 years with the United Way of Allen County in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he served as its president and CEO for four years. In this position, he nurtured community partnerships and launched a 10-year initiative to improve reading levels of children by the third grade.

Peterson has a master's degree in theology from Bethany Theological Seminary and a bachelors of arts in social work from Elizabethtown College.

PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Because together, we're stronger.

Where We Meet ...

Lutheran Church of the Master
3333 Coolidge Hwy,
Troy, MI 48084

(Behind Somerset Mall)

Second Sunday of each month (excluding Mother's Day, Easter, PRIDE in June and Christmas) Visit our website for further details.

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OUR MEETINGS...

As always, we welcome everyone, whether member or non-member and all GLBTQ folks, family and friends.

Our meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Support Groups meeting after the introductions. (Support Groups: New Parents, Parents of Transgender, Transgender, Young Adults 15 to 25 years old and General Support)

Due to the importance of the stories being told by persons in the group discussion, interruptions can be very distracting. We ask that you arrive on time to be able to enter into these groups. Any persons arriving late, after 2:15 p.m., may be asked to form their own group with a PFLAG greeter or Board Member. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Social half hour with refreshments will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Our speaker will present at 4:00 p.m. after brief announcements.



Dear PFLAG friends,

We welcome all visitors and their families to our monthly meetings. Please visit our website @ pflagdetroit.org for valuable resources, brochures and pamphlets (PDF).

You may find in your support groups that there are frequent discussions centered around “religion.” Please understand that this subject, in no way indicates, that PFLAG is a religious organization. It happens that religion has played an important role in many people’s lives and has been the source of some pain in coming to grips with one’s own or one’s child’s sexuality. The subject of religion therefore is one that comes up quite naturally when people are struggling with what their faith says about their sexuality and what they know themselves, through their own experience. PFLAG does not endorse or support any particular religion. We are a secular organization made up of people of many different (and sometimes no) faiths.

Thank you for your continued support.

Larry Jack - Co President

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Join PFLAG Detroit

Detroit Pistons Equality-Celebrating Pride Night

Thu, Mar 28, 7:00 PM

The Detroit Regional LGBT Chamber of Commerce have partnered with the Detroit Pistons to bring you Pistons Equality - Celebrating Pride Night on March 28th. Grab your friends and family to see the Pistons take on the

Orlando Magic for an exciting night of Detroit Basketball. Each person that purchases a ticket will receive a limited edition Pistons Equality- Celebrating Pride Night t-shirt. Come early to watch PRISM Gay Men and Allies' Chorus of Metro Detroit sing the National Anthem! In addition, there will be a specially choreographed halftime performance aimed around the LGBT community performed by the Pistons Dancers and an exclusive post-game experience. A \$5 proceed from each ticket sold will benefit a local LGBT charity you choose when you checkout.

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