

**PFLAG Detroit**  
Support □ Education □ Advocacy

**September  
2019**

*Sunday, September 8th*

*May Freck*



May Freck is the Youth Empowerment Coordinator at the Sanctuary Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter. She has a Bachelor's in Social Work from Oakland University with a minor in LGBTQ Studies and identifies as part of the community, meaning she is both personally and professionally invested in reaching out to and improving the lives of runaway and homeless LGBTQ youth.

Common Ground provides a lifeline for individuals and families in crisis, victims of crime, persons with mental illness, people trying to cope with critical situations and runaway and homeless youths. Helping people in need for more than 40 years, Common Ground serves more than 80,000 individuals per year. The majority of services are free of charge and 93% of every dollar received goes to direct services.

**Common Ground Sanctuary** is the only 24-hour emergency crisis service agency, available for Oakland County residents, offering:

- Onsite and offsite psychiatric screening and assessment
- Confidential counseling and referrals via a 24-hour crisis and resource hotline
- Short-term residential psychiatric care for adults
- Jail diversion for non-violent offenses
- Short term teen shelter
- Victim Assistance
- Support Groups
- Debriefing and Grief Counseling
- Free Legal Clinic

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call the 24 hour crisis hotline at **800-231-1127**.



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 and Christmas)

Mailing Address:

PFLAG Detroit  
PO Box 1169  
Royal Oak MI  
48068-1169

Helpline:  
(248) 656-2875

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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 promptly at 2:00 p.m. with Support Groups meeting after the introductions. (Support Groups: New Parents, Parents of Transgender, Transgender, Young Adults 15-25 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.



As we celebrate our 32<sup>nd</sup> year, est. April 1987, we invite you join us once again with a renewal of your membership. Those of you who are current members, we thank you for your contribution and support.

Your contribution, at whatever level, will help us continue to offer support, education, and advocacy to LGBT persons, their families, and friends. What does joining the chapter or renewing your membership do for you? It makes you a vital part of PFLAG's continuing effort to provide support to, education about, and advocacy on behalf of LGBT individuals, their families, and friends.

What does your dues payment do for the chapter? It helps us maintain a stable financial base so that the board of directors can focus on responding to community needs, it pays the bills for the helpline, publications, program costs, and much more. The larger our membership, the more credibility PFLAG has in the community and the more able the chapter is to take on additional projects.

Does all your membership payment stay with this chapter? Most of it does however, \$15 is sent annually to PFLAG National to support their organizing and educational efforts on a nationwide scale. (If you asked us NOT to send annual dues to PFLAG National previously, WE WILL NOT) As a national member, you receive their quarterly publication, The PFLAGpole. You can also sign up to receive e-News and get more frequent updates about matters of importance to PFLAG and the LGBT community.

Is your membership donation tax-deductible? Yes! Once you donate, we will provide you documentation necessary for your IRS returns. Make checks payable to **PFLAG Detroit** and mail your membership to PFLAG Detroit, PO Box 1169, Royal Oak, MI 48068-1169

Support can take many forms. In addition to financial support, we have many volunteer opportunities that you could consider. For more information on our volunteer needs, please contact me by e-mail at

[larry@pflagdetroit.org](mailto:larry@pflagdetroit.org)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Larry Jack, Co-President

	<b>\$35.00 Individual</b>
	<b>\$45.00 Household</b>
	<b>\$55.00 Supporting</b>
	<b>\$105.00 Contributing</b>
	<b>\$1000.00 Lifetime</b>
	<b>Donation of Support</b>