



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

PFP families get together for potluck brunches

PFP families connected with other LGBTQ parents and prospective parents in their area at the recent **Neighborhood Potlucks** the weekend of February 5-6.

On Saturday, Sam and Bob hosted 20 people at their home in **Bucks County**. There was a great mix of moms and dads and kids ranging from babies to teenagers. Everyone had a good time getting to know each other and trading ideas for LGBT-friendly family hangouts in the area.



PFP member Christi Nash and Bucks County Brunch host Bob Brown.

Sunday, over 30 parents and kids got together at the home of Tracy and Mia in the **Queen Village** neighborhood in Philadelphia. The Haynes-Kresge **vegan lasagna** was a big hit and eaten down to the last bite. Kids played while the grown-ups traded stories about potty-training, teething and the search for the perfect kindergarten for their kids.

At the same time, another dozen grown-ups and little ones socialized at the home of PFP Fundraising Chair Andrew Altman and Lee Chudzinski in **Wyncote, Montgomery County**. Kids ventured outside and set up snowball teams. Some adults joined in the fun too!

We plan to hold another set of neighborhood potlucks in the fall. Please let us know if **you'd like to host**.



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Interested in getting more involved planning events for LGBTQ parents in the region? Now's your chance!

We're looking for someone to plan three small events in 2011 for the **Dads Group**. E-mail PFP Board Chair Marc Berman if you are interested in finding out more at marc@phillyfamilypride.org.

Do you have a child under 3? We'd like you to coordinate a few small events for the **infant/toddler** crowd in 2011. E-mail PFP Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes for more information at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.



Finally, there are two events coming up - **SundayOUT** on May 1 and **Philly Pride** on June 12 - where PFP will have a table to get the word out to other LGBTQ parents and prospective parents about Philly Family Pride. If you can **volunteer**, please reply to this e-mail.




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Member Milestones

♥ PFP members Peggy Pierce, Brandyn Rice, big sister Sydney and big brothers Sean and Brian welcomed Madeline Lula (*pictured*) on 2/11/11.

♥ New PFP members Jennifer and Danielle Shull celebrated the second parent adoption of their daughter Emery at the Delaware County Courthouse on 3/3/11.

♥ This week, PFP veterans Andrew Altman and Lee Chudzinski will celebrate both their 21st anniversary and son Berel's 10th birthday.



E-mail stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org if you'd like us to include your family milestone in our next newsletter!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 12: Just for the grown-ups - [Gay Bingo](#) to benefit the AIDS Fund at the Gershman Y starting at 7 p.m. Great opportunity for parents to get out of the house and for prospective parents to meet with current ones! Great fun and a great cause.

Saturday, April 2: Meet up with other PFP families at the opening of [Smith Playground](#) for the season. Kids 10 and under are welcome in the playground. Five and under in the newly renovated playhouse.

April 9-10: Bring your bathing suits and join your PFP friends at the [Great Wolf Lodge](#) in the Poconos. This amazing indoor water park is the perfect spot for a weekend getaway! The



special PFP member rate is \$293.20 per room (including taxes and resort fee). Each room holds 6 guests and includes 6 water park passes. Twenty-four rooms booked, just one room left!

Saturday, April 16: The [Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus](#) is performing a special concert focusing on loving families - "Cherish the Child" - at 2 p.m. at the Temple Performing Arts Center, located at 1837 N. Broad Street in Philadelphia.

The chorus has graciously donated **20 free tickets** to PFP for this performance. To reserve yours, please e-mail marc@phillyfamilypride.org.

Saturday, April 16: Join the dads for a [Spring Potluck](#) at Rick's home in Huntingdon Valley, from 3 - 6 p.m. Please RSVP to dadsgroup@phillyfamilypride.org, and include number of adults and children (with ages). We'll reply with the exact address, and directions.



Save these dates, and stay tuned for more details:

April 30: Equality Forum workshop, family panel and prospective parent happy hour
May 14: New Hope Pride Parade
May 21: Spring Hike
June 12: Philadelphia Pride Parade and Festival
July 16: PFP Summer Picnic
August 19-21: Camping with Pride IV



Meet new PFP Board Secretary Robin Matthews

Robin Matthews and her wife Marcia joined PFP when she was pregnant with their now-2-year-old son, Asher.

They attended their first event (New Year's Brunch) when he was just five weeks old. Since then they have continued to attend the New Year's Brunch as well as the Summer Picnic, the get-togethers in Provincetown during Family Week, and several local meet-ups during the year.

"We love having a queer community that inherently understands our family structure and that shares some similar experiences. It's especially refreshing for me, as a (mostly) stay-at-home suburban mom, to have a group of family friends who are not just living the heteronormative, stereotypical straight life," Robin said.

Robin is originally from Boston and has lived in the Philly area for eight years. She teaches Writing at Drexel University and is very involved in the MOMS Club of Media, PA. She also works part-time at the Rocky Run YMCA.

"I joined the board of PFP because I so appreciate its existence and the part it's already played in our family's life. I want to use this year to do all I can to ensure that PFP grows and thrives so that our young and prospective families get to benefit the way that our family does," Robin added.



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