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Dear Friends of PFLAG,

PFLAG Cincinnati is one of 500 chapters across the nation working to bring about positive change for GLBT individuals, their families, and friends. We promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons through **support**, to cope with an adverse society, **education**, to enlighten an ill-informed public, and **advocacy**, to end discrimination and secure civil rights. Here are some highlights of the past year's accomplishments.

Advocacy

Participated in the Rally at City Hall to protest the passage of Prop. 8 in California.
Attended Xavier University's "Focus on ALL Families" Event.
Met with Governor Ted Strickland and participated in Lobby Day in Columbus.
Alerted members and supporters of important issues, with information on how to contact local, state and federal officials.

Education

Awarded six \$2,250 scholarships to deserving students who help to fulfill the PFLAG mission.
Participated in panel discussions for two large groups of high school students, at a Police Cadet Academy and at Beech Acres Parenting Center.

"The presentation by this outstanding panel made a significant impact on the understanding and the ability of the staff to connect with the families they serve and each other". Dave Brewer, Director of Learning, Beech Acres Parenting Center

Offered informative programs at our monthly meetings on topics such as transgender, GLBT safety issues, the coming out process for parent and child, and gay role models in our community.

Shared the PFLAG message in university classes, businesses, counseling centers and schools.

Support

Maintained our phone and e-mail help-line for people needing assistance with coming out or other GLBT-related issues.

Offered support groups with trained peer facilitators at monthly meetings.

Participated in Cincinnati PRIDE and the AIDS Walk/Paul Delph Team.

When folks leave our monthly meeting they have the knowledge that they are not alone. They can borrow helpful books, movies, and literature from our library. In endeavoring to change lives by opening hearts and filling minds with good information, we make lasting friendships and help eradicate ignorance and prejudice. Your membership is essential in allowing the good work of PFLAG to continue. Please take the time to start or renew your membership today!

Sincerely,

Michael Cotrell
President, PFLAG Cincinnati