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TO FOUR DESERVING STUDENTS ON JUNE 20, 2007
HARTFORD GAY & LESBIAN HEALTH COLLECTIVE
AWARDS TWO ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



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IN THE PFLAG HARTFORD FAMILY:

Helen & Bob Brill Scholarships Awarded. On June 20, college scholarships were awarded by PFLAG and Love Makes A Family to four well-qualified young people. The Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective “HGLHC” also presented two scholarships that evening. Congratulations and good luck in your college career to all of our winners. (Please go to pages 6 & 7 to learn about our scholarship recipients.)

PFLAG is a welcoming place for parents and friends of lesbians & gays, but we are much more than that. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex people are also encouraged to attend our meetings. GLBTI people come with or without their family members, and parents and friends come with or without their GLBTI loved ones. PFLAG is for YOU!

PFLAG HARTFORD MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Congregational Church House, 10 Woodland Street (Just North of Farmington Ave.), Hartford. For more information, please call Marie & Bob at (860) 633-7184 or Becky & John at (860) 633-5111.

REFRESHMENT REMINDER:

- July 18 – John B.**
- August 15 – Nina & Heather**
- September 19 – Jeanne & Jim**
- October 17 – Charlotte & Glen**

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- Student/Limited Income: \$10
- Household Membership: \$40
- Individual Membership: \$25

UPCOMING PFLAG BOARD MEETING

**7 p.m., Monday September 10
Hosted by
Jean Cormier**

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PFLAG Treasurer, 12 Colchester Commons, Colchester, CT 06415*

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and their families and friends through:

SUPPORT: To cope with an adverse society

EDUCATION: To enlighten an ill-informed public

ADVOCACY: To end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

UPCOMING /ONGOING EVENTS

- **RAINBOW ROOM** (a program of the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective**) – a welcoming place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning “LGBTQ” teens and young adults (up to 21 years old). Sundays, 3-6 p.m., 1841 Broad Street (the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective building). For more information please visit our website at www.hglhc.org or contact us at sensae@aol.com or call 860/278-4163.
- **Trans SOFFA Support Group in Connecticut**: This is a group specifically for Significant Others, Family, Friends and Allies of Transgendered, Transsexual and Gender Variant people (SOFFAs). Trans people who are SOFFAs are welcome. Meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month and are facilitated by Kristal Barnes and Kasha Ho. Contact Kristal - u2kristal@yahoo.com (860) 878-5256 or Kasha - kho@afsc.org or call (860) 523-1534 for more information.
- **HGLHC Transgender Support Group**: This professionally facilitated group offers an affirming non-judgmental environment for Transgender folk to explore issues and concerns that matter to them, and to give and take support. Each participant decides what to do with emotions and personal life-choices or body image, sexuality, relationships, HIV issues and anything else of concern. As with all other HGLHC Support groups, all participants must register in advance to determine whether this group is right for you. Location: Hartford. Contact HGLHC at (860) 278-4163 X21 or e-mail lizy@hglhc.org
- **PFLAG'S 20TH NATIONAL CONVENTION**, Family Voices: **Moving Equality Forward, Oct. 11 - 14** at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner in Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. Approximately 1,000 members and supporters from across the United States will attend this event. The PFLAG National Office is committed to providing a wide range of workshop opportunities (50) for our members and allies that address the interests and needs of first-time attendees as well as those who are ready for more advanced sessions. For details about the application process, submission review criteria, timelines and registration, please visit our online instructions and submission at https://www.letsmeet.net/forms/pflag_session/

GETTING PERSONAL WITH OPRAH WINFREY

PFLAG knows the power of our personal stories to help change hearts and minds. I had a great opportunity to tell some of my family story last month when the producers of the Oprah Winfrey Show called to feature my family on their "Super Siblings" show for National Siblings Day. ... Jody Huckaby, Executive Director of PFLAG

The eight Huckaby children—Jude, Joan, Jann, Jason, Janie, Jonathan, Jody and John Jr.—grew up in a small southern town. Raised in a close-knit, conservative Catholic home, the Huckabys' life centered on their family and their faith. "All you had to do was walk in the house to know it. You saw statues of Jesus and Mary and Joseph and a whole bunch of saints," Jody says. "My parents showed all of us what it means to be family every day."

Every day the Huckaby children's father took them to school—and when they came home, their mom had cookies, cupcakes or other treats waiting. "We always felt as though [when] we went to bed at night, we had a good time," Jann says. "We had really lived a good day."

With all 10 family members living in a three bedroom, one bathroom house, space was a little tight. "It's kind of hard not to know what's going on with each other," Jonathan says. Despite their close upbringing, four of the Huckabys were hiding one important thing—they were gay. "I was first [to come out]," Jason says. "It was about 1985 and I was studying to be a Catholic priest. I'd been in seminary for a number of years, and I came to the point in my life where I realized that I didn't want to live my life alone, that I need *today* to have a partner in my life." So he wrote a letter to his parents, telling them he was gay

After receiving the news, the Huckabys' parents told the other seven children about Jason's letter, and Jonathan says they were "not pleased." "Even though it was very scary, I trusted that there was enough of a solid foundation there that it would *eventually* be a safe thing for me to do, to come out to my family," Jason says.

Jonathan and Jody say as they grew up, they, too, realized they were gay. "If only we had been able to talk about it. There were no parameters. We went to Catholic school, and you certainly didn't talk about that with the nuns," Jody says. Their parents' reaction to Jason's letter made Jody concerned to come out, but eventually, he and Jonathan each admitted their secret. Jody says a fourth brother is also gay.

At first, even their other siblings rejected their lifestyle. Their sister, Jann, says it took her more than a year to fully accept it. "I had prayed about it, and I realized that I did not need to judge. I needed to love," Jann says.

When their brother Jude first heard the news, he thought Jason had *chosen* to be gay. "After the other brothers came out, I said, 'This can't be a choice. This has to be...the way they were born,'" he says.

Jody, who is now the executive director of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), says his organization helped his mother find peace with having four gay children. "For me, it's sort of a full-circle experience, because all these years later, I'm running this national organization, and it's for parents, it's for family members and friends and straight allies to deal with these issues," he says.

FYI:

A new poll released yesterday [April 30] by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut and The Hartford Courant shows the state evenly split over the issue of allowing same-sex couples to marry: 49% of respondents support and 46% oppose (poll's margin of error is 4.4%).

The last statewide poll that asked this question was done in 2005 by Quinnipiac University. The Quinnipiac poll found 53% of residents opposing marriage for same-sex couples and 42% supporting. In two years time, support has increased by 7% and opposition has decreased by 9%.

"This new poll is full of good news," stated Anne Stanback, Executive Director of *Love Makes a Family*, the statewide organization that has been advocating for marriage equality for same-sex couples for the last seven years. "The poll results clearly show that fair-minded people in Connecticut have changed their views as they have listened to real couples talk about why civil union and marriage are different and how marriage will provide added respect and security for their families."

Perhaps the most significant statistic dealt with the split between how respondents viewed marriage. In a question that asked "Do you consider marriage to be more of a religious matter, or more of a civil or legal matter?," 42% of respondents viewed marriage as a religious matter and 43% viewed it as civil/legal matter.

According to Stanback, "This response indicates that there are still many people in Connecticut who do not have a clear understanding that the legislation before the Connecticut General Assembly only deals with civil marriage and will not impact on the right of Connecticut citizens to freely practice their religion. In the coming weeks and months it will be very important that we continue to educate both the public and the legislature about the differences between civil marriage and religious marriage."

She added, "To say that marriage is more religious than civil completely ignores the fact that nearly 40% of people in this country are married by justices of the peace in ceremonies that have nothing to do with religion."

Additionally, the poll found that 64% of respondents believe that homosexuality is "acceptable" and 32% believe it is "unacceptable." The poll also found that 62% of the public support civil unions and 30% oppose civil unions.

"A hard core group of about 30% view homosexuality as immoral or wrong and don't believe same-sex couples should have legal protections," noted Stanback. "That group may never support marriage equality but, fortunately, they do not represent the mainstream view here in our state."

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007

Another pro-equality victory!!! Today, by a vote of 151-45, legislators in Massachusetts rejected the anti-gay, anti-marriage equality ballot question to amend their state Constitution.

We salute our dedicated colleagues at MassEquality who tirelessly led the campaign to preserve the right to marry for same-sex couples in Massachusetts. We also salute the many Massachusetts legislators and activists who recognized that discrimination has no place in their state.

Thanks to your support, Connecticut is well on our way to following in the footsteps of Massachusetts as a place of inclusiveness, fairness, and justice for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Today we celebrate another historic step on the road to full equality. - Love Makes A Family

Thank-you to Watkinson School's Gay-Straight Alliance for this wonderful recognition of PFLAG Hartford.

Dear PFLAG Hartford,

May 2, 2007

After a one year hiatus, once again Watkinson School's Gay-Straight Alliance, SAFE (Sexuality Awareness for Everyone) held our Coffee House event recently. We asked everyone attending to consider leaving a donation, and then – for the second time in a row – our group voted to give the proceeds to PFLAG Hartford.

Your efforts to educate the public, provide support, and advocate for an end to discrimination are an inspiration to our members. We greatly appreciate the important work that you do, and thank you for reminding us that there are friends and allies in the midst of a climate that often seems hostile and unfair.

Please accept the enclosed check [\$90] with our gratitude and continued encouragement to keep increasing tolerance, compassion, and acceptance for us all.

Sincerely,

Tom Gromak

Watkinson School, Faculty Advisor to SAFE

**THE INADEQUACY OF CIVIL UNION***New York Times, June 7, 2007, Editorial*

A potentially groundbreaking legal battle over Connecticut's exclusion of gay people from the state's marriage law has catapulted the debate over same-sex marriage to a new level.

Appearing last month before the state's highest court, a lawyer representing eight same-sex couples led a spirited attack on Connecticut's refusal to grant gay couples the freedom to marry. He also challenged the notion that civil union laws — like those enacted in Connecticut, New Jersey, Vermont, and most recently New Hampshire — are a constitutionally adequate alternative.

The plaintiffs' argument was laced with references to *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the U.S. Supreme Court's notorious 1896 decision which justified racial segregation under a deplorable standard of "separate but equal." Although startling, the analogy is apt. In establishing civil unions two years ago, Connecticut lawmakers created a separate and inherently inferior institution that continues to deny gay couples the equality they seek and deserve.

Connecticut would seem a particularly hospitable place to advance this equality claim. In addition to requiring equal treatment for individuals in comparable circumstances, and barring sex-discrimination, Connecticut's Constitution explicitly forbids gender-based "segregation."

State lawyers answer that the basis for the exclusion is not gender but sexual orientation, a category not covered by existing antidiscrimination provisions. That is true, but forbidding marriages when one partner is the wrong gender still adds up to sex discrimination. The state also asserts that the civil union law grants all the rights of marriage to same-sex couples, and any difference amounts to "a difference in name alone." A trial court judge bought that argument and dismissed the case last year, saying the plaintiffs suffered no legal harm.

Saying a civil union is the same as marriage does not make it so. Civil unions are a newly invented category, neither universally recognized nor understood. Connecticut's claim that the two terms are alike merely underscores the bottom-line question: Why relegate a minority group to a separate category?

The court case has helped stall this issue in Connecticut's Legislature. But if the ruling goes against the couples involved, the Legislature will have a duty to revisit the matter. A law that allows civil unions but not marriage is preferable to denying benefits and recognition to same-sex couples. But no one should confuse it with equality.



HOMOSEXUALITY: NOT A PROBLEM THAT 'NEEDS FIXING'

Re "Therapy aims to make 'ex-gays'," News, June 11:

There are a number of things that can be said of "ex-gay" therapy and its effects. Unfortunately, the article in the Tribune didn't say much to help readers form a full understanding of the issues - and people at stake. Instead, it gave much ink to the fuzzy science of a rogue "therapist" and an organization with a history of failure.

The article provided small references to opposition to "reparative therapy." However it was not made clear how broad-based the opposition is, and how the credibility of these groups far outweighs that of organizations like Exodus. The American Psychological Association, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Counseling Association, the National Association of Social Workers, the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, and the World Health Organization have all weighed in on the issue, rejecting its effectiveness and, in many cases, emphasizing the unethical nature of the efforts of reparative therapists. Even worse than the omission of the enormous scope of opposition to reparative therapy was the inordinate amount of ink provided to Warren Throckmorton and his patient, "Jeff." The outcome that alleged Jeff had flies in the face of the peer-reviewed assessments of the practice. A 2002 study interviewed 202 participants in such treatments. Only 26 reported success - and of those, only eight reported not having "slips" into homosexuality. Even more disturbing were the reports from those who said that the treatment failed. Of the 176 who did not change, 155 had long-term harm from conversion - ranging from the physical effects of shock therapy to inability to maintain relationships with family and friends, to a loss of their faith.

What should have been said is that the only issue to be "repaired" here is the problem that drives people into the offices of these shoddy practitioners - the idea that being gay constitutes a problem to be fixed. If there is an illness to be spoken of, this attitude is it. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are our children, our families and our friends. There's no need for them to change - only for us to help them change a society in which they are driven into such predatory places as Dr. Throckmorton's office.

John Cepek, National President, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

"WHO WILL HELP ME WITH MY LAWN?"

We've had a string of beautiful days in this part of Vermont's "northeast kingdom" after a rather rainy spring. Yesterday a man who contracts with farmers all over northern Vermont hayed our field. Looks like a bumper crop. The immediate view in front of our house is better than it was last year. That's because of some selective tree cutting by a man who works with my nephew, Steve. Steve likes to leave a piece of land better than he found it.

Something like that happened in Massachusetts earlier this week. Yesterday's headline in The Boston Globe described a vote which made things better for gay and lesbian people and, indirectly, for all of us. The headline read "Right of gays to marry set for years to come." The Massachusetts legislature voted 151 to 45 against a ban on gay marriage. If as few as 50 legislators had voted for the ban, it would have been submitted to a vote in the 2008 general election.

An accompanying article in the Globe told how "personal stories swayed (the) stances" of legislators previously opposed to gay marriage. One was from a woman in the Springfield area who wrote her legislator that she had changed her mind: "But since then, Gale," the woman said, "this lovely couple, these two men, moved in next door to me, and they have a couple of children and they're married, and they help me with my lawn. And if they can't be married in Massachusetts, they're going to leave - and then who would help me with my lawn?"

Statistics show that fears of gay marriage undermining the institution of marriage haven't been borne out. Massachusetts, according to the most recent statistics, has a divorce rate of 2.4 per 1,000 population and is the "lowest divorce rate in the nation." The national average is 4.2. Divorce rates are generally lower in the northeast and higher in the south according to data from the census bureau.

But I don't think its statistics that change people. I think its stories, just as the article in the Globe pointed out. It's knowing people. It's appreciating them. It's seeing that those we thought were different are just like the rest of us. It's a change of heart before it's a change of mind. That's why, when I hear about religious people praying for the passage of a ban on gay marriage, it puzzles me.

Earlier this month Lucy and I attended my 60th reunion at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn. I must admit that the main reason I went was to see our son, Doug, and his family. Doug was there for his 25th reunion. Once I was there, though, I enjoyed seeing old classmates and talking to people I'd known from living many years in Windsor.

One of those people teaches philosophy at the school. He was one of Doug's favorite teachers. Dom speaks in the cadences of his native Italy. He worried about the school, he said, because so much money was being spent on buildings. We need to put more emphasis on relationships, Dom said. We should bring in more poets, more people who would speak about intangible things, which have everything to do with relationships. Then Dom said something that I've been mulling over ever since. He said that more and more he is sure that love is the only power that can really transform lives and hold the world together.

Married and a father, Dom impresses me as a religious person in a very inclusive sense. Religion is all about transformation, about seeing things in a fresh, new way. Yes, being born anew, if you want to use that term. Sort of like that elderly woman who sees the world a little differently and wonders what she would do without her new neighbors. Who would help her with her lawn?

Van Parker June 07

PFLAG, LOVE MAKES A FAMILY & HGLHC AWARD SIX COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

On Wednesday, June 20, **PFLAG Hartford, Love Makes A Family** and the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective** presented scholarships to six students in recognition of their involvement in the LGBTI community:

Ethan Fusaris **Southern Connecticut State University** with a double major in Sociology (BS) and Anthropology (BA) and a minor in Public Health.

Ethan has been a student at SCSU since April 2004 and is a leader on campus as president of PRISM (the LGBTQI student group). He has helped form an alliance between the Counseling Center and PRISM to provide support, outreach and education to the campus community regarding LGBTQI issues. Ethan is also a volunteer for SAFE ZONE, a program that serves to educate faculty, staff, resident advisors and students about homophobia, discrimination, support and ally development on campus. Ethan's dedication to PRISM, the SAFE ZONE program and the SAGE Center (Sexual and Gender Equity Center) has earned him respect as a dedicated, hard working and always reliable ally. Ethan has been described as, "the epitome of what activism on a college campus should look like." Ethan has many options for his future: HIV/AIDS educator/tester for the State of Connecticut, working with the Department of Children & Families, or an administrator for Planned Parenthood of Connecticut.

Sarah E. Kess **Farmington High School**

Sarah's school was the only school in neighboring districts with no GSA so, in her sophomore year at FHS, Sara took a risk and formed one. In the first year, the GSA gathered a small crew of students to join together in a day of silence. Since then, the day of silence has become an expected and welcome tradition at FHS. Sarah initiated movie nights and band nights to raise money and the students used those funds to donate to AIDS-related charities and to offset the cost of attending the True Colors Conference. Sarah encouraged students and teachers to sign "Ally" cards pledging to confront and eliminate language hostile to LGBT students. As a co-anchor on a weekly student-produced FHS news program, she produced a spot in which school administrators, teachers and students read their ally cards on the televised broadcast. Nearly 400 cards were signed—1/4 of the entire student body. Sarah will attend Massachusetts College of Art with an eye on becoming an Art Therapist and freelance photographer.

Daniel O. Peacock **Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT**

Daniel will attend Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. He plans to study Art History and Biology. Daniel attended Maine College of Art's Early College program in July 2006 and earned four college credits. He also studied Japanese I & II at Yale University from 2003-2005 through the Southern Connecticut Language and Culture Exposure Program. Daniel has many interests and would love to become either a curator for an art museum, a physician, educator or social worker. Daniel has been a Peer Advocate at DHHS since 2005 and was a Training Group Co-Leader in the fall of 2006. Daniel's high school activities include being a member of Gay and Straight People; introducing and planning DHHS's National Day of Silence in 2004; Fairy God Family, Inc. where he helped plan the Queer Prom in 2004 and co-organized the 2007 Queer Prom; Diversity Club; AIDS Awareness Project; Animanga Club; ROOT (Darfur Action Committee); The Dollar Difference (African Aid Project).

Jennifer Sturges Joel Barlow High School, Redding, CT

Jennifer will attend Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury, CT, where she will major in Human Services-Child and Family Services. Jennifer wants to work with children and families having difficulties, and especially with children who have been abused. Jennifer was one of the original founders of her school's S.A.G (Sexual Awareness Group) and has been President of her school's GSA since her junior year. Jennifer spoke at a school assembly called "Names Can Really Hurt Us," sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League. Jenn's School Counselor said, "It was a pivotal moment for her and for many in the audience who listened to her in awe." During her senior year, Jennifer ran a workshop at the True Colors Conference and plans to do so in future years. Despite a difficult childhood, Jenn has managed to do honor roll school work and received an Achievement Award in Mathematics. One of Jen's teachers said, "Jenn's resiliency is remarkable".

Michelle Dyer Glastonbury High School

Michelle received the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective Scholarship this year because of her courage and willingness to be out among peers, despite continuous pressures and hardships from home. She served as the GSA Secretary, and helped coordinate the school's participation in the annual Day of Silence and inclusion in the True Colors Conference. One teacher noted that, on Glastonbury High School's Cultural Diversity Day, Michelle bravely described some of the hardships she has faced in and out of the school setting because of her sexuality. This later prompted powerful discussions, and indeed changed minds. Michelle will attend the University of Hartford, where she plans to join the campus GSA-Spectrum, and will continue to fight for tolerance and equal rights for all. (Contd.)

Jonathan Skalski Waterford High School

Academically and musically gifted, Jonathan has served as a quiet role model for GLBT students (and adults) since coming out as a freshman. He lives his life openly and with integrity, and patiently endeavors to see that others realize GLBT persons have all the same abilities, interests, strengths and weaknesses as everyone else. Jonathan will attend Connecticut College in New London, majoring in psychology and behavioral neuroscience and then medical school, aspiring to be a child psychiatrist; hopefully breaking down barriers and stereotypes about the GLBT community.

We congratulate all of our scholarship recipients and wish you much success toward achieving your goals.

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Connecticut PFLAG Meetings

PFLAG HARTFORD: Information on front page or at www.pflaghartford.org

PFLAG NORWALK/SOUTHWESTERN CT

When: First Wednesday of every month, 7:30 pm
Where: Triangle Cmnty. Center, 16 River St. Norwalk
Help Line: (203) 226-0257 or (203) 438-0530
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PFLAG NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT:

Contact: Diane (860) 435-2738

PFLAG MADISON/SHORELINE

No Meetings
Email: davidwinthropknapp@yahoo.com
Help Line: (203) 453-1395

PFLAG GROTON (NOANK) /SOUTHEASTERN CT

When: Second Monday of every month
 5:30-6:30 Potluck Dinner
 6:30-8:00 Meeting
Where: Noank Baptist Church, 18 Cathedral Heights
 (Childcare is available)
For Information call Mike (860) 447-0884

PFLAG GREATER NEW HAVEN

When: Third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm
Where: Church of the Redeemer
 Corner: Whitney Ave./Cold Spring St., NH
Help Line: (203) 907-0518
Email: greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com

Central and Western Massachusetts

Williamstown Area:

When: Second Sunday of every month, 2 pm
Where: First Congregational Church, Williamstown
Contact: (413) 243-2382

Springfield Area:

When: Last Wednesdays, every month, 7 pm
Where: South Congregational Church
 45 Maple Street, Springfield
Contact: (413) 732-3240 or (413) 783-7709

Greenfield, MA

Help Line: 413/625-6636
E-Mail: PFLAGPV@valinet.com

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