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Parents, Families, Friends, and Allies United with LGBTQ+ people to *move equality forward!*

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Greetings from PFLAG Phoenix,

October is our annual renewal month for memberships and you are receiving this letter because you are either a current, or past, member of PFLAG Phoenix. Would you please consider renewing your membership, or joining PFLAG Phoenix again?

In the last several years the LGBTQ+ community has made great strides in gaining equality. We have gone from Domestic Partnerships, to Civil Unions, to Marriage Equality. Many states have workplace protections, however Arizona is not one of those states, and there is still much work to be done. People can be fired for being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, or even if perceived as LGBTQ. It is estimated that 30-40% of homeless youth on the streets are LGBTQ and been kicked out of their homes, or found living at home to be intolerable. High school and college students may be afraid to "come out" for fear of losing support for their education.

PFLAG Phoenix is here to **support, educate, and advocate for, and on behalf of the LGBTQ+** people and their families. We currently have six support groups meeting monthly, throughout the valley. Rents, educational materials, signage, business cards and printing does come at a cost. Generous donors and membership renewals are what keep PFLAG Phoenix afloat. We have no paid staff and all work is done by volunteers. **Please renew, or join NOW** to help us *support* our loved ones, *educate* families and friends, and *advocate* to advance strides gained in the past.

There are several options to join PFLAG Phoenix or renew your membership: a) complete the form on reverse of this letter, and mail with your check to the 24th street address at the foot of this letter; b) Bring the form along with your check to any of our regular support meetings; or c) going to our website at www.pflagphoenix.org and select "Memberships and Donations," to select your membership type, and pay securely using a charge or debit card.

Thank you for your past and ongoing support.

Al Ellis, President, PFLAG Phoenix

Remember, membership is NOT required to attend any of our support meetings or public functions!

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