Greetings,

Happy Pride Month! Celebrate by visiting one of our support meetings, and show us your true colors!

Don't forget to "like" our Facebook page if you haven't yet!

Sincerely,

PFLAG Phoenix
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Our calendar of events

June support meetings:

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General information on PFLAG Phoenix support meetings, including locations & times, can be found [here](#).
We invite you to join us Wednesday, June 19th, at 7pm to listen to our guest speaker, Robert Chevaleau. Robert is the President of the Arizona Trans Youth & Parent Organization (aztypo) and has been working since July to affect positive change at Great Hearts Academies, the largest charter school system in the Valley.

In June 2016, the Great Hearts corporate Board of Directors adopted a policy that requires their transgender students to align all school activities with their biological sex, rather than the student's gender identity. The student's participation in extra curricular clubs, sports, and the use of facilities (restrooms, et. al.) all must align with the sex of the student as printed on their birth certificate. This requirement extends further to Great Hearts' gendered hair cutting standards, school uniform requirements, "girls line/boys line" classroom management, and daily pronoun usage.

The policy Great Hearts has chosen to adopt is in direct opposition with current medical and mental health best practices and only perpetuates the discrimination that our transgender children face everyday. This policy is in force today across all 23 Great Hearts campuses, affecting over 10,000 students.

Robert has been working directly with all levels of leadership at Great Hearts and has been trying to raise awareness of this policy within our community. Come hear the history of the work being done against this policy thus far and get up to date about where things are going and how he plans to get there. This will be a great opportunity to get some ideas on how you can help move the conversation forward with your own school! Public education is for all students without exception.

Here are some great articles that pertain to this subject:

- Great Hearts’ Biological Sex and Gender Policy (can be found on page 14)
- Here is a podcast & article about one transgender student's experience at Great Hearts.
- ACLU urges against Scottsdale partnering with Great Hearts Academies on park because of its "anti-transgender" policy. Article here.
- Scottsdale Councilwoman: Great Hearts Must Change Transgender Policy To Partner With City - Article here.

For more information on AZTYPO, check out their webpage. Information about our Central Phoenix meeting can be found here.
We're not sure how many of you know that there is a "clothes closet" for both trans males and trans females at First Church, the church in which we hold our Central support group meetings. So we want to share this news with you and also let you know how you can help this great program become even better by donating clothing, shoes, etc. So we hope you will read on for all of the details.

First of all, you've got to get there, so when you enter the church (location here), turn right and go west down the hallway, through the big doors, and even past the Libbey Room, and it is the LAST door on your right. The clothing room is open every Saturday, and we think you can take your donations in every Saturday. If you have a question, you can always ask the person who's in charge and they will usually tell you if it is something they want to handle... Items are gratefully accepted.

In addition to helping solve a big need in the trans community, this church also assists immigrants when the opportunity arises, which means there is always a need for personal cosmetic supplies. This is where WE can help and it does not require much effort, time, or energy. Just the minor act of saving our toothbrushes, floss, and small toothpastes from our dentist visits can make a huge difference in someone's life. These supplies are perfect for people (like new refugees) who need toiletries to get them by. Even the little shampoos, conditioners and shower gels from hotels are worth their weight in gold for those who are struggling to get on their feet. One of our friends has donated some sample cosmetics which had never been used, and cosmetic brushes, and we know they were appreciated.

And a few final notes, shoes of ANY size are so valued because some people have a difficult time going into a public clothing store. It is quite likely they will feel a lot more comfortable trying on shoes or clothing in this more accepting environment. If you are planning on donating clothing, please make sure the items are clean, neatly folded or on hangers, and ready for sale or use, not thrown into bags, requiring sorting and extra work...as they do not have the personnel to do that.

This is a great way we can help the people in our community! Thanks!

You are invited!
This free event, held at the Webster Center at the Desert Botanical Garden, features an evening of laughter by gay comedians Tony Tripoli, Gene Moore and Ernesto Ortiz who will entertain with family-style comedy. While laughter is the key ingredient, the evening will also emphasize the opportunities available for the LGBT community to step forward and make a difference in the lives of foster and adoptive children. More information and RSVP form can be found here.
You are invited to the 22nd anniversary of AIS-DSD Support Group Conference which will be held in Phoenix July 13-16! Don’t miss it!

AIS-DSD Support Group is dedicated to helping those with Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (AIS) and Differences of Sex Development (DSD)/ Intersex. This group has a network of hundreds of adults, youth, children, families and allies and they partner with many medical professionals and other organizations.

More information about the support group and this conference can be found [here](#).