

# 2009 – The Year in Review

## SUPPORT

- Increased attendance at monthly support group meetings
- Increased number of, and attendance at, mid-month support group meetings
- Maintained an active and bilingual help line
- Provided financial assistance to needy persons living with HIV/AIDS
- Co-hosted the Elder Hospitality Suite at the Creating Change Conference
- Hosted pancake breakfast for The Center
- Participated in PrideFest Parade, in the honorary position of Grand Marshal
- Updated the directory of Colorado faith communities that are open and affirming
- Participated in the AIDS Walk
- Maintained our membership at a level of approximately 250 households
- Published a monthly newsletter
- Sent representatives to PFLAG National's Safe Schools Training
- Enhanced the chapter's website
- Developed a Facebook page to broaden our presence and extend our support of GLBTs
- Provided financial support to PFLAG Boulder for the creation of a film about the transgender experience
- Worked with the PFLAG Coalition and PFLAG Boulder to promote the play *Home by Dark*
- Met with Executive Director of The Center to lay the groundwork for collaboration.

## EDUCATION

- Created a Straight/Gay Alliance Workshop
- Conducted a Straight/Gay Alliance Workshop at First Plymouth Congregational Church, Boulder United Methodist Church, Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Frito-Lay, and PFLAG Denver
- At the invitation of the Gill Foundation, published and disseminated information about the "Rights 5 Colorado," measures enacted by the Colorado legislature
- Attended and presented information at the Colorado PTA convention
- Presented programs at the monthly meetings on a wide range of educational and informative topics, including programs on the transgender experience
- Made presentations, by means of our Speakers' Bureau, to a variety of groups and organizations
- Co-sponsored the presentation of the film *Two Spirits*, about the murder of Fred Martinez, Jr., at the Denver International Film Festival
- In partnership with the Matthew Shepard Foundation, hosted Judy Shepard to speak on "The Legacy of Matthew" at Regis College.

## ADVOCACY

- Supported Equal Rights Colorado's annual Lobby Day
- Disseminated information about the "Rights 5 Colorado"
- Created and presented a Straight/Gay Alliance Workshop at several churches and businesses
- Participated in a protest of the passing of Proposition 8 in California
- Informed our members of many opportunities for them to contact legislative representatives on issues of GLBT interest and concern, and the need and responsibility to do so.

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MANAGEMENT

- Created a PayPal account, facilitating online donations and memberships
- Initiated dissemination of the monthly newsletter in an electronic format
- Enrolled in our chapter a number of Denver residents who were members of PFLAG National but not of PFLAG Denver
- Managed donations to defray legal costs of five individuals arrested for protesting the prohibition of their right to marry
- Conducted a number of creative and successful fundraising activities
- Prudently monitored and conserved our finances, in spite of a 20% decrease in income.

## MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR

In the severe economic downturn of the past year, we were not immune. We suffered a significant revenue shortfall, but with careful management we were able to reduce our expenditures. Financial challenges did not undercut our support, education, and advocacy on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons. Our constituency remained committed and active. Donors and membership continued strong at 350 households. And volunteers answered the call, as always. The selection of PFLAG as Grand Marshal of the 2009 Pride Parade is a testament to how much PFLAG accomplished and how much it is appreciated. A huge "Thank You" is extended to each and every person involved in PFLAG: the members, the volunteers, our friends and supporters, our Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator Judy Trompeter, and the members of the Board of Directors.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Chairman of the Board.

Stuart S. Gunckel