

# 2006 – The Year in Review

## Our Programs and Services

Monthly meetings offered educational programs along with support for parents adjusting to GLBT sons and daughters.

The Helpline responded to about 150 calls during the year, the majority from parents.

The Speakers' Bureau made 14 presentations and reached an estimated 340 people; a program on *The History of Marriage* was requested several times.

The Advocacy Committee interacted with the legislature, co-sponsored Lobby Day, and encouraged participation in the election campaign.

A newsletter was sent monthly to 600 households.

Informational booths were staffed at numerous events, meetings, and functions, including the Colorado PTA Conference.

Support for families and persons dealing with HIV/AIDS included financial assistance through participation in AIDS Walk Colorado.

Quarterly volunteer orientations introduced new volunteers to PFLAG's history and activities.

## Our Memorable Events

1st Annual Art Show & Silent Auction

Dinner for Soulforce Equality Riders

Bus to Soulforce 1000 Watt March

## Our Treasured Resource

Volunteers form the backbone of our organization – we could not function without them! Over 100 dedicated volunteers contribute to every activity at every level from dull drudgery to dramatic leadership.

***We are so grateful!***

## Our Message Boldly Visible

This billboard was displayed at two busy locations for a full month this fall.



## Message from John Ferguson, President

2006 was a busy year for our PFLAG chapter. Most noticeable was our participation in the campaign for LGBT civil rights in the election. Our billboard advertisement helped build support for our side in the election, and got us lots of attention within the LGBT community in Denver. And, it was supported by our members who said thanks for doing it and supported it with their directed contributions.

Our chapter had a strong year also in our ongoing activities of providing support and education. Our Speakers' Bureau had a vital year of engagements,

our meetings had programs that were interesting. Thanks to the efforts of the membership committee and our hospitality committee, our membership has grown almost 10% recently. And, the work of our fundraising committee and the art auction committee has paid off in money, a great fun art auction evening, and momentum to do even better this year.

2007 will be a year of restarting our efforts, pacing for the long term work of winning hearts and minds for GLBT causes. Lets go!

## Message from Sara Winter, Board Chair

Our chapter, now in its 27th year, is stable, sound, and strong. We have come to the end of a landmark year, in which Colorado voters made us aware how much we are still needed. Who better than PFLAG to advocate tirelessly on behalf of our LGBT loved ones, to advance the cause of equality for all families and to affirm the validity of different gender identities and sexual orientations!

Whenever I think about the continuing prejudice

against LGBT people, I have to ask myself where I would be if I had not been blessed with a lesbian daughter. Whether they know it or not, the voters in this state, and indeed in the nation and world, are caught up in the same journey that we PFLAGers have made. Until our dreams for equality are realized – and they will be – PFLAG will be there, a steady presence, a passionate standard-bearer.