

# Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Richmond Chapter records

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### Unit Date

1988-2002

### Mixed Materials [A11424375713]

1 (box)

### Mixed Materials [A11424375705]

2 (box)

### Mixed Materials

3 (Oversize)

### Language

English .

### source

Archer, Michelle

### Creator

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Richmond Chapter

**Extent**

2.54 Linear Feet 2 letter document boxes and one oversize newspaper box

**Extent**

6.46 Megabytes 1 CD containing 24 .pdfs and 6 .mov files

**Repository**

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

## Administrative Information

**Access restrictions**

The collection is open to research.

**Use Restrictions**

The collection is open for use; however, due to copyright restrictions, the videos on the Richmond Gay-Straight Alliance Resource CD may not be reproduced or disseminated without the copyright holder's permission.

**Acquisition Information**

Gift of Michelle Archer, a former president of the PFLAG Richmond Chapter.

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## Biographical / Historical Information

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), founded in 1973, is a United States-based national organization that supports LGBTQ+ people and their families. PFLAG has a network of hundreds of chapters with over 325,000 members and supporters. Their mission is "to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and [transgender] individuals, along with their families and allies, by 1) providing support to those who need it, 2) educating family and communities regarding sexual orientation, gender identity and LGBT issues, and 3) advocating to end discrimination and advance equality for LGBT people.

The Richmond chapter of PFLAG started in the early 1990s. The chapter holds monthly group meetings to support LGBT community and their families, has a presence at Richmond Pride, Virginia TIES, and Transgender Day of Remembrance.

References: "About Us." PFLAG. Accessed April 18, 2023. <https://pflag.org/about-us/> "About Us." PFLAG of Richmond. Accessed April 18, 2023. <https://pflagofrichmond.org/about-us>

## Scope and Contents

The Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Richmond Chapter records documents support for and attitudes around LGBTQ+ youth in the 1990s and early 2000s in Richmond, VA, and other parts of the south. The collection also documents how various LGBTQ+ identities were understood or explained to allies and others during this time period. The collection does not contain many administrative records documenting the activities of the PFLAG Richmond Chapter.

The collection contains newsletters, pamphlets and brochures, articles and resources about LGBTQ+ youth, flyers, meeting minutes, forms, event planning materials, correspondence, photos, newspapers and clippings, and a Richmond Gay-Straight Alliance resource CD.

Richmond Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) resource CD includes .pdf and .mov files. Video files are MTV PSAs on homophobic slurs and Matthew Shepard. The .pdf files include documents on GSA activities and icebreakers, tips for finding new members, tips on starting a GSA, the 2001 National School Climate Survey, advice from GSA leaders, gay and lesbian history, handbooks (general and Richmond-specific), resources on anti-bullying initiatives, frequently asked questions, and more.

For a complete listing of included issues of PFLAGpole newspaper, see the scope and content note for that folder.

## Keywords

LGBT activism -- Virginia -- Richmond

Gay rights -- Virginia -- Richmond  
Parents of gay people -- Virginia -- Richmond  
Parents of sexual minority youth -- Virginia -- Richmond  
Parents of transgender children -- Virginia -- Richmond  
Gay people -- Virginia -- Richmond  
Transgender people -- Virginia -- Richmond  
Lesbians -- Virginia -- Richmond  
Bisexual people -- Virginia -- Richmond  
Family members of LGBTQ+ people  
LGBTQ+ people  
Archer, Michelle  
Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Richmond Chapter

## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Contents of the Richmond Gay-Straight Alliance resource CD are available electronically. Contact Special Collections and Archives staff to request access at libjbcsc@vcu.edu. File formats include .pdf and .mov and are viewable using a suitable media viewer/player.

## Arrangement

Folders are arranged alphabetically with the exception of newspapers, which are in an oversize box at the end of the collection.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Annual reports

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75683

**Unit Date** 1993-2000

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### Articles, information sheets, and resources on transgender youth

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75684

**Unit Date** 1991-1998

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Articles on LGBT+ youth

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75685

**Unit Date** 1991-2000

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### Bisexual resource packet and materials

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75686

**Unit Date** circa 1995

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### Board of directors and staff list

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75687

**Unit Date** 1999-2002

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### **Board meeting agendas and minutes**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75688

**Unit Date** 1997-2001

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

### **CD: Richmond Gay-Straight Alliance resource**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75689

**Unit Date** January 2003

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

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### **Chapter roster and mailing list**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75690

**Unit Date** 2000-2001

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

### **Christianity**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75691

**Unit Date** 1988-1995

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

### **Conference materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75692

**Unit Date** 1996-1997

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

### **Contacts and resource lists**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75693

**Unit Date** 2000

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

### **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75694

**Unit Date** 1994-2001

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Defense of Marriage Act****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75695**Unit Date** 2000**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**The Flagpole****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75696**Unit Date** January-February 2001**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Flyers and information sheets****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75697**Unit Date** 1993-2001**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Forms****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75698**Unit Date** circa 2001**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**From Our House to the Schoolhouse: Safe Schools Campaign****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75699**Unit Date** 2000**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Grant application forms****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75700**Unit Date** 2000-2001**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**Logos and stickers****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75701**Unit Date** circa 1996**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**Membership applications and forms****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75702**Unit Date** circa 2000**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)

**News clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75703

**Unit Date** 1991-2002

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Newsletters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75704

**Unit Date** 1996-1997

**Mixed Materials [A11424375713]** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Newsletters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75705

**Unit Date** 1998-2001

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Newsletters from other organizations**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75706

**Unit Date** 1990-2001

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Non-PFLAG articles, reports, and fact sheets**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75707

**Unit Date** 1991-2000

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Pamphlets and brochures for LGBT youth**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75708

**Unit Date** 1994

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Pamphlets and brochures for parents and family**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75709

**Unit Date** 1988-2002

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Pamphlets and brochures in Spanish**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75710

**Unit Date** 1991-2000

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Pamphlets and brochures on Christianity and LGBT people**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75711

**Unit Date** 1992-1997

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Pamphlets and brochures on coming out**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75712

**Unit Date** 1993-2001

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Pamphlets from other LGBT organizations**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75713

**Unit Date** circa 1995-2001

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Pamphlets on PFLAG**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75714

**Unit Date** circa 1995

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Photos: Capitol March for Sharon Bottoms**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75715

**Unit Date** 1995

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Photos: Richmond Pride Festival**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75716

**Unit Date** 1994 and 1997

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Project 10 Handbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75717

**Unit Date** 1993

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Referral and networking directories**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75718

**Unit Date** 2000-2001

**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Statements, toolkits, and publications****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75719**Unit Date** 1993-2001**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Testimonials****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75720**Unit Date** 1997**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Tips & Tactics newsletters****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75721**Unit Date** 2000-2001**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**TransParent newsletters****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75722**Unit Date** 1997-2001**Mixed Materials [A11424375705]** 2 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**PFLAGpole newspaper****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75723**Unit Date** 1996-2001**Mixed Materials** 3 (Oversize)**Container** 1 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

September/October 1996 June/July 1997 Winter 1998 Spring 1999 Fall 1999 Winter 2000 Summer 2000  
Fall 2000 Winter 2001 Spring 2001 Summer 2001

**The Virginia Gayzette****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/75724**Unit Date** January 2001**Mixed Materials** 3 (Oversize)**Container** 2 (item)