



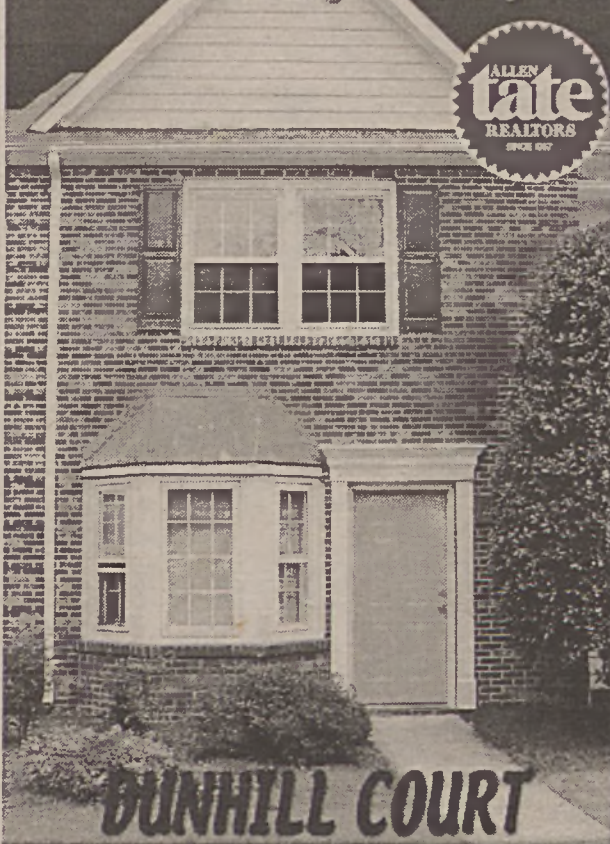
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Mothers' Day Special: Lesbian Moms

Lost in the annual Mothers' Day avalanche of Hallmark cards and FTD commercials is one group of American mothers who really deserve a day of recognition — America's lesbian moms.

No group of women has faced the kind of sustained, unabashed efforts to break up their families lesbian mothers have encountered from social service agencies and our courts.

These women have shown astonishing determination and courage in fighting a system often determined to ignore the truth that sexual orientation has nothing to do with being a good parent.

America's lesbian mothers have sacrificed and often suffered heartbreaking losses to keep their families intact. So the American Civil Liberties Union salutes them, as a shining



Happy Two Mothers Day

example of what motherhood really means.

PFLAG Mother's Day - Father's Day Congressional Outreach Project

PFLAG Moms launch first-time month long advocacy for legislative protection of their LGBT children

WASHINGTON, DC — On May 1, PFLAG mothers from all across the US converged on our nation's capital to personally deliver Parents Friends of Lesbians And Gays' message of inclusion and respect to their Congressional legislators. In meetings with their representatives, PFLAG moms shared compelling photos of their loved ones to personalize issues crucial to the LGBT community — and underscoring that prejudice and exclusion cause real harm to real people.

The day's visits launched PFLAG's Inaugural Mother's Day - Father's Day Congressional Outreach Project. "As the nation's foremost family organization for social change, PFLAG has organized this national effort to persuade our legislators to honor their commitments to their entire constituencies, including millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens they represent," said PFLAG president Sam Thoron. "This effort is central to our mission and reflects our core values."

The PFLAG Month of Advocacy kicked off May 1 with an Inaugural Congressional Reception. The Month of Advocacy will last until Father's Day, June 15.

Rep. Lynn Woolsey of California, a longtime advocate for equality and fair treatment for all, and a mom, was honored with the PFLAG 2003 Courageous Mother Leadership Award. Barbara Warner, past president of the PFLAG Metro DC Chapter received the 2003 PFLAG Outstanding Mom of the Year award.

PFLAG education and advocacy will continue on the national and local level. Mothers across the nation who did not travel to Washington, DC met with representatives in their home districts to educate them on the following issues:

- The importance of clearly including our

transgender family and friends in federal civil rights legislation — and in Congressional office equal employment opportunity policies. Mothers encouraged representatives to sign an office Diversity Statement on the spot and thanked the seven senators and 63 representatives who had already done so.



- PFLAG's support for family-friendly legislation honoring the partnership commitments of our loved ones, including the Permanent Partners Immigration Act and a bill recently introduced by Senator Joseph Lieberman extending partner benefits to Federal employees.
- The Judicial nomination process

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is the nation's premier grassroots organization committed to the civil rights of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) persons.

Founded in 1973 by heterosexual mothers and fathers, PFLAG has 500 chapters and over 250,000 members throughout the United States.

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