



### ***PFLAG Family Reunion Detroit Chapter (for People of Color)***

The PFLAG Family Reunion Detroit Chapter has been in existence for several years, and is being reactivated by Pamela Hilliard Owens, Chapter President.

Mrs. Owens is the mother of a wonderful 38-year-old openly gay daughter who lives in Washington DC with her partner. Her daughter “came out” as a very young adult (age 21). Until then, Mrs. Owens had “no idea” that her daughter was gay—she had a “regular” teen-age life with boyfriends, cotillion, proms, etc.

PFLAG-FR works in conjunction with the other Michigan PFLAG Chapters and the National PFLAG organization to be of service to the families of LGBTQ persons of color in Detroit and the surrounding area.

The Hilliard Family has always been tolerant and accepting of all people—no matter the race, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. So it really was not “a problem” for us; we already had “gay relatives” that we knew about.

Mrs. Owens, as a PFLAG Mom and Straight Ally, works to help other parents whose children are gay or questioning or have already “come out” to deal with their child’s orientation and any and all ramifications. Mrs. Owens also works with other people who would like to be “Straight Allies” even if they are not directly affect by a gay family member or friend. Many people feel that discrimination against LGBTQ people is just wrong and want to do *something*—a little or a lot.

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