No child should be judged or rejected by their family, friends, classmates, or anyone else because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. It is easy to feel complacent and immune from hate in Massachusetts, because we are not facing the same legal challenges as folks in other states are. Even here, LGBTQ+ young people continue to face isolation, discrimination, and violence. The latest MA Youth Risk Behavior Survey demonstrates that LGBT youth are at higher risk for almost every type of bullying, harassment, health risks, and economic instability.

And for transgender and youth of color, these statistics can be higher with multiple identities layered on. As parents and community members, we must keep in mind that these statistics are products of the conditions in which our LGBTQ+ youth live. Decades of research shows, disparities in rates of anxiety, depression and suicide ideation among LGBTQ+ students were nearly eliminated in communities with the most protective and inclusive schools. We have the power for change.

Greater Boston PFLAG works with families, companies, schools, community groups, and religious organizations to:

- Change Attitudes through support, education, and training
- Advocate for Equity and policy change
- Create a society that’s safe and inclusive of LGBTQ+ people of all ages
States across the country are banning teachers from educating students on LGBTQ+ issues, banning trans girls from playing sports, criminalizing affirmative care to transgender youth, limiting parenting rights, removing healthcare protections, and reversing overall discrimination protections. Individuals are harassing librarians and pushing for hundreds of books to be banned in communities everywhere. Proud Boys were arrested after threatening a Pride event in Idaho and another white nationalist group, the Patriot Front, made an appearance at a protest in Boston this summer.

Boston Children’s Hospital is being targeted by anti-trans activists who picketed the hospital entrance carrying signs and yelling anti-trans messages as families arrived for medical appointments with their children — this after weeks of harassment and threats of violence aimed at doctors and hospital staff, including a bomb scare resulting in lockdown of the hospital.

Our work matters and is critical to protecting all our loved ones.

**Healthcare and LGBTQ+ Youth**

**TRANS YOUTH AND FAMILY DAY**—Two panels of doctors from top medical institutions in the Boston area provided information for parents and others about the range of healthcare options available for transgender youth, including information on mental health, ideas on how to recognize and support the youth in crisis, and medical assistance for people, such as puberty blockers and hormones.

**TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY**—Organized in partnership with the Commonwealth’s Commission on LGBT Youth, this event was held on the Massachusetts State House steps. Over 150 attendees and several legislators both attended and spoke at the event, including Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Pro Tem Kate Hogan.

**Schools and LGBTQ+ Youth**

Greater Boston PFLAG’s Safe Schools program directly addresses the challenges LGBTQ+ youth face by educating staff and students at area schools with over 70 engagements throughout region.

Research demonstrates that the staff educational program has made schools a safer place for LGBTQ+ students by improving teachers’ attitudes towards these students and increasing their comfort in intervening in anti-LGBTQ+ behaviors.

**Communities and LGBTQ+ Youth**

We have 18 support groups across Eastern Massachusetts, helping parents, caregivers, and community members better support their LGBTQ+ family members, friends, and community members.

GBPFLAG is partnering with the MA Department of Children and Families to improve the support available for LGBTQ+ kids in the foster care system, providing trainings, and resource guides to social workers and foster parents.

GBPFLAG is a member organization with dedicated seats on the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ youth to help advise others in state government on effective policies, programs, and resources for LGBTQ youth.
Sponsorship Opportunities

Champion Sponsor — $35,000
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram) with 3 custom social media posts
- Name/logo listed: in our community newsletter and on slides, website, electronic communications, printed program, and printed save the date cards for our annual gala
- 10 tickets to our annual gala, including a pre-event reception
- Certificate of recognition for display
- Three hours of training from GBPFLAG education team

Leader Sponsor — $25,000
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram) with 2 custom social media posts
- Name/logo listed: in our community newsletter and on slides, website, electronic communications, and printed program for our annual gala
- 8 tickets to our annual gala, including a pre-event reception
- Certificate of recognition for display
- Two hours of training from GBPFLAG education team

Partner Sponsor — $15,000
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram) with 1 custom social media post
- Name/logo listed: in our community newsletter and on slides, website, electronic communications, and printed program for our annual gala
- 6 tickets to our annual gala, including a pre-event reception
- Certificate of recognition for display
- One hour of training from GBPFLAG education team

Sustainer Sponsor — $10,000
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram) with 3 custom social media posts
- Name/logo listed: in our community newsletter and on slides, website, electronic communications, printed program, and printed save the date cards for our annual gala
- 4 tickets to our annual gala, including a pre-event reception
- Certificate of recognition for display
- One hour of training from GBPFLAG education team – individual sponsors may receive access to the program on behalf of a school or nonprofit of their choice

Supporter Sponsor — $7,500
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram)
- Name/logo listed: in our community newsletter and on slides, website, electronic communications, and printed program for our annual gala
- 4 tickets to our annual gala, including a pre-event reception
- Free access to one pre-recorded program for one month (pending availability)
Sponsor Reply Form

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Scan the QR code or visit link to www.gbplag.org to make your payment.

Or email jules@gbpflag.org or call 781-891-5966 to be invoiced and/or with questions.

Please return this form by email to prideandpassion@gbpflag.org or to Greater Boston PFLAG, P.O. Box 541619, Waltham, MA 02454

Thank you for your support and partnership!

Advocate Sponsor — $5,000
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram)
- Name/logo listed: on website, slides, and printed program for our annual gala
- 4 tickets to our annual gala, including a pre-event reception
- Free access to one pre-recorded program for one month (pending availability)

Ally Sponsor — $3,000
- Inclusion in Greater Boston PFLAG’s annual Small Business Recognition Day (for businesses) and our annual Small Sponsor Shoutout
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram)
- Name listed: on website and slides for our annual gala
- Free access to one pre-recorded program for one month (pending availability)

Friend Sponsor — $1,500
- Inclusion in Greater Boston PFLAG’s annual Small Business Recognition Day (for businesses) and our annual Small Sponsor Shoutout
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram)
- Name listed: on website and slides for our annual gala

Small Business Sponsor — $500
- Inclusion in Greater Boston PFLAG’s annual Small Business Recognition Day
- Recognition on our social media (twitter, facebook, and instagram)
- Name listed: on website and slides for our annual gala

Table Host — $2,250
- Host a table at our annual event
- 10 tickets to our annual galaShoutout
- Name listed: on slides at our annual event