



Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

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## TORONTO PFLAG VISION

Toronto PFLAG is a charitable organization that speaks for a more accepting Canadian society by providing support, education and resources to all people who wish to grow in their understanding of sexual and gender diversity.

Toronto PFLAG actively assists in the recognition and growth of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, two-spirit, intersex, queer and questioning persons, and their families and friends, within their diverse cultures and societies.

## Next Support Meeting

Wednesday  
**May 1, 2013**  
7:30 p.m.

Kimbourne Park  
United Church  
200 Wolverleigh Blvd.,  
Toronto, ON M4C 1S2

## The Importance of Being an Ally

This Monday, April 15th 2013, join Toronto PFLAG at the Ed Mirvish Theatre as we honour four incredible Allies of our extended LGBTQ community. From stage and screen, and crossing political boundaries to unite under a banner of equality, our chosen Toronto PFLAG Ally Award recipients embody what it is to stand Proud as an LGBTQ Ally, and make a difference for lgbtq individuals and the PFLAG Family community at large.

For over four decades Allies have played crucial roles in advancing LGBTQ rights across North America; and on April 15th we recognize the importance of continuing this tradition in Toronto.

6pm-9pm - Stand Proud with Toronto PFLAG volunteers - celebrate diversity, challenge transphobia, oppose homophobia, inspire inclusion, and recognise the change we can accomplish together.

FINAL NOTICE -- APRIL 15TH EVENT TICKETS ON SALE at [www.torontopflag.org/gala](http://www.torontopflag.org/gala)

Can't attend? Share some PFLAG Love by buying a ticket for someone you know who might enjoy this event in your place; or make a donation through Canada Helps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/DonationDetails.aspx?cookieCheck=true>

An Ally can brighten the world for one person; while bettering the future for the one and the many.

Michael Ain

Board of Directors, Toronto PFLAG

# IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

## ANNUAL AWARDS GALA



MULTIPLE EMMY & GOLDEN GLOBE WINNER  
**SHARON GLESS**  
BURN NOTICE, QUEER AS FOLK,  
CAGNEY AND LACEY

WITH A SPECIAL  
GUEST APPEARANCE BY



**ROSIE O'DONNELL**  
MULTIPLE EMMY AWARD WINNER

TORONTO PFLAG RECOGNIZES SHARON GLESS AND  
THREE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT  
WITH ALLY-OF-THE-YEAR AWARDS!

Join us in honouring

**Ms. Sharon Gless**

for her tireless contributions to the LGBTQ community, both on screen including  
her groundbreaking role as a PFLAG Mom on Queer as Folk, and off screen

along with

**Dr. Cheri DiNovo (MPP),  
Christine Elliott (MPP), and**

**Hon. Yasir Naqvi (MPP, Minister of Labour)**

for ensuring all-party support and passage of TOBY'S ACT,  
prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and expression.

Hosted by **Mike Chalut (ProudFM)**

Special performances by **Cast Members of the Wizard of Oz**  
and Dora award winning musician **John Alcorn**

Tickets available at [torontopflag.org/gala](http://torontopflag.org/gala). Space is limited **BUY NOW**

## GALA COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Monday, April 15, 2013 6:00 to 8:00pm

Ed Mirvish Theatre 263 Yonge Street

VIP Reception 5:00pm

(Doors Open at 5:30pm for General Admittance)

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer,  
drinks and entertainment - plus a  
fundraising raffle with exciting prizes!

ASL Interpreting services also provided.

YOU can also support Toronto PFLAG's efforts to end homophobia  
and transphobia by donating online at [www.torontopflag.org](http://www.torontopflag.org).



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