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HRC and SC PRIDE

HRC has pictures from Toby Quaranta, HRC's youth outreach coordinator, who attended [South Carolina Pride](#) on Saturday.

<http://www.hrcbackstory.org/2007/09/weve-just-got-s.html>

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Federal Ruling Protects Kids of Gay Parents

By [Deb Price](#), [Creators Syndicate](#). Posted [August 20, 2007](#) (edited)

Should the legal ties between parents and their adopted child unravel if the family leaves the state where the adoption decree was handed down?

But that's what Oklahoma lawmakers were striving for in 2004 with their chillingly titled "Adoption Invalidation Law," which targeted adopted children with gay parents. The statute declared that Oklahoma would refuse to recognize "an adoption by more than one individual of the same sex from any other state or foreign jurisdiction." In other words, if a gay couple and the child they adopted in, say, California or Maryland moved to Oklahoma or simply drove through Oklahoma on vacation, they would not be treated as a legally recognized family by any Oklahoma official -- whether a police officer, public school teacher or judge.

Sounds un-American, doesn't it? It's also unconstitutional. That's what a federal court of appeals told Oklahoma on Aug. 3 in striking down the law. A panel of three judges -- all of them Republican appointees -- of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a lower court ruling that Oklahoma's anti-family law violated the U.S. Constitution's Full Faith and Credit Clause, which requires states to honor one another's judicial judgments, including adoptions. Late last week, the Oklahoma Department of Health decided not to fight the ruling.

The 10th Circuit's sensible ruling comes as states -- where nearly all family law originates -- are getting more used to gay families. About 250,000 U.S. children are being raised by gay parents. Those families' rights vary greatly from state to state. Courts in most states allow gay couples to jointly adopt or allow a gay adult to become the legal second parent of a partner's child.

Adopted kids deserve to feel every bit as secure as their playmates. Now, their parents can breathe easier, knowing the Constitution is on their side.

(8-29-07)

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OutSmart Looking for New Director

OutSmart in the Midlands, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides social, educational, and support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth living in the Midlands of South Carolina. The Director of OutSmart must be knowledgeable of the needs and interests of LGBTQ youth and have the energy, passion, and experience to make an all volunteer organization work. This is a volunteer position.

Individuals interested in this position should contact Dr. Lisa Lindley at info@outsmart.org or (803) 777-7029.

(8-15-07)

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AFFA Small Grants Program

Alliance for Full Acceptance is again offering [small grants](#) to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth (LGBTQQ) projects throughout 2007. Legally recognized 501 (c)(3) organizations (or those with a qualified fiscal agent) serving North and/or South Carolina youth are welcome to apply.

Now in its fourth year, the AFFA Small Grants Program encourages grants that address the multitude of issues LGBTQQ youth face as they "come out" and seek to become empowered people and leaders in their community. Grants will be made with full participation from community youth representation. Grants will not exceed \$3,000 for the year per organization. The \$3,000 maximum award may come in either one grant, or multiple smaller grants within the 12 month period. A Grant Application is enclosed.

Examples of requests might include but are not limited to: supporting Gay Student Associations, travel money for students to attend rallies or lobbying days, purchasing needed books or materials, technical support, such as a training or a facilitator of a strategic planning process. Organizations will be given priority if they have demonstrated youth involvement, ability to plan and measure goals, fiscal responsibility, collaboration, development of leadership and emotional health and self esteem in LGBTQQ youth.

AFFA will review grant requests as they are submitted. Organizations will be notified within 30 days of submission date. Please submit both an electronic copy and hard copy of the proposal to AFFA. Monies for the AFFA [Small Grants Program](#) are provided through a generous grant by the Freeman Foundation.

The grants are available until the funds are gone, Apply now.
(7-18-07)

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Columbia Community Center- *Check Out How We Look*

HONEY DO'S -

Landscaping and more...

If your Honey can't, we will

- * Small business outdoor services - one time or on a regular, scheduled basis
- * Private residences maintained too!

Ponds , Water Features, Stone and Brick Work, Painting, Pressure Washing, Patios, Lighting, Design, Cleanup.

FREE ESTIMATES Call STEVE WYATT
803.238.8742 803.894.4256

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Upcoming Events

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(Columbia) Wednesday, 9-26

Edmund White, one of the leading gay authors of our time, will speak at USC Wed at 5:45 in Gambrell Auditorium map: www.sc.edu/uscmmap Book signing will follow the reading. White has been influential as a literary and cultural critic, particularly on gay issues.

This event is free and open to the public.

www.edmundwhite.com

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(Columbia) Thursday, 9-27

Obama Representative to Host Forum at Community Center

Join members of the South Carolina LGBT community at 6 pm on September 27th at the Harriet Hancock Community Center in Columbia for an informational meeting about Senator Barack Obama's campaign for president.

A campaign representative will deliver a presentation, show a short video, and engage the audience in a discussion about Senator Obama's background and campaign. Come with questions and an open mind. Campaign literature and materials will be available, and refreshments will be provided.

Harriet Hancock Community Center is located in 1108 Woodrow Street

We are inviting each of the campaigns to join us for a educational forum at the Center on behalf of our community. We hope that you will be able to join us.

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(Charleston) Sunday, 9-30

Picnic at Charles Towne Landing

When: 2:00 - 5:00 pm Sunday **September 30**

Where: **Charles Towne Landing**

What to bring: Drinks will be provided.

Due to the time, many folks will have already eaten dinner so please bring finger food, fruit bowls, etc.

Misc: Feel free to bring bikes, balls, and other recreational items. There is a zoo area so we'll visit that as well.

RSVP: Please call **Holly @ 810-6519**. It is not necessary but will help with some of the planning if you can call in advance.

Admission Fees: \$5.00 - Adults (age 16 and older); \$3.25 - SC Senior Citizens (age 65 and older); \$3.00 - Students (ages 6-15); FREE - Children (age 5 and under)

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(Columbia) Wednesday, 10-3

SCGLPM Harriet Hancock Center Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 3 @ 6pm

Harriet Hancock Center - 1108 Woodrow Street, Columbia, SC

Open to Everyone. Join as a Committee Member
Serve as a Center Volunteer. Be Here!

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(Spartanburg) Saturday, 10-6

Celebrate National Coming Out Day

For all GLBT persons and our ALLIES

Sponsored by INTERWEAVE chapter
of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Church of Spartanburg

October 6, 2007 7 pm until 10 pm

Music by Wishing Chair, Sam & Margaret Howie
And a
KARAOKE contest with a door prize for the best singers

A cover charge of \$5.00 gets you music, conversation,
Lite bites and refreshments
Beer and Wine will be available for a \$3.00 donation

210 Henry Place, Spartanburg SC
(enter Henry Place from S. Converse Street)
864-585-9230
visit our web site

www.uucs.org or interweave@uucs.org

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(Columbia) 10-7 Sunday

EVENT: SCGLPM First Sunday Pot Luck Picnic

WHEN: Sunday, October 7 @ 2pm

WHERE: Harriet Hancock Center - 1108 Woodrow Street, Columbia, SC

NOTES: It's a Pasta Party! Serving up Spaghetti, Pasta Alfredo. Salad, Bread and Dessert. Let's get together and support the Hancock Center! Also, Michael Vandiver's Birthday Party!

Everyone Welcome to Attend...Tell and Bring a Friend!

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(Greenville) 10-8, Monday @ 7 pm

Where: City Plaza (Next to Greenville City Hall)

A New Path to Equality

Seven Straight Nights for Equal Rights www.sevenstraightnights.org

Sponsored by: Atticus Circle, SoulForce, UpstateUnited, SCEC, Sean's Last Wish Foundation

Hear Greenville's Straight Community speak out on behalf of the LGBT community!

For more information please contact Susan Craine: SusanCraine@upstateunited.net (864)-320-0602

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(Charleston) Monday, 10-8

Beverages and BS--With a difference!

Talent in our midst and art like you haven't seen before!

Our October 8th Beverages and BS will be hosted by Joan Alden downtown at Gage Hall--next to the Unitarian Universalist Church from 6 to 8 pm.

Come for wine and cheese and a chance to see AFFA artists and their works: any art you purchase will help support AFFA's media campaign!

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(Columbia) Friday & Saturday 10-12 & 10-13

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TORCH 2007

WHAT: An elegant evening of music of the heart: Performance of some of Broadway's most beloved Torch songs. Cabaret setting with heavy hors d'oeuvres and bar.

WHEN: Friday October 12 or
Saturday October 13

WHERE: Columbia Music Festival Association
914 Pulaski Street, Columbia, SC

TIME: Reception at 7:00 PM
Curtain at 8:00 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION:
\$40 in advance
\$50 at the door

Payment: Cash, checks, PayPal online. No credit cards accepted at the door.

Visit us on the web at: www.palss.org

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(Asheville) 10-13, Saturday

This year's Pridefest will be held Saturday, October 13, 2007 from Noon to 6 PM. If you would like more information, please visit our website at <http://www.ashevillepride.org/index.htm>.

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(Columbia) 10-20 from 8-10 am

Applebee's Equality Pancake Breakfast

The good folks at Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill are hosting a fundraiser for the SC Equality Coalition on Saturday, come and join us for flap jacks and good company. [Get your tickets](#) here. Your meal will include a stack of pancakes, your choice of sausage, bacon, or eggs, and the beverage of your choice. **Tickets are just \$10**, and all proceeds will go to the South Carolina Equality Coalition. Contact 803.256.6500 or info@scequality.org for more information.

Location: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar 4505 Devine St. Columbia, SC 29209

Date: 9/16/2007 from 8 am - 10 am (Eastern Time)

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(Columbia) 10-20

*NEXT SCEC DELEGATE MEETING:

October 20, 2007 at 10:00a

at the Garden of Grace United Church of Christ

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(Charleston) 10-31 to 11-17

Charleston Stage Company: ["I Am My Own Wife"](#)

At The American Theater

"What Would You Do To Survive?"

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play 2004, By Doug Wright

About the Play

The one man show, a tour-de-force, tells the remarkable true story of Charlotte von Mahlsdorf, a German transvestite caught up in two of the great nightmares of the Twentieth Century, Nazism and Communism. Unlike many contemporaries, von Mahlsdorf found a way to survive in East Berlin under both the Nazi and Soviet dominated East German regimes

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(Charlotte) Saturday, 2-16

2008 event will be held Feb. 16 at the Charlotte Convention Center

The annual dinner will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center on Sat., Feb. 16, 2008. Last year's HRC Carolinas Dinner became the second-largest HRC dinner in the country, based on attendance – second only to the national dinner in Washington, D.C.

The 2008 HRC Carolinas Dinner committee is seeking volunteers to assist with the event. For more information, e-mail info@hrccarolinas.org, or visit www.hrccarolinas.org.

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Community Connections

(Notices of Meetings by region when a special speaker or program is not indicated.)

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(Spartanburg) Spartanburg Chapter of PFLAG

Meets the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are confidential. For meeting place or further information, please call (864) 574-1253 or email PFLAG-Spartanburg@pflagupstatesc.org

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(Greenville) Greenville Technical College Lambda Gay-Straight Alliance

There has been a change in the meeting times for the Greenville Technical College Lambda Gay-Straight Alliance which is as follows:

Greenville Technical College Lambda Gay-Straight Alliance

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 2:00p.m.
In UT (building 104) room 220.

The meetings are open to students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the community.
For more information please e-mail gtclambdagsa@yahoo.com or call (864)-872-3061.

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(Greenville) Greenville Chapter of PFLAG Meeting

Meets the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings are confidential. For meeting place or further information, please call (864) 232-2988 or email PFLAG-Greenville@pflagupstatesc.org

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(Anderson/Clemson) Anderson/Clemson PFLAG Meeting

Our next meeting will be on September 27, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Founders' House on Pendleton Road in Clemson, SC.

For location and more information, please call 864-654-5959 (during the day) or email PFLAG-AndersonClemson@pflagupstatesc.org

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(Columbia) CODA Codependency Group

Tuesdays @ 7pm

CODA, a codependency support group which has been meeting at the Harriet Hancock Community Center has recently moved to the Shandon Presbyterian Church for their weekly meetings. Meetings will take place on Tuesday at 7pm in room 207 of the church.

For more information, contact Josie Dunbar at jodunbar@aol.com

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(Columbia) PFLAG Meeting

PFLAG Columbia meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at St. Martin's in the Fields Episcopal Church in the Community House which is located next to the parking lot behind the church. The address is 5220 Clemson Avenue (just off Forest Drive about 1 mile east of Richland Mall). For further information call Harriet Hancock at 803-781-0515 or visit our web site at www.pflagcolumbiasc.org

If you're not in Columbia and you would like more information about your local area PFLAG group, contact the Harriet Hancock Community Center at (803) 771-7713 or at SCPrideCenter@aol.com

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(Columbia) **OutSmart**

At the Harriet Hancock Community Center (1108 Woodrow St, Columbia)

OutSmart has regular monthly meetings for LGBTQ youth ages 16-22 the first Friday of each month at 6:30pm. For more information, contact info@outsmart.org or call (803) 779-6586.

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(Aiken) Friday, 10-5

UNITY Meeting
B&E Room 138
12:00 – 1:00
Everyone is Welcome – GLBTS&Q
Bring a Friend

Generation Equality

UNITY
unity@usca.edu

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(Myrtle Beach) **Myrtle Beach Chapter of PFLAG**

For meeting place or further information, please call (843) 347-1619 or email breeder@sc.rr.com

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(Myrtle Beach) **Myrtle Beach Youth Program** **Rainbow Beach**
EVERY SATURDAY
2 - 4 PM

We kick off our youth program with a Saturday Drop- in Program –
RAINBOW BEACH –
filled with organized activities, projects and, of course, food!
Rainbow Beach will be moderated by adult members of our Youth Activities program.

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(Charleston) 7-8:30 Tuesdays **GLBT Youth Support Group**

'Safespace' meetings will be held at Circular Congregational Church's new Education and Outreach Building (next to the church at 150 Meeting Street) from 7:00pm to 8:30pm every Tuesday. For more information contact WeAreFamilyCharleston@hotmail.com.

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(Charleston) **Charleston Chapter of PFLAG**

Meets the first Wednesday of each month

We have a change in meeting location. We are now meeting at the Circular Congregational Church

New Announcement:

Charleston PFLAG Meeting
Circular Congregational Church, 150 Meeting Street
PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION!

PFLAG meets in Charleston on the first Wednesday of the month. We are now meeting in the pastor's study at Circular Congregational Church, located in the main church building. All are welcome. For more information, please call 722-2438 or e-mail cousinef@comcast.net

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Submission Guidelines

The SCGLPM E-Bulletin is scheduled to be distributed on Wednesday mornings. All materials to be posted in the E-Bulletin must be sent to SCGLPMBulletin@yahoogroups.com or PeaceLvr1963@Yahoo.com by Monday night. Not all email servers are the same and delay in sending your message may cause delay in posting it in the E-Bulletin. Announcements and articles received after the deadline will be published in the next edition, if the article or event is still timely.

To submit events, meetings or announcements, follow this format:

- What** is the name of the event?
- When** is it happening? (date, time and duration)
- Who** (group's name) is putting on the event?
- Where** will it be held? (location)
- Why** is it happening? (fundraising, raise awareness)

Brevity is key to having people read about your activity and them showing up. Lengthy emails may be edited. Providing this information will aid your group in attendance at the event. The person sending the email should provide a contact if further information is requested. Let me know if contact information is to be published with the email or not.

Thanks for your assistance,

Beth

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Check Out These Websites for Additional News and Events

scglpm.org scequality.org 365gay.com scgaynews.com scglbg.org

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Save The Dates:

OCTOBER

- 7 SCGLPM First Sunday Pot Luck Picnic-Columbia
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 12 & 13 PALSS Torch 2007 -Columbia
- 12 Asheville Pride
- 20 Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser -Columbia

FEBRUARY

- 16 HRC Carolina Dinner-Charlotte

[Check out the calendar at www.scglpm.org for more information.]

The SCGLPM Bulletin is an electronic news bulletin distributed weekly by SCGLPM and the Harriet Hancock Community Center. Please forward the bulletin to interested friends and allies. Through this bulletin, GLPM hopes to facilitate communication among GLBT communities, organizations and our allies throughout the state.