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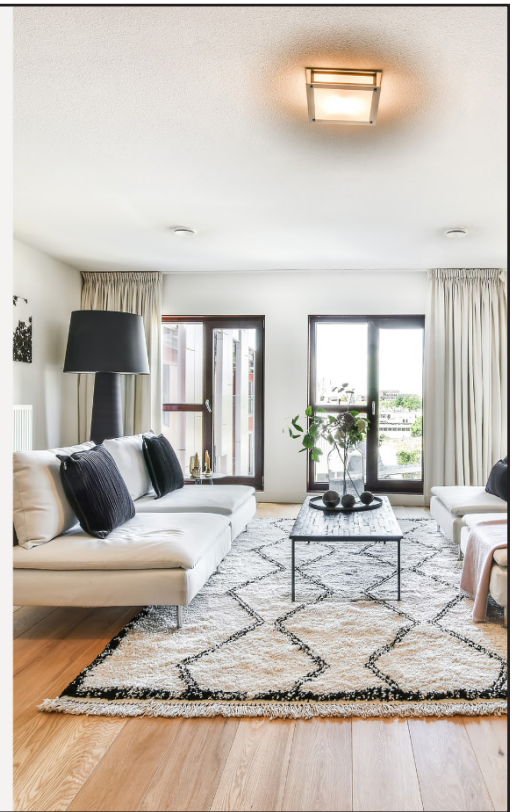
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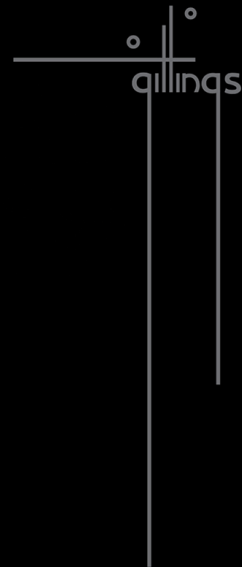
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CELEBRATING UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

The Heartwarming Stories OF LGBTQ MOMS

INTRODUCTION

In a world where acceptance and love knows no bounds, the stories of LGBTQ moms stand as shining examples of support, boundless love, and unbreakable bonds. In this special feature, we bring you the inspiring tales of Johnny, Shane, Marleana, and Keith, whose mothers have embraced them with open arms and hearts overflowing with love.

JOHNNY AND CYNTHIA: A DYNAMIC DUO OF LOVE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Meet Johnny, a vibrant, fun-loving gay man who lights up every room he enters. But behind his effervescent personality lies the support of his beautiful mother, Cynthia. Cynthia isn't just any mom — she's a successful

entrepreneur who owns firework stands and exudes elegance and grace in every aspect of her life.

Despite her luxurious lifestyle, Cynthia's heart beats for her community. She's known for her philanthropic endeavors, especially during Thanksgiving when she tirelessly helps the less fortunate with food baskets. And Johnny? He's right there by her side, lending a helping hand and spreading joy wherever they go.

SHANE AND TAMMY: A TALE OF SACRIFICE AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE



Gracing our cover is Shane, a successful cake decorator and proud owner of Posh Cakes. But behind his sweet creations is an even sweeter story of resilience and love, thanks to

his devoted mother, Tammy.

When Shane faced the battle of his life with a brain tumor, Tammy never waived in making countless sacrifices to support him every step of the way. Her love and selflessness became his guiding light through the darkest of times, proving that a mother's love is limitless, regardless of sexual orientation.

MARLEANA AND MAUREEN: A FAMILY UNITED IN LOVE AND ADVOCACY



In the heartwarming bond between Marleana and her mother, Maureen, we witness the power of love transcending all barriers. Maureen not only embraces her daughter's identity, but also extends her


love to Marleana's wife, Hannah as well. Together, this trio stands as a formidable force for LGBTQ rights and veteran causes, with Maureen leading the charge with her support and advocacy. Their Facebook posts are a testament to the strength of their bond, with each picture radiating love, acceptance, and unity.

KEITH AND DOROTHY: A MOTHER'S PRIDE AND SUPPORT



Behind every successful man is a strong woman; and in Keith's case, that woman is his mother, Dorothy. From backing Keith in leading anti-bullying campaigns to marching proudly in parades, Dorothy has

been a steadfast pillar of support in her son's journey. Her belief in Keith's ability to be the best gay man he can be, has shaped him into the confident and compassionate individual that he is today. Through her actions and words, Dorothy has embodied the true essence of a mother's love — unconditional, and unparalleled.

In celebrating these remarkable stories of LGBT moms and their children, we are reminded of the transformative power of love and acceptance. Regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other differences, the bond between a mother and her child knows no bounds — it is a love that transcends all barriers and stands as a beacon of hope for generations to come. 



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The Harston Woods Community

IN EULESS, TEXAS

INTRODUCTION

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SHIRLEY'S PLACE

In Our Hearts

PREFACE

The loss of a loved one can be an incredibly challenging experience, and when Scott's mother, Marilyn, passed away unexpectedly, it left a huge void in all our hearts. Most of all, we were worried about how his father, Jerry, would cope with the loss. Then came Shirley. She entered our lives at a time of sorrow, bringing with her warmth, love, and a comforting presence. As time went on, Shirley became more than a stepmother to us; she became an integral part of our family, a beacon of love and strength.

A TIME OF SORROW

Once upon a time, in the wake of loss and grief, there emerged a ray of light named Shirley. She stepped into our lives like a gentle breeze, offering us solace and comfort in the midst of darkness.

Scott's mother, Marilyn, had been the heart and soul of our family. Her passing left a palpable void; especially for her husband, Jerry, who was left to navigate the world without his beloved partner of many years. We worried about him deeply, uncertain of how he would cope with the weight of his grief.



A NEW LOVE

Then, in a twist of fate, Jerry found love again. Shirley came into our lives like a gift from above; her kindness and compassion a balm to our wounded hearts. Despite our initial apprehensions, Shirley quickly proved herself to be more than just a stepmother.

She became a pillar of strength & a beacon of hope in our time of need. Shirley embraced us with open arms. She treated each of Marilyn's children — John, Tom, Tasha, Jared, and Scott

— as if they were her own. Her love knew no bounds, transcending the boundaries of biology to create a bond that was as strong as any blood relation.

Shirley's presence brought a sense of joy and renewal to our family. Her laughter filled the halls of our home, chasing away the shadows of grief that had lingered for so long. With her by our side, we found the courage to smile again, to cherish the memories of the past while embracing the promise of the future.

What truly set Shirley apart was her love and acceptance. She never made us feel like outsiders or second best. Instead, she welcomed us into her heart with a warmth and generosity that was truly unparalleled. We knew, without a doubt, that Shirley loved our father deeply, and her devotion to him only served to deepen our admiration for her.

UNITED BY LOVE

In the midst of our grief, Shirley became a source of inspiration — a reminder that love has the power to heal even the deepest wounds. She showed us that it's possible to find happiness again, even in the darkest of times.

Today, as we look back on those difficult days, we are filled with gratitude for the gift of Shirley's presence in our lives. She has become more than just a stepmother; she is a cherished member of our family, a beloved matriarch whose love knows no bounds.

In Shirley, we have found a kindred spirit, a soulmate who understands the depth of our loss and the beauty of our love. She has brought light to our darkest days, and for that, we will be forever grateful. Shirley, with her love and unwavering support, has carved out a special place in our hearts — a place she will always call home.

And it's not just us who have been touched by Shirley's love. Her sons, Christopher and Joel, and their families have become a special part of our family too. Their warmth and kindness have added to the love that Shirley has woven around us, enriching our lives in ways we never thought possible. Together, we are a family united by love, bound by a shared journey of healing and growth.



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A large photograph of Frada Sandler, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a brown blazer over a black turtleneck, standing in a doorway with large glass windows. A pink graphic element, resembling a large letter 'G', is overlaid on the image.

FRADA SANDLER

Gal Pal of the Month

THE SPIRIT OF ACCEPTANCE, LOVE AND INCLUSIVITY

INTRODUCTION

In the bustling landscape of Dallas, amidst its vibrant culture and diverse community, there exists a shining beacon of support and acceptance, and her name is Frada Sandler. Affectionately known as the “Gal Pal of the Month,” Frada’s dedication to the gay community, particularly gay realtors, has earned her widespread admiration and respect.

FRADA’S JOURNEY

Frada’s journey through life has been a colorful one of creativity and compassion. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in hand, she navigated through various realms of the artistic sphere, leaving her mark in each. From her time spent in a Design Showroom to teaching children’s art classes across different schools in the area, Frada’s passion for art knows no bounds. Her artistic endeavors even extended to the dance floor during her college years, adding yet another layer to her multifaceted journey.

However, it was in the realm of residential real estate where Frada truly found her calling. Two decades into her career, she reflects with gratitude on the remarkable individuals she’s had the privilege to meet along the way. Among them, many identified as gay—a facet of their identity that mattered little to Frada. What mattered most was



their brilliance, talent, inspiration, and the mark they left on her personal and professional journey.

EVERYDAY JOYS

Beyond her career, Frada’s life is a testament to love, family, and embracing the joys of everyday moments. When she’s not showcasing and selling houses, she immerses herself in her personal creative pursuits. Whether she’s painting vibrant canvases, delicately carving woodcuts, or simply strolling alongside her beloved pugs, Max and Lillie, Frada’s passion for art remains unyielding.

Yet, amidst the whirlwind of creative endeavors, her greatest joy lies in the simple pleasure of spending quality time with her sprawling, yet endearing, family. With three children, three stepchildren, nine grandchildren, and a loving husband, Frada’s life is a delightful chaos that she wouldn’t trade for anything in the world.

But what truly sets Frada apart is her support for the gay community, especially during significant milestones such as the passing of marriage equality. In a state like Texas, where progress can sometimes feel like an uphill battle, Frada's encouragement for gay couples to not give up on their dreams resonates deeply. As a pillar and supporter of the Dallas LGBTQ community, she embodies the spirit of acceptance, love, and inclusivity.

CONCLUSION

In every interaction, Frada exudes warmth, kindness, and a genuine desire to uplift those around her. Her contributions to the Dallas community, both in her personal and professional life, are immeasurable. As we celebrate Frada as the Gal Pal of the Month, let us be inspired by her example of compassion, acceptance, and unwavering support for all. 🌟



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