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common phobia exists for many reasons. And most of those stem out of ignorance, misinformation, and unrealistic portrayals of homosexuals in our society. A lot of groups and organizations do their best to promote all the things I just said. And the reason why I produced this video was that I felt that someone needed to respond with the truth and with honesty, and with people who are really being affected by all the negative things that they're so good at putting down. I have a family that hasn't been totally supportive of myself and my companion of three years has the same situation. So we wanted to do something for our own families to try and convince them that we didn't choose this, that we're no different than we always were. They had lots of questions, they had lots of concerns. They wouldn't believe our answers. So we went out and got all your answers. And I hope it works for my family eventually, and that it works for Russell's family eventually, and then it works for all your families and those that aren't here tonight. Triangle video is dedicated to truth to justice to education. And always my kid is a prime example of that commitment, as you'll soon see for yourselves. Always my kid has a program made for the whole family. I would think that anyone at any age is old enough to see this program. I don't think the Gay Agenda could say that. It is designed for families that want to learn to accept their gay and lesbian children. And when I say want, I mean want to understand their children, if they're just gonna watch it, they're not open minded, they probably won't get much out of it. Always my kid is for families that believe in real family values. As I'm sure most of you here tonight believe and are willing to prove it with unconditional love for their gay and lesbian children and family members. The fight against homophobia begins within each of us, each of you out there and within our respective families. And I would ask you Where else should it began. Many people responsible for making have always my kid in particular, this program would not have been possible without the parents of PFLAG. And I'm very, very happy that almost all of you that were in the program are here tonight. Most of the parents that gave us their time and privacy were not okay with the issues of homosexuality in the beginning when they first found out themselves. But today because they took the time to educate themselves and because they took the time to listen to their children. And because they took the time to share the pain that their children had long before they had the courage to tell their parents. That's what makes the families succeed and getting over homophobia. These parents came to realize that their children really are the same people that they'd always been and though No, no less deserving of love and family support. On that note, it is my deepest pleasure to introduce to the CO presidents of the Houston chapter, PFLAG. Pat and Gail Ricky are two very wonderful people. They are loving parents with two

daughters one straight who is here tonight with her newlywed husband, and one daughter who is lesbian who lives out of state and couldn't make it tonight but I sent her a copy of it last week so she's probably home watching him now. Pat and Gail and their lesbian daughter Patricia are valuable parts of always my kid and more in fact the first to be interviewed last August when we started they were the guinea pigs and we got much better after them. Pat and Gail had been very supportive this program from the start and every way that we have requested in the months since they have become friends with the triangle crew and most especially family to Russell tonight. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my greatest honor to present the CO presidents of Houston chapter PFLAG Paton Gilbert



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Some months ago, when we got I got a phone call from a man with a dream. And it was a very exciting dream to listen to he was inviting PFLAG to be part of a string. And I'm very proud that our chapter had lots of parents who were very willing and eager to do that. I'm very happy for Steve and for Russell and for Trevor for what they've accomplished. And I love them very much. And I'm so glad that our paths crossed, and I know that they will continue to cross.



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Yeah, I'd just like to echo my sentiments along the same lines, Stephen Russell and Trevor put so much of this, so much of their time and energy and yes, their courage into doing this. And of course, Lou gets has been an important supporter for the whole thing, and we're excited about this. We're glad to be a part of it. And hey, guys, way to go we'd love you.



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I'd like to suggest that as many of you as possible write a letter to the Houston Post thanking the editors for running the one Palermo's excellent column that opened this up to a wider community than it would have known about it. The other side, those who don't believe that gays and lesbians should have equal rights, always take time to write letters. expressing negative opinions. I think it takes all of us taking time to write letters expressing positive opinions and I hope you'll all join me in doing that



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it's good to know you got a thread when people can be so call Oh, they'll hurt here. They'll do so few you owe them a deal. So you let them we won't let them you just call out my name. And you know wherever I am, I want to see you again. When just raise sama on board all you got to do is call me you got a friend. Thank you



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all right, we're on. Thank you.



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Thank you. Thanks, everybody.



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It's hard to believe we're finally here. And so many people have seen it. I hope that everybody here got something out of it. It's an hour and 14 minutes. So there's a lot in and the film doesn't exactly fit everybody 100%. But if it fits everybody in this room, and every family 10% or 20% or 30%, I'm happy. I'm glad you liked it. And what we're going to do now is wrap it up. I'm going to introduce the triangle crew here. So if you'll bear with me another five or six minutes or so, I'll be done. And I hope you'll remember the movie after you leave. I want to thank personally every person who who you just saw who gave their personal feelings about their homosexuality or the homosexual other feelings in their family. It took a lot of courage for everybody that was in this to do what they did. When I approached them I was a nobody and had really just a lot of ideas and it was because of all of you that it all got together. The number one person I want to thank and really everyone in the trauma crew is number one, but I got to start somewhere. travel abroad and try ever bring him up here in a minute, I'll go through the list of everyone, and then bring them all up here for you to look at in just a second, let them have an opportunity to say something. Trevor is getting a large number of unpaid hours this project that I could not even begin to calculate. Trevor did most of our candle work and the final editing, he has been a real pleasure to work closely with and he repeatedly contributed ideas to make the program as good as I felt that it is. Trevor had as much enthusiasm for this project as I am at times when I got overloaded, or I felt just emotionally stressed his calmness and a sincere friendship kept me going. Trump does not need anyone to know this. But he is straight. And I mentioned this because the gated community is not alone, in and of itself and getting the truth out about homosexuality. We have friends and straight society, and we will increase those numbers. Thank you for



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the next member of our crew that I would like to introduce is Lou GaNS. I first met him about six years ago when I answered an ad for employment. He was a real tough interviewer. And I'll tell you, I didn't think I was gonna get the job. But when he hired me, he told me his real particular very demanding and hard to work for. Well an answer to that I still work for him today. So Lou always told you, you're always hard on yourself and he deserves to be. Lou is a man of honor and a wonderful and fair employer. He and I have been through a lot of great times and a lot of hard times together. Besides being a successful businessman and doing all the hard work and lots of hard work to be successful and stay successful. He's also a dedicated loving husband. And Father three really good kids is a family man and every sense of the word. This perhaps enough belief and family that Lou provided to me the means to fulfill my dreams and goals behind always my kid was another fine example of the kind of friends our community has within straight society. Lou is executive producer in the business sense behind triangle video. And he's been paying the production costs and providing the equipment and equally important to me, trusting me to utilize all of that. He has faith in me his faith in the gay community and his sincere friendship are deeply appreciated. Thank you.



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And we have a new member of the triangle crew and really don't know about this one here. The next member of our Toronto production crew was also an on screen talent always as my kid nearing the end of production. We were in a real major bind for a narrator we wanted someone who sounded like a mother. And what better choice than a mother we had met so many wonderful people like mother so picking one was real difficult. We settled on Judy silicone, because she had told us that we that anytime we need any help anything that we can have it and I was really hoping that our voice would be one of those things and it was Judy didn't flinch that the request hours and doubted how good she could be at and I know all of you agree with me that she did a very professional moving job. Thank you



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and welcome you to the crew. You have an official tribal video productions camera crew t shirt.



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Now, you always dress some classes, you know no great wardrobe, but I know you're gonna look really hot.



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Next time you're in the studio



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we're almost done. The one I'm putting off for last is because I don't want to be accused of nepotism happens to be my other half. Here's the one that I know the best and everyone that meets him says Oh he's so sweet. Oh, he's so nice. Oh, he's never answer. Oh, you're so lucky to have him well, as I said I have the best. And I've seen him on his best and his best worse and he has the best be the expert Russell bird that I am let me tell you that all of you are absolutely correct. And your opinions of Russell bird press was my best friend and for the past few years he's been my life mate. Ross you always worried about if you were a productive part of the program and you are and I'll never do another one without Thank you Ross now if I could I want all the crew up here so everyone can give you another big round. Come on everybody. Better Roz duty



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When Steve Steve came to me with the idea to do this production, he said, if we could help one person if we can help one family communicate, it's a worthwhile endeavor. And I agreed. And now that I've seen it, I think he succeeded. I thank him. I think travel, Trevor, I think, Russell, and I thank everyone for being here. Your candor in the interviews, and all of your support



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Okay, Tom, I want to get back to now they're a great bunch. And I was really blessed to have him on. A few things I want to kind of go over real quick, if I could, is that kind of lost my place here is that what was hammered throughout this production by number of people was is that we all owe it to ourselves to come out that if everyone knew who we were, we wouldn't have nearly the hard time we have living our lives. So I'm going to give you all some tips, real quick tips. The easiest step and coming out no matter how deep in the closet you are, is to get one of these it's called a freedom flag. Get it put on your bumper put on your schoolbooks put it on somebody put on something, I mean, it most history, society doesn't know what they stand for. So you're really not going to be in a whole lot of trouble someone sees you and in Houston, I mean, I don't think you're gonna have a problem. This is real generic guys and girls, both usually. So it's not like you gotta be lesbian, or you gotta be gay or whatever. Now, there's another one here is called the pink triangle and it goes upside down. Some people say it goes like that. And I really haven't understood why. But in the concentration camps, World War Two, this symbol was upside down. So that's the way I do. But these things are removable. Well, actually, this one's removable looks just like this one, this one sticks. But this one's magnetic, or it's like Queen. And so you can take it on and off your windshield. So easy. So if you're going home, and mom might know, you can always rip it off before you get there. Okay, so or if you're leaving Houston, you're going to read that Tyler some ways like that, you always take it off. So that's a good thing to do look for him there. And all the good bookstores and I say good bookstores I mean gay friendly bookstores that supply materials that we need. Now one thing that I did to customize something is I took this one. And I decided that I really wanted to symbolize the triangle and this so I made a triangle out of it. So if you're a guy, you can have it both ways. So also, the merchants think about this. I mean, people are cutting up real good ones like this, but think about these. So that's something of that. The other thing we need to do is support the gated community by gay, bi gay friendly, or support businesses that are supporting you. The first thing you got to do get it. First thing is get yourself a copy the gay and lesbian Yellow Pages, they're everywhere. And this year is almost twice as thick as it was last year. And I'll guarantee it because all I would add it next year, but they will even be bigger. We use this at home Russ and I do for everything we need. It's the first book we pick up, I have two copies in the trial office, the first thing I ever need something, I look through it, and I find a gay friendly business, but I already know about it. These are steps that are going to help us win the war. And they're easy steps to do. It doesn't mean you have to. These aren't things you got to do and claim the whole world about who you are a hard thing to do. But the thing that ultimately all of us need to do is come out to your families. And it's not always easy. But it's a lot harder not to, it's a lot harder in the long run. You can't always be free to talk to your parents about your life. And you may not be able to talk to him about your life for a year or longer after you tell them but someday you will finally be able to because they won't be able to put up with not knowing about what you're doing either. So it's not easy, and there will be tears and there may be real hard times but I personally and I've experienced know that you've got to do it sooner or later. And once you do it, it will get better. I wish I could give 100% figure on that that's not possible. But the percentages are a lot more in your favor to do what's right. Triangle and PFLAG and the gore and many other organizations are dedicated to portraying positive images of gay people. Another thing that I think that gay people ought to do is if you're in a relationship, and you've been in a relationship and you love the person that your roommate did you tell everyone is your roommate. If you love each other, though, we can't be married in the state of Texas or really anywhere in the United States legally. You can still take steps to show you yourself and your friends that you are and that's called a commitment ceremony. I would like to challenge all couples that have been together a long time who are

sure their love to seek out ministers such as Reverend Sinclair Reverend Ensminger and others in our community that will do commitment ceremonies. It's good for you. It's good for the community because sooner or later churches are going to wake up to the increasing numbers of people doing this. And we'll be able to help Reverend Sinclair, Reverend James minger perform more and more of them, until sooner or later, the state of Texas and all other 49 states are going to have to make it legal. So to kind of start along that line to get things rolling. Russel Byrd and I have met him better than three years ago. I love him dearly. He has been the best person I've ever known in my life. He's kept me on the straight and narrow he's been there for me no matter what. We're facing some real hard times now that I couldn't imagine facing without him. I've already spoken with Reverend Sinclair and Reverend Ensminger about performing a commitment ceremony for us and I asked them both because I love them both and I couldn't see just one doing it. Now Russ and I have already talked about this the bras we got to do this right Will you marry me? Come on you gotta go



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told me if I did this in public, I was gonna pay for it. And he probably won't say anything but you can say one word at least I asked the question. Okay. Yes.



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To all of our friends and our PFLAG families and everyone that means the world to us after we meet with the reverence and we find out when and where and how we're going to do this y'all all know about it. The only thing that we want for any our guests and we have our ceremony is just your witness and your love. We know we have it now and we'll feel it then and no matter what in the future we'll know we'll always have all of you and I guess with that I'll close tonight with y'all and we don't have the Christian right doesn't have copyright on this but God bless you all and y'all have a good evening thank you for coming?



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