

Carolyn Pinta is the co-founder and Director of The Pinta Pride Project and BG Pride. The Pinta's founded their nonprofit in 2018 when their then 6th grade daughter, Molly, came out as bisexual, and asked them to help her throw Buffalo Grove's first pride parade. Since its inception, they have hosted more than thirty events to highlight, celebrate and normalize the LGBTQ community in suburban Chicago in a family-friendly way, including six parades for thousands. The Pinta family has been featured on the TODAY Show and many national media outlets and Molly Pinta has served as the first ever Youth Grand Marshal of the Chicago Pride Parade and author of an essay in the Rebel Girls series. In her real life, Carolyn is a Spanish teacher in Buffalo Grove where she will begin her 25th year this fall.