

# GAY NEIGHBOR

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## **Gay Neighbor Nikki**

I am pleased to support a project that promotes awareness about gay families. I have been blessed with family and friends who continued to accept and love me and my children when I came out as a lesbian. I've written two books about my coming out experience. Despite my fears, my girls have not faced any backlash from their peers about having a gay mom. In fact, the mother of my daughter's friend called me recently to tell me she had read and enjoyed my books. And one of the teachers at my daughters' school asked me about my upcoming projects in the gay community. I am fortunate to work for a company that provides same-sex domestic partner health insurance, a rarity in Milwaukee. I've been on the Oprah Winfrey show several times to talk about my life and I have received nothing but love and support from viewers. I feel accepted and celebrate every part of my life.

I think the Gay Neighbor public education campaign will help people see lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people the way I see us: caring, nurturing, loving, and connected. I feel blessed to be a part of this bright and beautiful community.

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