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The Rainbow Connection #4 - Thank You York County!

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THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

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Welcome to *The Rainbow Connection!* A monthly newsletter highlighting programs, upcoming events, and more, brought to you by Rainbow Rose Center, serving York County's LGBTQIA+ Community.

Thank You York County!

Wow York County! This has been a wildly successful Pride Month, and it is all thanks to the wonderful support of this loving community. From the exciting events and activities to the LOVE IS LOVE digital billboards throughout the county, the LGBTQIA+ community and allies have certainly celebrated and been affirmed this month.

Thank you to each and every one of you for celebrating Pride with us, by watching the first ever York County Pride, presented by WellSpan Health,

and for coming out to the many and various events that we co-hosted throughout the month. And thank you to the many dedicated and passionate volunteers who made these events safe, accessible, and fun for everyone! We are so grateful to the many businesses and organizations who reached out to us in the months and weeks leading up to June with opportunities to celebrate our community's Pride. A huge thank you goes to:

- **The Handsome Cab** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center and hosting so many fantastic events throughout the month and running a fundraiser for the Rainbow Rose Center.
- **CenterLink, P&G, and iHeartRadio** for the Can't Cancel Pride event, and thanks to all of you who tuned in to the special performances and guest appearances!
- **The Appell Center for the Performing Arts** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center and graciously hosting both the Livestream of York County Pride and *Sempre Libera! An Operatic Celebration of Pride*.
- **The Cantina** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center and holding a continuous Pride Party the whole month of June while raising money for the Rainbow Rose Center.
- **York Jewish Community Center** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center and hosting the second annual Pancakes for Pride, for standing up for the LGBTQIA+ community in the aftermath of that event, and for being a non-profit vendor at York County Pride.
- **York Revolution** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center and holding the 4th annual Pride at the Ballpark and being an Advocate Sponsor of York County Pride.
- **The Coalition for Pulse** for remembering and honoring the victims of the Pulse Shooting during the 5 Year Remembrance of Pulse.
- **The Left Bank** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center and creating the delicious PRIDE Cake benefitting the Rainbow Rose Center.
- **Roller Goth Skate Group** for running the Pride Skate Night and raising money for the Rainbow Rose Center.
- **Union Lutheran Church of York** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center, hosting our inaugural Clothing Closet, and for being an Allies Sponsor of York County Pride.
- **Opera Susquehanna** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center and their glamorous operatic performance celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community.

- **Family Health Council and Family First Health** for holding the National HIV Testing Day event and inviting Rainbow Rose Center to participate in the event.
- **White Rose Bar & Grill and Out & About** for being a Preferred Partner of the Rainbow Rose Center and holding their packed and fantastic ending to Pride Month with Drag, DJs, and delicious Pride-themed menu, and for your generous fundraising for the Rainbow Rose Center at the event.

And of course, thank you to all the Sponsors of York County Pride, including:

- **Presenter:** WellSpan Health
- **Champions:** Giant, TransCentralPA, AARP Pennsylvania, Highmark Blue Shield, and Capital BlueCross
- **Advocates:** York Revolution, York College of Pennsylvania, UPMC, Sheets, and Vizzy Hard Seltzer/Ace Distributing
- **Allies:** Community Progress Council, Penn State York, Democratic Party of York County, Union Lutheran Church of York, and PFLAG York
- **Supporters:** Royal Square Development & Construction, Planned Parenthood, Leslie Brengle & Ashley Blucher, Heritage Valley FCU, York County Federation of Democratic Women, Shipley Energy, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, Lower Susquehanna Synod, Dover UCC, BAE Systems, First Capital FCU, and Susan Horner of Coldwell Banker
- **Friends:** Minnich's Pharmacy, JJ Sheffer, York County History Center

We couldn't have made this celebratory month possible without the amazing support of this community.



**YORK COUNTY PRIDE
IN PERSON**



**SATURDAY
JUNE 11, 2022**



**SAVE THE DATE!
York County Pride... In-Person!
Saturday, June 11, 2022**

CONGRATULATIONS
to the Winners of the



1st Place - Krystal Younglove and Nova Nyx
for their performance of "Start Wearing Purple"
\$500 Prize

2nd Place - Lydia Peters
for her dance performance
\$250 Prize

3rd Place - Jace Eliot
for his two original poems "Mirror" and "Love Is Wave the Flag"
\$150 Prize

PROGRAMS UPDATE

HIV Support

The Rainbow Rose Center was honored to take part in the Living A Positive Life event during National HIV Testing event on Sunday, June 27th in partnership with Family Health Council, Family First Health, and the Handsome Cab. We were also very excited to see Rep. Brian Simms stop by speak about his experiences as a gay man and the stigma surrounding HIV. We also were grateful to announce our new program:

Living Proudly HIV Support Group starting July 14th!

This emotional support group is for HIV positive individuals 18 years and older in the York County area. The group is moderated by staff that have extensive experience in the field of HIV services. We seek to provide a safe space for people to be able to discuss issues related to being HIV positive without the worry of backlash or judgement. Therefore, we currently limit this space to individuals who have been diagnosed, and are living with HIV or AIDS and moderators that have worked in the field of HIV. This group meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm.



Our goal is to protect the safety and confidentiality of everyone who participates in our meeting. Therefore, we are not posting meeting details on social media or in our newsletter. Those who register will receive a notification from the Rainbow Rose Center with meeting details. If you have not previously attended one of our meetings, but you would like to do so, please fill out this form to get on our meeting mailing list: [Meeting Form](#)

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and next month's newsletter for more exciting announcements and support group notifications coming out of the Programs Committee!

CURRENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

We are currently only meeting virtually via Zoom but this may change in future months.

York Transgender Support Group

Occurs 4th Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

Occurs 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 2nd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

July 14

August 11

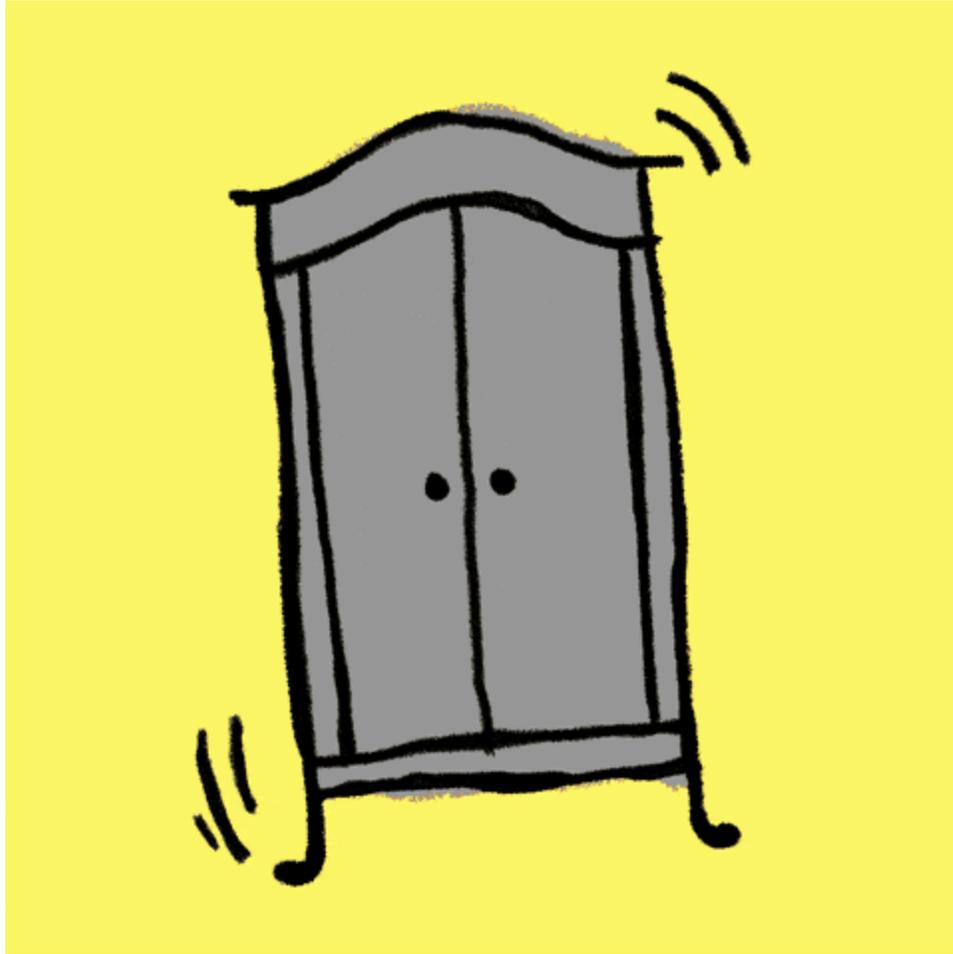
September 8

October 13

Safety is our utmost priority for all virtual support group meetings. To find out more about our Transgender Support Group Meetings, join our mailing list at: www.rainbowrosecenter.org/programs/ and fill out the intake form to receive instructions on how to join the meeting.

For more information about services for our Transgender community in Pennsylvania, visit: www.TransCentralPA.Org





Fashion is an important part of life. It can mean the difference between finding a job and being sidelined during an interview, between feeling confident and authentic and feeling out of place in your own skin. For members of the LGBTQIA+ community, finding clothing can be an even bigger challenge. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to find a look that reflects their inner selves in a safe and supportive environment.

FIRST CLOTHING CLOSET SUCCESS!

We'd like to thank the generous donors and amazing volunteers, as well as our hosts at Union Lutheran, for making the inaugural Clothing Closet a rousing success! On Saturday, June 26th, we were able to put over 400 articles of clothing into the hands of our community members and create an upbeat, judgement free atmosphere where everyone could find clothing that expressed their authentic selves. Highlights of the day included helping a family replace the clothing they had lost during a devastating flood, connecting multiple members of the LGBTQIA+ community with support groups, and assisting a participant in finding their first binder. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this day possible, and for your ongoing support as we continue to

bring this traveling clothing closet to the rest of the county!

CLOTHING CLOSET IN HANOVER JULY 31ST!

In partnership with the Hanover Area Diversity Alliance and Emmanuel UCC in Hanover, the Rainbow Rose Center welcomes YOU to COME OUT to THE CLOSET on July 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at **124 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331.**

- This event is Open to All, whether or not they identify as LGBTQIA+
- We have a small selection of gender affirming supplies for transmasculine and transfeminine people
- All of the clothing, shoes, and accessories are completely free of charge
- There is no limit to how many items you can take
- Many items are BRAND NEW

We've already received generous donations of much needed items from members of the community and are limiting how much additional clothing and accessories we can take. If you would like to make a donation, please email thecloset@rainbowrosecenter.org

Keep an eye out on our Facebook Page and upcoming Rainbow Connection Newsletters for details on a Fall Clothing Closet. If you work with an organization that might want to host the Clothing Closet, please reach out to us at thecloset@rainbowrosecenter.org

Calling All Volunteers!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who made Pride Month a success!

And thanks to everyone who has signed up over the last month to be a volunteer. We'll be in touch with you soon about the onboarding process.

For those who are interested in helping to make our community better, consider volunteering with the Rainbow Rose Center!

Sign up to become a volunteer [here](#).

Our Upcoming Committee Meetings Include:

Programs on July 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
email programs@rainbowrosecenter.org to get involved

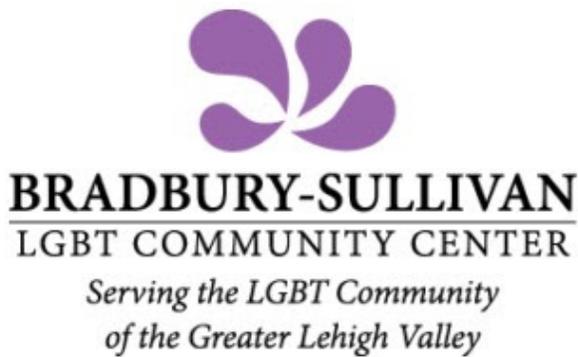
Fundraising on July 9 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
email fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org to get involved

Resources on July 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
email resources@rainbowrosecenter.org to get involved

Events on July 13 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
email events@rainbowrosecenter.org to get involved

Unable to volunteer but still want to support the LGBTQIA+ community? Rainbow Rose Center has partnered with Give Lively to provide you with a secure online donation process.

Visit www.rainbowrosecenter.org/donations/ to learn more.



<https://www.bradburysullivancenter.org/>

The Rainbow Rose Center is a Smoke Free Organization. All our events are SMOKE FREE in partnership with **Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Center** as part of their initiative for a healthier and longer-lived community! We do not accept sponsorship or vending applications from tobacco, vaping, cigarette, or other similar companies.

If you need information on smoking cessation or are interested in quitting contact the Pennsylvania Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or contact the RRC Programs Committee at: programs@rainbowrosecenter.org

Living Proudly. Living Longer
LGBT SMOKE FREE

LGBTQA populations have increased rates of tobacco use, while also facing challenges accessing and receiving care.

For help quitting smoking call 1-800-QUIT-NOW

Join us on Facebook to learn more about Rainbow Rose Center, stay up to date on events and programs, and join the Rainbow Rose community! www.facebook.com/rainbowrosecenter.

Become a Preferred Partner!

The Rainbow Rose Center's Preferred Partner Program is designed to connect our supporters, allies, and the York LGBTQIA+ community with local, likeminded consumer businesses and organizations. To learn more about becoming a preferred partner, click on the link below.

PREFERRED PARTNER PACKET

We encourage you to support the businesses and organizations supporting you, including:

THE HANDSOME CAB
Restaurant • Wine Bar • Cocktails • Beer



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