



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

November 1, 2021

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.



Welcome Note from Mary Almy, Treasurer

Greetings! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mary Almy and I am your new treasurer at the Rainbow Rose Center (RRC). It is a privilege and honor for me to serve in this position and on the board of RRC. I moved to York last year in August pretty much in the midst of the COVID pandemic. When my wife and I were talking about moving here, I was a little hesitant since I was worried about the culture of the area and how a transwoman might be received. I was pleasantly surprised to come across a website for the RRC and to even find an office I could stop in at (that was before COVID hit so hard).

I had the opportunity to meet with Tesla who told me about all the great things that the RRC was doing. Once we moved, it was just a matter of time before I was able to participate in some of the events and ended up volunteering. The rest, so to speak, is history. I am so proud to be a part of this organization, to have celebrated a virtual Pride event, to be part of the planning for an in-person event in 2022, to have just recently celebrated National Coming Out Day with one of our partners, the White Rose Bar and Grill, and to participate in the upcoming Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil. The Rainbow Rose Center is definitely making an impact and being a support for the LGBTQIA+ community in York County. This is one Trans woman in particular who is so very happy to be a part of this community, and I look

come into contact with every day.

*Mary Almy
She/Her/Hers
Treasurer*

OCTOBER IN REVIEW!

Fantastic LGBTQIA+ History Month!

Thank you for everyone who came out and participated in our events last month and for those who got involved with our activities. Here are a few highlights from an amazing October !

Coming Out Day Celebration

We loved celebrating Coming Out Day with all of you on Saturday, October 9th! The White Rose Bar & Grill and Out & About helped us to put on a most amazing and special event that was great for the whole family. We were also excited to bring back the adorable Unity the Unicorn to this event to take part in the fun, featuring face painting, balloon twisting, snow cone creation, Preferred Partner information, and drag performances!

We appreciate every opportunity we get to celebrate and connect directly with our community, and at this event we talked to a couple hundred folx over the course of a few hours! Thank you to all for making this a fantastic fundraiser for the Rainbow Rose Center. And, a special congratulations to Kingston for his new name announcement.



Coming Out Day Blessing

Thank you to Preferred Partner Union Lutheran for providing this opportunity to bless the community and acknowledge Indigenous People's Day on Monday, October 11th. Local, non-binary musical artist, Everyone (Lynn Gable) serenaded us all with some fantastic tunes, and members of the community shared their Coming Out stories in one of the Open & Affirming churches in York County.

Did You Miss this Event? [See it Here!](#)

Advocating Through Ministry

pulpit on Sunday, October 10th. [Click Here to Check out the Service.](#)

Board Treasurer Mary Almy engaged in Enlightened Conversations Episode 11: Homosexuality and Religion with the YWCA Hanover on Thursday, October 14th.

[See the Conversation on Facebook Here](#)

Tesla again spoke on LGBTQIA+ History and the importance of Allyship with the Unitarian Universalist Gettysburg on Sunday, October 17th. Equality Fest Regent Sarabesque made a special appearance at the event to read the "Time for All Ages" book [Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution](#) by Rob Sanders and Jamey Christoph.

School is in Session

The Rainbow Rose Center was contracted by two companies to do Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training sessions on what LGBTQIA+ Allyship means and looks like. These were our first paid training opportunities and we received great feedback for each. We're looking forward to future training sessions, with one ongoing contract and plenty more opportunities.

Barktober Fun

We had a tail-wagging time at Central Bark York's Barktober Fall Festival event on Saturday, October 23rd. With Pride Pumpkins and Trick or Treating, along with some furbabies hanging around, this community engagement event was a lot of fun.



York City Trunk or Treat

The best part of the City of York's First Annual Trunk or Treat event may have been Unity's spooky costume! Actually, it most certainly was giving out free rainbow candy sticks and pins to all the dressed up kiddos who came out to play.



Check out our event flyers below to learn about these events and more coming up!

Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil



Saturday, Nov. 20th

Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil

DreamWrights Center for Community Arts
100 Carlisle Ave, York, PA 17401



We will be partnering with DreamWrights Center for the Community Arts again on Saturday, November 20th for the Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil: Honoring Lives Taken Too Soon.

Starting at 6:00 p.m. we will have a community conversation in the concessions area of the lobby. The conversation will have two co-facilitators, and will be in-person only. The room will have space for between 25-30 people and masks are required. There will be works by veteran and LGBTQIA+ artists featured on the walls.

At 7:00 p.m. we will start the vigil in the small theater space. It will be both in-person and

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will honor and remember. We will also have uplifting music, messages, and poetry as part of the event. Again, masks are required.

To Find out more about this Event, visit: [Rainbow Rose Center on Facebook](#).

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THIS
NOVEMBER

2021

THURSDAY 11/4 & FRIDAY 11/5 7PM
SATURDAY 11/6 7PM (post-show talkback)
SUNDAY 11/7 3PM

DIRECTOR **JACI KEAGY** STAGE MANAGER **LAUREN FREY SZEKERES** SET DESIGNER **DALE KEAGY**

LIGHTING DESIGNER **TONY FOGLE** COSTUME DESIGNER **REBECCA EASTMAN**

PROPERTIES **PEG RHODES** COMPOSER/SOUND DESIGNER **SERGIO PAUL**

FEATURING:

CHRIS AULBACH **COURTNEY HENRY** **QUINTON LAUGHMAN** **JOHN PIERMATTEO** **COLE REILLY** **MELANIE YAN DETZEL**

DreamWrights 100 CARLISLE AVENUE, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17401
www.dreamwrights.org

The Rainbow Rose Center is very excited to partner with our Preferred Partner, DreamWrights Center for the Community Arts, for their upcoming production of "Next Fall." This provocative play by Geoffrey Naufft weaves in equal parts humor and heart to revisit the first five years of Adam and Luke's story together and to imagine what the next fall might bring. This rich ensemble piece serves as a petri dish to the human condition, exposing six distinctly developed characters (each with their own baggage), who wrestle with how one can love someone else both because of and despite who they are.

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7:30 p.m. The Saturday, November 6 performances will also feature a talk-back afterward by many of those who took part in the Community Conversation. Find out more about the play, the cast, and get your tickets in advance using the button below. Tickets are \$15 online or \$17 at the door. All persons over 3 must be masked regardless of vaccination status while in the building.

To purchase tickets, visit: [Next Fall](#)

Check out the "[Next Fall](#)" [Community Conversation](#) on this first LGBTQIA+ themed production at DreamWrights.

The conversation, moderated by Dionna Wright of the York College Center for Community Engagement, included Rainbow Rose Center's President Tesla Taliaferro, two ministers of Open & Affirming churches - Pastor Eva O'Diam of Dover United Church Of Christ and Rev. Jen Raffensperger of Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York - and WellSpan Hospital Chaplain Betsy McCormick. The conversation focused on the important themes covered in Next Fall - religion, relationships, and death/dying.

Rainbow Run 5k Still Running!



It's not too late to participate in the Rainbow Run 5K! The virtual event goes through November 20th and registration ends November 19, 2021. However you decide to get your 3.1 miles in, whether you walk, skip, run, dance, bike, or swim, we encourage you to take part in this great activity!

For all our current runners, a huge thank you to all of you for participating! Don't forget to post any photos of your 5K activity along with @rainbowrosecenter/#rainbowrun5k.

[Sign Up Today!](#)

Visit the [Rainbow Rose Center Website](#) for exciting new additions, program offerings, services, and more! Don't forget to check out the Rainbow Rose Center's new digital pamphlets:

[Rainbow Rose Center Main Pamphlet](#)

[Rainbow Rose Center Programs & Services Pamphlet](#)

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT!

The **York Transgender, QTPOC, and Living Proudly HIV Support Groups** are taking a break for the holidays. But not to worry! The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to announce the **All Identities Group**, open to all members of the LGBTQIA+ community. We will be kicking off the **All Identities Group** with two events in December.

First, join us for the **Virtual Holiday Support Group Meeting** on December 11th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We will be featuring an ugly sweater contest and holiday game.

The second event is the **New Year, New You Virtual Support Group Meeting** on December 29th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. where we will be discussing our lows of the year, our highs of the year, and our goals for next year.

Check the [Rainbow Rose Center Website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#) for updates! We hope to see you there!

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.
November 27
December - Canceled (To Reconvene in January)

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

Occurs 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
November 14
December - Canceled (To Reconvene in January)

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 2nd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
November 10
December - Canceled (To Reconvene in January)

Safety is our utmost priority for all virtual support group meetings, so we do not publish meeting link details publicly. To participate our meetings, join each group's 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



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER CALL OUT!

The Marketing & Communications Committee is need of volunteers to help with website updates, public relations, video, and more. Whatever time you can give will be useful!

If you have any questions about what volunteering would entail, email marketing@rainbowrosecenter.org. You can find our Volunteer Form on the volunteers tab on the Rainbow Rose Center website on the link below.

There are plenty of other Volunteer Opportunities!

By volunteering with the Rainbow Rose Center, you have the opportunity to make a positive impact in our beautiful community. Volunteering also presents the chance to meet and bond with likeminded LGBTQIA+ folx and allies! We need help with day to day activities, and we're also looking for committee members to directly influence the direction of the organization. There are so many ways to get involved as a volunteer at the Rainbow Rose Center, and we have opportunities for volunteers of all ages! Each volunteer adds value to our organization, and we greatly cherish each individual that dedicates time to help our cause.

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

Don't have time to volunteer but still want to contribute? Consider making a donation to support the Rainbow Rose Center! Your support helps our Resource Specialists provide invaluable information to members of the LGBTQIA+ community on where they can go to get the help they need to thrive right here in York County! Donate directly on our website at <https://www.rainbowrosecenter.org/donations/>



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of the Greater Lehigh Valley*

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

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Living Proudly. Living Longer
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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

 

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 Email us at: info@rainbowrosecenter.org
 Contact us by phone: (717-746-8738)
 To Send a Letter to Rainbow Rose Center:
 P.O. Box 1134
 York, PA 27405



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Visit Our Preferred Partners!

The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to welcome the **YWCA York** as a Preferred Partner! YWCA York is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity FOR ALL. What's super exciting to our community is that they are a gender-inclusive YWCA and are eager to work with the gender non-conforming community to provide services, including shelters, therapy, and more!



The Rainbow Rose Center Preferred Partner Program is designed to connect our supporters, allies, and the York LGBTQIA+ community with local consumer businesses and organizations that are passionate about equality and acceptance. Our Preferred Partners support our community every day by creating environments where people of all backgrounds can feel safe, supported, and welcome. We are proud to partner with the following organizations and businesses and encourage members of the York community, both LGBTQIA+ and allies, to visit and support them. Be sure to keep a look out throughout York County for our Preferred Partnership logo!



Current Preferred Partners include:



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