



## *THE RAINBOW CONNECTION*

**November 30, 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.

# GIVING TUESDAY

*Today, the Rainbow Rose Center asks for your support during Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving.*

*A donation today shows your commitment to the LGBTQIA+ community in York and provides the funding to meet one of our main goals - to set up services in a physical space.*

*You may have known us from the I.D.E.A.S. Center, where there was an office space for anyone to come and find resources, talk to someone, and enjoy fellowship. This space was lost in May of 2020.*

*You and the LGBTQIA+ community have told us how important having a place to go is:*

- To talk to an understanding Resource Specialist,*
- To find out welcoming businesses, churches, and organizations to the LGBTQIA+ community, and;*
- To meet with other LGBTQIA+ individuals in support groups and for fun.*

*Your gift to the Rainbow Rose Center will help us find a space where we can do all this and more. This is done through your generous contribution and that of others who believe that York County can create an environment of inclusion, equity, and health where all LGBTQIA+*

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*A donation, of any amount, helps bring a physical office space one step closer to reality. Thank you for your dedication to the LGBTQIA+ community and for your support of the Rainbow Rose Center.*

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## Send Your Lawmakers A Holiday Greeting For Equality



Fifty percent of LGBTQIA+ people live in the 29 states that lack comprehensive statewide laws explicitly prohibiting discrimination against LGBTQIA+ people, so we're doing everything we can to change that. The Equality Act would provide consistent and explicit anti-discrimination protections for LGBTQIA+ people across the nation, and it is currently awaiting a vote in the Senate.

You can help us make the Equality Act the law of the land by sending a holiday greeting to your senators today! It only takes a few minutes and it's important to let your senators know that you care about this piece of legislation and want it passed as soon as possible.

Send your lawmaker a holiday greeting encouraging them to make federal nondiscrimination protections a high priority in 2022.

**[Get started here!](#)**

It only takes a few minutes.

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](#)

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### **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 Adult Identities Group**, open to all members of the LGBTQIA+ community ages 18+. We will be kicking off the **All Adult Identities Group** with two events in December.

First, join us for the **Virtual Holiday Support Group Meeting** on December 11<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
December - On Holiday Break  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group**

Occurs 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
December - On Holiday Break  
January 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Living Proudly HIV Support Group**

Occurs 2nd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
December - On Holiday Break  
January 12<sup>th</sup>

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/](http://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](http://www.TransCentralPA.Org)



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**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](mailto: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/>



**BRADBURY-SULLIVAN**  
LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

*Serving the LGBT Community  
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 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/rainbowrosecenter).*

Visit us at [www.rainbowrosecenter.org](http://www.rainbowrosecenter.org).  
 Email us at: [info@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:info@rainbowrosecenter.org)  
 Contact us by phone: (717-746-8738)  
 To Send a Letter to Rainbow Rose Center:  
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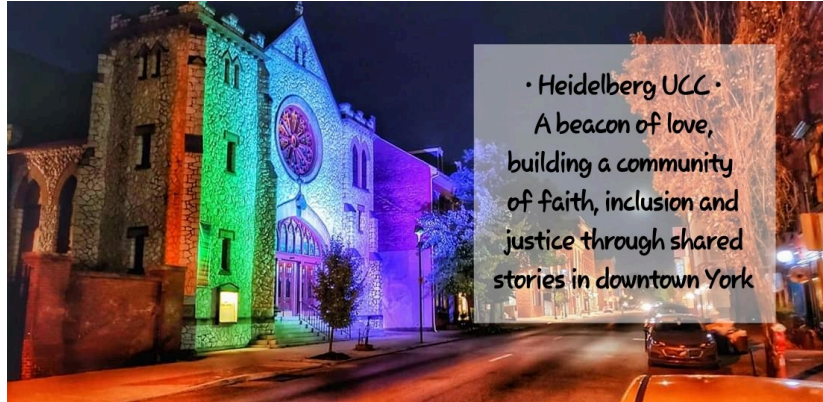


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[www.lgbtcenters.org](http://www.lgbtcenters.org)

**Visit Our Preferred Partners!**



covenant to welcome into their full life and ministry persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We celebrated Heidelberg UCC's 9 year anniversary of being an O&A congregation this October!



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!



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