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THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

November 1, 2022

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.

Hi, Everyone! I am Eli Holland-Garcia, the Co-Chair of the Community Engagement Committee. I am working with the Rainbow Rose Center because I care so much about my community, want to make it better, and ensure that we address internal and external issues as a community. I want to be able to help others and build a world, even a small one, where fear of being who you are is absent.

I am an erratic human in the best of ways. I want to do everything, but the main thing I do as a hobby is drag under the alias Miss Scarcity. I also make wands, sew, exercise, and play video games. Most of all I enjoy being around people who, no matter how interesting, uniquely and genuinely improve my life.

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I hope to meet you an upcoming event!

Eli Holland Garcia
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RRC Community Engagement Committee Co-Chair

Passing the Respect for Marriage Act

The U.S. Senate has an opportunity to provide a massive win for LGBTQIA+ families by passing the **Respect for Marriage Act**, which would solidify the freedom to marry for same-sex and interracial couples under federal law. **Now, we need your help to make it a reality.**

The bill has already passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 267 to 157. Support poured in from both sides of the aisle, with 47 Republicans voting in favor of the bill. This shows ongoing bipartisan momentum, and now our work continues. Your help is urgently needed!

[Send a message to your Senators urging them to vote YES on the Respect for Marriage Act.](#)



Anti-LGBTQIA+ efforts are doubling their attacks and telling Senators the exact opposite of what the public desires. The fact is that support for the freedom to marry is at an all-time high of 71% support, according to a recent Gallup poll. Americans from all walks of life, across demographics, geographies, and party lines agree that loving, committed couples have the right to be respected and protected under the law. We need our legislators to step up and vote in line with public opinion.

The Respect for Marriage Act is an important opportunity to protect families who remain vulnerable to discrimination in their daily lives. And, of course, even after we protect the freedom to marry, it will be critical to continue pushing for federal nondiscrimination protections so our community is protected in ALL aspects of our lives.

We have a real chance to pass the Respect for Marriage Act this month - but we can't do it without your support. **Your Senators need to hear from you: Take 2 minutes to tell your Senator to protect the freedom to marry for ALL Americans. Click here to take action.**

Thank you,
Tesla Taliaferro
He/Him & They/Them
RRC President

Support the Rainbow Rose Center on Giving Tuesday, November 29th!



You can help the Rainbow Rose Center supply our new office by donating this Giving Tuesday! A gift of any amount can help purchase the items a new office needs.

- A donation of \$5.00 can help purchase a pack of pens.
- A donation of \$50.00 can purchase a case of copy paper.
- A donation of \$200.00 can purchase a rolling white board.
- A donation of \$1,000.00 can purchase a laptop computer.

No matter what you can do to help, you can take pride in helping get us set up to help our LGBTQIA+ friends and family. Our new office will allow us to have:

- A USEFUL SPACE to help connect our community to vetted resources.
- A SAFE SPACE for our community to engage in support group meetings.
- A WALK-IN AND TRY-ON SPACE for The Closet so our community can access free gender-affirming clothes.
- A BRAVE SPACE to present training sessions to build better allies for our community.
- AN EVENT SPACE to host community events that celebrate and uplift our community.
- A CHILL SPACE so our community can exist, engage, and thrive.

You have had our back, and we ask that you help us again so we can do so much more to have yours!

Any questions about donating to the Rainbow Rose Center, contact



Where To Find Us in November!



Game Night

Saturday, November 19th 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Let's Play Games and Hobbies

42 Carlisle Street

Hanover, PA

The Rainbow Rose Center and YWCA Hanover Community will partner for an evening of games for 7th through 12th grade students at Let's Play Games and Hobbies in Hanover. In addition, there will be hot chocolate with toppings.

Join us for a free evening of fun!



Transgender Day of Remembrance

Sunday, November 20th 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Hanover YWCA

23 West Chestnut Street

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Please join the Rainbow Rose Center in this Transgender Day or Remembrance as we remember and celebrate the lives of those beautiful individuals who dared to live as their authentic selves and were taken far too soon. We honor their memory this day through our program and through our commitment to never forget them.

Visit us here for more

info: <https://facebook.com/events/s/transgender-day-of-rememberanc/>

Mark Your Calendars!



These events are coming up in the next few months. Keep an eye on our [Facebook Page](#) for more info.



Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 10th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Rainbow Rose Center will be holding our first ever Holiday Bazaar at the Red Lion Recreation Center. Vending space is limited and by invitation only, but interested vendors can email Christina Wingert at cwingert@rainbowrosecenter.org.

Preferred Partnership Update!

The Rainbow Rose Center has revamped our Preferred Partnership Program! The Program is designed to connect our supporters, allies, and the York LGBTQIA+ community with local, likeminded consumer businesses and organizations. We already have a great list of nonprofit organizations and small, local businesses, religious organizations, and event groups that are part of the program, and we would love to have

Development Director, at development@rainbowrosecenter.org.



The Rainbow Rose Center is committed to promoting the health and wellbeing of York County's LGBTQIA+ Community. With the smoking rate within our community being nearly double that of the general population, more members of the LGBTQIA+ community are at greatly increased risk of lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). We will continue to host Smoke-Free events, work with our schools to keep tobacco out of our youth's hands, and work with you to help you quit by connecting you to resources such as WellSpan's Freedom From Smoking® program.

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WELLSPAN HEALTH
Community Health and Wellness

Freedom From Smoking Classes



This free, 8-week tobacco cessation program is designed by the American Lung Association to help quit tobacco use. Registration is required by calling (800) 840-5905 or register online at [WellSpan.org](https://www.wellspan.org). All sessions are held online via Zoom.

Upcoming 8-week course: November/December 2022

Program Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9th through Wednesday, December 21st

Request for Facebook/Google Reviews



Your help is requested!

If you believe the work the Rainbow Rose Center is doing is helping you, someone you know, or just the community in general, your review can help build confidence in the work we're doing. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to continuing benefit the LGBTQIA+ York County Community!

You can leave a Google review by clicking this link: https://g.page/r/CR37_dQIKXKdEAg/review and on Facebook by clicking the "Share Feedback" button at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/rainbowrosecenter/reviews>

Thank you for considering leaving us a review!

There are Plenty of Volunteer Opportunities Throughout the Year!

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! 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/>

Program Schedule

Check out our upcoming meeting schedule below for dates and times!

York Transgender Support Group

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

November 26th, December 24th

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

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

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Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
November 16th, December 21st

All Adult Identities Group

Keep an eye on Facebook for additional upcoming events and activities!

Check the [Rainbow Rose Center Website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#) for updates!

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.

Visit the [Rainbow Rose Center website](#) for exciting new additions, program offerings, services, and more!

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

The Rainbow Rose Center is tremendously grateful to our sponsors. Their generous support provides the funds for the resources, services, and programs the York County LGBTQIA+ community needs and deserves. And it allows for creative solutions necessary to allow all York County individuals to feel safe and welcome in their everyday lives.

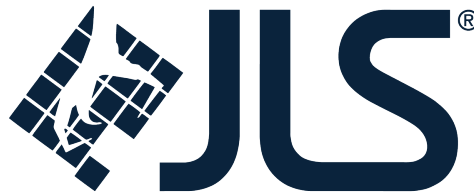
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Visit Our Preferred Partners!

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

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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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[York Jewish Community Center](#)
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Become a Preferred Partner!

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The Rainbow Rose Center is a Smoke Free Organization. All our events are SMOKE FREE as part of our desire 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 Rainbow Rose Center Programs Committee at: programs@rainbowrosecenter.org

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