



May 1, 2024

**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.**

**RAINBOW ROSE CENTER**

- Support Groups
- Resource Connection
- Gender-Affirming Closet
- Lending Library
- Name Change Help

**Supporting and empowering youth in 2024 and beyond!**

*Give Local York kicks off tomorrow!*

Starting at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2 and rolling into 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, the Rainbow Rose Center will be one of hundreds of worthy organizations raising funds for the good of our York County Community!

We hope you will select the Rainbow Rose Center as one of your favorite local nonprofit organizations to support! The minimum donation is \$5 and there is no maximum. We're hoping to raise \$25,000 from at least 200 individual donors! \$15,000 of funds raised during Give Local York 2024 will directly support our LGBTQIA+ Youth Programming, because...

For 2024, we're focusing on empowering LGBTQIA+ youth in our York County Community. We're adding two youth support groups, collaborating with local school clubs, and planning the first annual York County Gender and Sexuality/Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Summit for 2024/25 School Year. Our goal is to equip students and advisors with the tools and language they need to advocate for themselves. This will empower students and teachers to share their queer voices in the classroom, at their school board meetings, and with their elected representatives!

Starting at 9:00 p.m. May 2nd, Your Gift Goes Further thanks to Columbia Gas! Gifts up to \$50 will be matched, up to \$1,000 until the gift pool is depleted! Please help us get a strong start to this biggest fundraising day of the year!

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For the final 5 hours of GLY, your gift goes further thanks to Tito's Handmade Vodka, who will be DOUBLE-matching all gifts up to \$100 until the \$2,000 match pool is depleted. (i.e. a \$10 donation is matched by \$20, meaning the Rainbow Rose Center gets \$30!)

**Help us reach our \$25,000 goal by donating!**

**Make Your Donation**

**Thank you for supporting us in the past and in the future, starting at 9:00 p.m. Thursday, May 2!**



**Join Us May 3 at our Carol Road Office!**

Friday, May 3 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Free trainings in the morning, family friendly activities after 3:00 p.m.

Activities, Community, and More

2930 Carol Rd.  
East York, PA 17402

**The office will be open May 3 10:00am-7:00pm**

Family-friendly activities after 3:00pm  
Face painting 5:00-7:00pm

Stop by for community and fun!  
2930 Carol Rd., East York



**Give Local York is May 2nd & 3rd**

Donate to the Rainbow Rose Center to help us support York LGBTQIA+ youth

**Organizational Announcements!**

**Board Changes**

The Rainbow Rose Center is delighted to celebrate two of our newest board members! Everyone please help us welcome Mari Rosario and David Moyer!

**Mari Rosario (She/Her)**

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Mari and her children moved to York in 2010. Since then, she has continued to serve the York community through various volunteer opportunities. She is a member of Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York and serves on their financial committee. She is a 20-year veteran of the United States Naval Reserve and is very proud of the support the Veterans Hospital in our area supports our trans veterans. She has her associate degree in accounting and her bachelor's degree in management, and focused her later career in tax accounting. She currently lives in York City with her daughter, two dogs and three cats.

### David Moyer (He/Him)



David Moyer is a York County native who spent several years living and working in California and Nevada before returning home to Central Pennsylvania. His professional experience has been focused on leadership and management within nonprofit healthcare and higher education organizations. He earned his Master of Business Administration with a focus in Healthcare Management and Master of Science in Management and Leadership degrees from Western Governors University. In his free time, David enjoys traveling, hiking, making candles, and visiting amusement parks.

David joined the Rainbow Rose Center's board because of the Center's focus on improving the lives of the LGBTQIA+ community in his community of York County. David's own experiences of coming out as gay and finding a community in Central Pennsylvania have shaped his desire to contribute to the Center's mission of fostering an environment of inclusion equity, and health where all LGBTQIA+ community members can thrive in York County.

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## Changes to Office Hours

Our hours are changing, starting May 5. Come by and use our computers, browse our gender affirming closet, check out our lending library, and more! All resources and services are yours to use for free.

### Rainbow Rose Center Office Hours

Sunday 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Monday 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Tuesday 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Friday & Saturday: CLOSED



- Sunday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Monday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- The office will be closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

## We're Hiring!

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The Rainbow Rose Center is seeking our first Executive Director and full-time staff member! This is an outward-facing role with primary responsibility for strategic leadership, working with the Board of Directors, fundraising, community engagement, and staff management/human resources, while also providing high-level oversight of all programs and services and finances, grants, and operations for the organization. To apply click the link below.

**Job Opportunities**

## Committee and Board Opportunities!

The Rainbow Rose Center is looking for Board and committee members for the following committees:

### **Marketing and Communications (M&C)**

**Committee Chair** - The M&C Chair, as a volunteer board member of the RRC, is responsible for developing a marketing plan and coordinating our marketing and publicity efforts. These activities include establishing and maintaining a wide media presence, including on professional networking sites to build a presence in the business community as well as social media for our consumer community. The M&C Chair might also help the board in developing press releases, and will coordinate marketing activities and website maintenance.

For more information, contact Tesla Taliaferro at [ttaliaferro@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:ttaliaferro@rainbowrosecenter.org)

### **Fundraising Committee**

- The Fundraising Committee is looking for new committee members to help raise money for the RRC, create new fundraising ideas, make introductions to prospective financial supporters, and tell your story to potential sponsors.

For more information contact Nate Tile at 717-801-4482 or [ntile@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:ntile@rainbowrosecenter.org)

**Programs Committee** - The Programs Committee is looking for moderators and volunteers to help our programs run smoothly.

For more information contact Jennifer PageWise [jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org).

## Program Schedule

The Rainbow Rose Center offers several other programs, meetings, and support groups both virtually and in person. Safety

## Health Note

The Rainbow Rose Center's monthly Health Note spotlights a healthy living topic of importance to the LGBTQIA+

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group meetings, so we do not publish meeting link details publicly.

**May is Asthma Awareness Month! Read more by clicking the button below.**

To check out the current dates and times of our meeting offerings, click on the Calendar button below.

**Health Note**

**Calendar**

## Major Program Updates!

The Rainbow Rose Center is so excited to announce changes to our support groups! All meetings are hybrid online and in-person at the Rainbow Rose Center office.



**Teen Support Group**  
Supporting LGBTQIA+ Teens  
Ages 14-18 or in High School

The **Youth Support Group** has split into 2 separate groups.

The **Teen Support Group** (ages 14-18 or those in High School) will meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays starting May 4 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



**Young Adult Support Group**  
Supporting Young LGBTQIA+  
Adults Ages 18-22

The **Young Adult Support Group** (ages 18-22) will meet 2nd and 4th Saturdays starting May 11 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The **All Adult Identities Group** will begin a support group, meeting regularly on the 4th Saturday each month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. starting May 25.



**All Adult Identities Group**  
Encouraging Community and Connection



**QTPOC**  
Supporting the Intersectionality of  
Queer & Transgender People of Color

**QTPOC** will be adding a second week starting in June, and will meet 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer PageWise at [jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org).

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## Meeting Signup

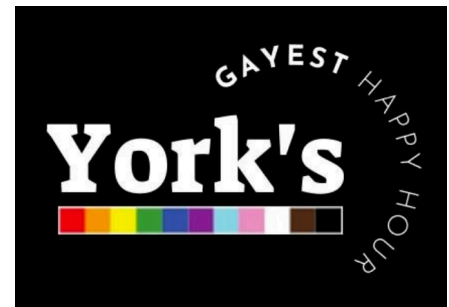
We're looking for some activities that our groups can do. If you have games and such hanging around that you'd like to donate, please reach out to [info@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:info@rainbowrosecenter.org). Thanks!

## Community News!

### Where We'll Be

#### York's Gayest Happy Hour

Thursday, May 9, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Mudhooks Brewing  
34 N Cherry Lane  
York, PA



Please join the Rainbow Rose Center as we gather with York's Gayest Happy Hour at Mudhooks Brewing Company for their monthly happy hour! The Rainbow Rose Center will be there with ways you can help us raise money for York County Pride and gather some information about the Rainbow Rose Center. Check out the Facebook event [here](#).



#### 2024 Breaking the Silence

Friday, May 10, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
WellSpan Park  
5 Brooks Robinson Way  
York, PA

Join the Rainbow Rose Center at WellSpan Park in York to learn more about the mental health resource groups in the area and their effort to change the stigma surrounding mental health. Breaking the Silence Night is presented by Bartz Brigade, Building Bridges for Brianna, and NAMI. The first 500 kids will receive a Revolution Pop-It giveaway. For more info, visit [this link](#).

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**Free, Confidential HIV Testing**

Thursday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Rainbow Rose Center  
 2930 Carol Rd.  
 East York, PA

The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to partner with GLO Harrisburg and Family First Health to offer free HIV Testing at our office on Thursday, May 16, 2024 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Confidential HIV testing will be conducted by GLO Harrisburg with Family First Health attending to provide extra testing and linkage to care. Testing will only take 5-10 minutes and are available in 15 minute slots throughout the event period.



[RSVP for your slot today!](#) Your registration will remain anonymous to the public.

Please note: A maximum of 15 people can get HIV testing for this event, first register, first guaranteed.

**Candle Making for a Cause with Cultivated Essentials**

Saturday, May 18, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 28 Frederick St.  
 Hanover, PA

Have you ever wanted to create your own candle? Well, now is the time to do it! Not only will you go home with a beautiful and delightfully smelling candle, but you will also be giving back to the Rainbow Rose Center. A portion of the cost to make the candle will be graciously donated back to the center!

Booking reservations in advance is strongly recommended, especially for groups. You can do that [here](#).

## Around York

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### Oral History Training

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
 York History Center Building  
 250 East Market St.  
 York, PA

Partnering with the LGBT Center of Central PA History Project and the York County History Center, MJ Consulting, THE VALLEY: People Power and Caring Communities and LGBTQIA+ Valley Pride are delighted to announce a special Oral History Training. Registration is free. All you have to do is email [history@centralpalgbtcenter.org](mailto:history@centralpalgbtcenter.org) and say that you want to attend the York workshop. Include your name, email address, and phone number, and say if you want to attend in person or over Zoom. The last day to register is May 16. Check out [this page](#) for more information.

### Won't You Be My Gaybor?

Saturday, June 8, starting at 7:00 p.m.  
 Heidelberg United Church of Christ  
 47 W Philadelphia St.  
 York, PA



Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus is thrilled to announce our 2024 Spring Concert Series - Won't You Be My Gaybor? Join HGMC Saturday, June 8th at Heidelberg United Church of Christ as they explore themes of love, community, and the importance of mental health. As always, shows are free and open to viewers of all ages! Check out the [Facebook event](#) to stay up-to-date.

[Read More Community News](#)

## 2024 Sponsors are On Their Way!

The Rainbow Rose Center is tremendously grateful to our sponsors. We're still awaiting our 2024 sponsors to renew, but we look forward to that in the near future as their generous support over previous years has provided the funds for the resources, services, and programs the York County LGBTQIA+ community needs and deserves.

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