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THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

October 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! My name is Nate Tile, Chair of the Rainbow Rose Fundraising committee. In my professional life I am the Vice President of Business Development for the York Revolution, York's professional baseball team. I have been in sales and managing sales teams for over 20 years.

I got involved with the Rainbow Rose Center because my daughter came out to me and my wife as a lesbian by text message. Despite my efforts to teach my kids that we should be loving and accepting of everyone, she was afraid. I wanted to show support for my daughter through more than just my words but by taking action. I also wanted to be a part of an organization that provides support for individuals who may not have the caring and loving family system that my daughter has. I have seen too many tears and broken hearts from folks who do not feel accepted to stand by and do nothing.

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The Fundraising committee was a natural fit for me because I have made a career out of asking people for money. I have many connections in the business community, and the best aspect of my job and this volunteer role is getting to meet so many new people from different backgrounds.

In my free time I like to drink beer, go to concerts, coach softball, watch baseball, eat food (lots of food), and spend time with my family.

All my best!
Nate Tile
He/Him
RRC Fundraising Committee 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

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

Interested in joining the RRC Board of Directors?

The Rainbow Rose Center currently has openings for a Programs Committee Chair and Resources Committee Chair. Details for the two positions are provided below:

Programs Committee Chair Description -

The Programs Committee develops and moderates programs that promote the health and wellbeing of York County's LGBTQIA+ community. The Programs Committee identifies gaps in service to determine which programs to establish in order to fill those needs, whether through partnerships with other organizations or through original programming efforts.

Resources Committee Chair Description -

The Resources Committee finds and vets resources that benefit York County's LGBTQIA+ community. The Resources Committee establishes a vetting process to ensure that the resources are both knowledgeable and respectful of the LGBTQIA+ community, and/or recommends the resources to the Rainbow Rose Center's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Training series. Vetted resources must be competent in handling the LGBTQIA+ community's care with the dignity and respect they deserve so that the Rainbow Rose Center would be comfortable and in good faith able to recommend the resources. The Resources Committee maintains a list of resources, broken out by type, and presents that list to the Board of Directors on a regular basis.

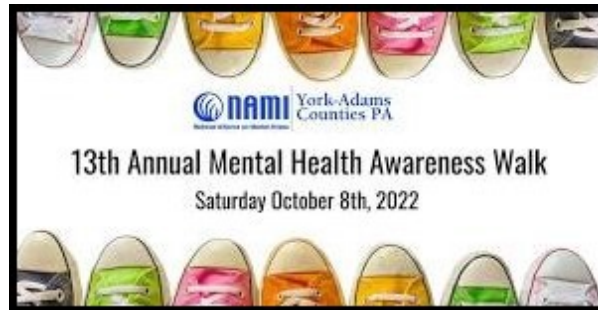
If you're interested learning more, or leading this effort, please email Tesla Taliaferro at ttaliaferro@rainbowrosecenter.org.

Where To Find Us in October!

Attention! Event Canceled



The Hanover Diversity Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 1st has been canceled due to inclement weather. The Rainbow Rose Center looks forward to future events and collaboration with the Hanover Diversity Alliance, including the festival.



Mental Health Awareness Walk

Saturday, October 8th 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

UPMC Memorial Hospital

1701 Innovation Drive

York, PA

The Rainbow Rose Center is looking forward to being a vendor at the 13th Annual Mental Health Awareness Walk. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is hosting the event at UPMC Memorial Hospital in York. We hope that the community will join us in this important advocacy activity. [Click Here](#) for more info.



HomeComing Out!

HomeComing Out Celebration

Saturday, October 8th 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
York JCC
2000 Hollywood Drive,
York, PA

Join RRC as your authentic self for the HomeComing Out event! Be who you want, and dress how you want. There will be hors d'oeuvres, mocktails, a DJ, dancing, and more! This is an 18 and older, non-smoking event. Please RSVP for this FREE event below:

[Click Here to RSVP](#)



Halloween Sprit Bash

Saturday, October 22nd 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Keystone Kidspace
10 Hamilton Avenue
York, PA

Hosted in collaboration by the Rainbow Rose Center, Planned Parenthood Keystone's The Curve, YWCA Hanover's Qmmunity, and Union Lutheran of York. Presented by Wellspan.

This event is a multi-org collaboration to give youth (kids and teens) the opportunity to learn life skills such as sewing and use the materials donated to the free closets that are unable to be given to the public (effectively keeping them out of the landfills). Our youth deserve the opportunity to enjoy Halloween even if they or their guardians cannot

will also be teaching our youth about Spirit Day at this event, which is observed on the 20th of October this year. Spirit Day aims to create awareness for the bullying and harassment that the LGBTQIA+ community faces, and the youth will learn how to be advocates and courageous bystanders! Come spend a fun evening with us! Free snacks and drinks will be provided.
*PLEASE RSVP using the link below in the ticket section. This event is FREE, but we would like an idea of how many folks are coming!

[Halloween Spirit Bash RSVP](#)

Mark Your Calendars!



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



Transgender Day of Remembrance

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

Hanover YWCA

23 West Chestnut Street

Hanover, PA

Please join the Rainbow Rose Center in this Transgender Day of Remembrance. More details to follow soon.

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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 additional participants! Those interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to reach out to Christina Stetler, our Development Director, at development@rainbowrosecenter.org.



Learn More About Owl Classes!

Our Preferred Partner, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York (UUCY) is opening up their Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes to the community! OWL is a comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education

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commitment is 25 Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at UUCY (925 South George Street, York, PA 17403) beginning October 16, 2022, breaks for holidays, and ending May 21, 2023.

Any parent or guardian interested in enrolling their 8th or 9th graders must participate in one of the upcoming informal informational meetings (via Zoom) and in person mandatory orientations.



Photo provided by UUA 2015 General Assembly

If you have attended either the Informal Informational OWL Meeting Via Zoom or UUCY Engagement Fair OWL:

Mandatory In Person at UUCY Orientation Meeting:

Monday October 3rd 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Course materials will be reviewed with a video presentation.

Email questions to owl@uucy.org and a representative from the OWL team will follow up directly to answer any questions and provide a zoom meeting link.



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.



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.

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](#).

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.
October 22nd, November 26th

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

Occurs 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
October 9th, November 13th

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
September 19th, November 16th

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/

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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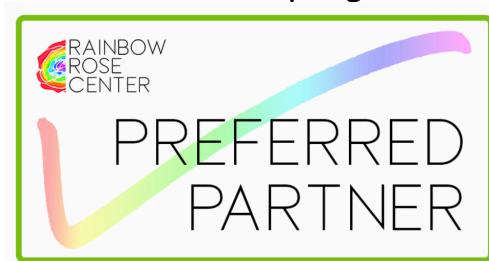


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If you are part of an organization or business that would be interested in becoming an Organizational Sponsor, please reach out to Nate Tile at fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org.

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 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:

[Heidelberg United Church of Christ](#)
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If you are part of an organization or business that would be interested in becoming a Preferred Partner, please visit our website at <https://www.rainbowrosecenter.org/preferred-partners/> or email Nate Tile at fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org.

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