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THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

July 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.



Hello, York County!!! My name is Jenny Beth Kissner (She/Her/Hers) and since April 2019, I have served as a Board Member and Events Committee Chair for The Rainbow Rose Center. I remember in my first meeting and interview for the role with Tesla we discussed the importance of the LGBTQIA+ community members to have safe, affirming events together. We

overcame obstacles big and small to present the first in-person York County Pride on June 11, 2022, at Cousler Park. And I personally could not be PROUDER!

I didn't even see on the day of, as we were all busy with our tasks, but I want you all to know that you are deeply appreciated. As I now transition from committee chair to committee member this month, I am honored to continue to fight the good fight with all of you and have some fun doing it.

We have received endless comments about the love and acceptance felt during the event. We want to encourage all attendees, vendors, volunteers, and sponsors to complete the after-event surveys. The link below will be open till July 15, so be sure to make your voice heard and opt in for your chance to win one of three \$15 gift cards to I-Ron-Ic Coffee Shop & Art Boutique! It is crucial to our future success that we hear all feedback regarding all aspects, including, but not limited to: location, entertainment, and schedule.

So many local organizations and businesses celebrated Pride this month and donated proceeds of their events to the Rainbow Rose Center. Thank you! And thank you to the community for your participation and support of the Rainbow Rose Center's events to date. I'm looking forward to a big, bright, beautiful future with more to come.

Jenny Beth Kissner
She/Her/Hers
Co-Events Chair



YORK COUNTY PRIDE SURVEY

Thank you to Departing Board Members

Who would have guessed that when we came together as a group of volunteers in the fall of 2019 and then as a board in March of 2020, what a whirlwind we would go through!

These individuals really helped to establish the Rainbow Rose Center, not only as a non-profit organization, but also as a huge asset for York County's LGBTQIA+ Community:



Jenny Beth -

You took on every challenge the pandemic threw at us and ensured that we could have fun and safe celebrations virtually. You were the mastermind and the driving force behind rebranding Equality Fest and taking it to the next level as York County Pride. You always brought high energy, brilliant planning skills, and musical task management to the table. Our events would not have been possible without your dedication to making them successful. We're grateful that you are going to continue to support our events as a committee member!



Shannon -

As Programs Chair, you started a number of important and needed support groups that uplift and affirm our various community members. You also led us through our first grant cycle on Tobacco Cessation and Resistance and proved our worth in this important health initiative. We appreciated that you continued to stay engaged during your move to Florida, and we wish you well in this next chapter of your life.



Suzanne -

Thank you for your tireless work in finding LGBTQIA+ affirming resources throughout our York County community. You've done an amazing job in locating and vetting medical and mental health providers, along with businesses and organizations that really stand behind their promise to create an inclusive community that embraces all LGBTQIA+ individuals.

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Anne -

From bringing our website online to keeping our technology functioning and organized, you've been a huge asset to the Rainbow Rose Center. Your dedication of time and technical talent has ensured that we could grow in many different capacities, and you've always also ensured we kept an eye on accessibility and inclusivity. You also brought over a lot of institutional knowledge from the early days of Equality Fest and assisting in the established ourselves as a recognized non-profit. We really also appreciate you consistently uplifting our queer youth and ensuring they have fun and engaging activities at our events.

Without these fantastic individuals, the Rainbow Rose Center board would not be where we're at today. We've come so far in the past two years, and thanks to the wonderful folks on the board, both those getting ready to leave, those staying around for another term, and the new members coming on, we're looking forward to a bigger and brighter organizational future!

THANK YOU!!

A sincere THANK YOU goes out to the following companies for their invaluable services and fundraising efforts throughout Pride Month!



York Revolution
For hosting Pride at the Ballpark
5 Brooks Robinson Way.
York, PA



JLS Automation
For Sponsoring the Progress Pride Jerseys
20 Innovation Dr.
York, PA



White Rose Bar & Grill
For Hosting Pushin' Pride
48 N. Beaver St.
York, PA

Sattva

Sattva Center for Meditation & Yoga
For their Gentle Pride Yoga Series
153 S. Beaver St.
York, PA

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The Cantina York
For the Pride-jito and Mocktail
105 S. Duke St.
York, PA



Dover UCC
For hosting the Pride Pancake event
45 W. Canal St.
Dover, PA

THE HANDSOME CAB

The Handsome Cab
For hosting the Pink Pride Party
106 North George St.
York, PA

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York Pretzel Company
For the Pride Pretzel Box
39 West Market St.
York, PA



The Left Bank Restaurant and Bar
For the Pride Cupcake
120 N George St.
York, PA

Thank you to everyone who supported the Rainbow Rose Center and these amazing businesses throughout Pride Month!

Where To Find Us in July!

Planning to go and willing to help? We are looking for volunteers to help us at these fantastic events! Click on the volunteer links to sign up!

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**WHITE ROSE****All Adult Identities Program is co-hosting Guerilla
Gay Bar**Saturday, July 9th 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

White Rose Bar & Grill Courtyard

For more information on this event,

visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/62910619805734>7**Hanover Snack Town Street Fair 2022**Saturday, July 16th 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Downtown Hanover

For more information on this event,

visit: <https://www.snacktownstreetfair.com/>[Click here to volunteer with the Rainbow Rose Center
for the Snack Town Street Fair!](#)**PRIDE FESTIVAL
OF CENTRAL PA****Pride Festival of Central PA**Saturday, July 30th 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information on this event,

visit: <https://centralpapride.org/>[Click here to volunteer with the Rainbow Rose Center
for the Pride Festival of Central PA!](#)

Check Out the Amazing Press The Rainbow Rose Center Received During Pride Month!

York Dispatch, Pride Event, June 10th:

[York County Pride is still set for Saturday — despite protest and pushback \(yorkdispatch.com\)](#)

York Daily Record, Pride Event, June 10th:

[Rainbow Rose Center hosts York County Pride at Cousler Park \(ydr.com\)](#)

York Dispatch, York County Pride Pictures Gallery, June 11th (Available by Subscription Only):

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/picture-gallery/life/2022/06/11/york-county-pride-2022/7594484001/>

York Dispatch, York County Pride, June 12th (Available by Subscription Only):

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/2022/06/12/rain-threats-dont-stop-festivities-york-county-pride/7602519001/>

York Dispatch Editorial Board Op-Ed, June 15th:

[Anti-LGBTQ Rhetoric No Laughing Matter \(yorkdispatch.com\)](#)

WGAL8 Clothing Closet Mention, June 22nd:

<https://www.wgal.com/article/valley-youth-house-hosts-weekly-initiative-to-help-homeless-youth-in-york-county/40377660#>

York Dispatch Op-Ed, June 26th:

[Rainbow Rose Center Board of Director Response to Representatives Op-Ed \(yorkdispatch.com\)](#)

York Dispatch, Why We Pride: Maria Gable

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[hy-we-pride-conversion-therapy-made-maria-mccargo-gable-physically-ill/7681954001/](https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2022/06/28/why-we-pride-after-years-struggle-google-search-helped-reveal-truth/7647676001/)

York Dispatch, Why We Pride: Mary Almy Interview (Available by Subscription Only):

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2022/06/28/why-we-pride-after-years-struggle-google-search-helped-reveal-truth/7647676001/>

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!

Welcoming a New Preferred Partner

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The experience of running in a giant hamster wheel to make

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Kreations, the mastermind behind the "You are the Hamster" wheel as our newest Preferred Partner!

You can book this one-of-a-kind experience from a local, family-owned and affirming business through their website at <http://youarethehamster.com/>

Looking for a Job?

Dover UCC, another of our Preferred Partners, is an Open & Affirming Church and they are seeking a part-time church secretary! The position would require availability for about 4 hours a day for 3 days a week, times negotiable. Must have typing and computer skills and be good at dealing with the public. Must pass PA Criminal background check and childline. Available immediately. Interested applicants should email Pastor Eva O'Diam at reveso@verizon.net with letter of interest and resume.

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! 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

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

Our regularly scheduled meetings have resumed. See the 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.

July 23rd, August 27th

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

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

July 10th, August 14th

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

July 20th, August 17th

All Adult Identities Group

Keep an eye on Facebook for additional upcoming events and activities, but we're excited to see you at our co-hosted

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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:

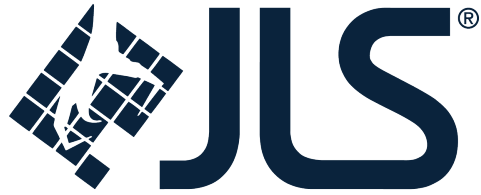
www.rainbowrosecenter.org/programs/
and fill out the intake form to receive instructions on how to join the meeting.

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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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!

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Current Preferred Partners include:

[Heidelberg United Church of Christ](#)
[I-ron-ic Coffee Shop & Art Boutique](#)
[York Revolution](#)
[York Jewish Community Center](#)
[Appell Center for the Performing Arts](#)
[Opera Susquehanna](#)
[Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York](#)
[Union Lutheran Church](#)
[DreamWrights Center for the Community Arts](#)
[The Cantina](#)
[White Rose Bar & Grill](#)
[The Left Bank Restaurant & Bar](#)
[The Handsome Cab](#)
[YWCA York](#)
[Dover United Church of Christ](#)
[Kinetic Kreations](#)

Become a Preferred Partner!

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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.

Visit us at www.rainbowrosecenter.org.

Email us at: info@rainbowrosecenter.org

Contact us by phone: (717-746-8738)

To Send a Letter to Rainbow Rose Center:

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