



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

May 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.

The Rainbow Rose Center will be participating in Give Local York on Friday, May 6, 2022. Give Local York is a day of community giving, supporting over 300 nonprofit organizations in York County. Last year, friends of the Rainbow Rose Center raised over \$10,000. Through those generous contributions, we were able to:

- Purchase rolling racks, tables, and hangers for the brand new **THE CLOSET** - a travelling Clothing Closet to help community members access free, gender-affirming clothes collected through donations. We also often have accessories specific to the transgender community.
- Invest in technological equipment to allow people to attend our events in person or virtually, depending on

procedures in York County and supporting them throughout the legal process.

Now, like many of you, we're ready to come back together in person. We need a home to do that - a space that will create safety, community, and connection.

- 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 for our community to 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.

We're ready, and more importantly, so is our LGBTQIA+ community. For this year's Give Local York, we're raising funds to create a physical space, for all to gather. Thank you for helping bring us back together.

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The Rainbow Rose Center Board

Double Your Gift during Give Local York!



Want to double your impact during Give Local York? Donate between the hours of noon and 2:00 p.m. and your generous

supporting the Rainbow Rose Center and helping to make York County a more inclusive place for us all!

An Introduction of Our Corporate Sponsors

The Rainbow Rose Center is tremendously grateful to our Corporate 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. We are excited to introduce our current lineup of Corporate Sponsors:

CHAMPION



At WellSpan, our mission is to provide exceptional care for all and to do that we must understand and respect the differences of everyone in our care. We gain strength when our diverse workforce is empowered to serve our diverse community, and it all starts when an organization creates a place where everyone feels safe to share ideas that reflect their unique experiences. All of our team members own a part in creating an environment where our colleagues and patients feel safe, respected, and valued.

LEADERS



JLS is committed to being a workplace of inclusion. At the forefront of that is awareness and education. The work of Rainbow Rose, as well as the work of other such important groups, takes on-going commitment from the community at large. For this reason and more, JLS is pleased to be the Rainbow Rose Center's first corporate Sponsor, as well as support their events and activities throughout the year.



At The GIANT Company, we strive to be an inclusive place to work and shop, reflective of the diverse communities we are honored to serve. Our unified purpose and shared values of Care, Courage, Integrity, Teamwork, and Humor guide our work as we embrace the unique talents and differences of our team members. The diversity of our team members, including individual experiences, perspectives and skills drive innovation and collaboration. We aspire to collectively build a culture of inclusion and belonging for all team members, customers and neighbors where everyone is respected, valued, heard and welcomed just the way they are. At The GIANT Company you are empowered to Be You!



The Hollywood Casino in York is deeply committed to cultivating a culture and environment where everyone, regardless of their differences, feel like they truly belong. We support organizations focused on promoting equality

ALLIES

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LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

At UPMC, our commitment to providing culturally competent care means we understand that knowledge and responsiveness to diverse languages, communication patterns, and health belief systems are key to our ability to take accurate medical histories, make diagnoses, and ensure our patient and member understanding and treatment adherence to promote healthy lifestyles.



York College of Pennsylvania aims to provide access to high-quality education. To reach our mission, we value bringing different voices together to share their strengths. In this diverse environment, when we create a sense of belonging and equity, we enrich the learning experience and better serve our local and global communities.

Organizations and Businesses interested in supporting the Rainbow Rose Center and York County's LGBTQIA+ Community on an annual basis are encouraged to reach out to Nate Tile at fundraising@rainbowrosecenter.org.

YORK COUNTY pride

York County Pride Announces Headliner: KRYSTAL YOUNGLOVE!



Steel your hearts and behold Award Winning Artist, Circus Sweetheart, Damsel of Danger, Strong Woman, Krystal Younglove The Indestructible Lady.

Reminiscent of classic 10-in-1 circus sideshow, Krystal brings you a squeamish inducing delight. From bone shattering animal traps, walking on glass, eating fire, invulnerability to the bed of nails, feats of strength, and hammering nails into her head... she certainly made a career out of all the things your mama told you not to do.

Thank You to all of our York County Pride Sponsors!

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Where to Find Us in May!



First Friday/Give Local York, May 6th

Tune in at 8:00 a.m. to the Give Local York Livestream for the Rainbow Rose Center message.

Marketview Arts

Engendered Exhibit and I'm Fine. Project Masks

Throughout the Day

The Engendered exhibition features artists addressing gender identity in a variety of ways that include examining their own relationship to established gender norms and expectations, responding to the heteronormative male/female binary, and asserting Queerness as a fluid alternative to the idea of a stable gender identity.

Our world is facing a mental health crisis. As artists, we believe in the power of art to ignite change and to create new perspectives. We also believe in you, the community, as agents of change. It all starts with a conversation. On display will also be some of the I'm Fine. Masks from the January All Adult Identities program where 15 members of our local LGBTQIA+ community created masks that express their mental health.

The Rainbow Rose Center will be there at various times throughout the day to talk to people about our Give Local York goals, sharing information about our organization, services, and programs, and of course, talking about York County Pride!

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GGB York



Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Location to be Announced

Guerrilla Gay Bar York "pops-up" in a downtown York location. Side by side location(s) announced soon! We'll be there sharing information about the upcoming York County Pride!

Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2809646872664196>

Saturday, May 28th starting at 6:00 p.m.
York Bears & Friends presents another Dinner & Social,

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1340 Toronita St. York, PA 17402

Come out for their second event, raffle prizes, dinner, new friends, and old friends. Support all the LGBTQIA+ community. Everyone is welcome. We'll be there sharing information about the upcoming York County Pride!

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/693911068591056>

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!

We Need Support for Pride!

York County Pride is a time to come together and celebrate the full inclusion of ALL wonderfully diverse citizens in ALL aspects of civic life. To create such an amazing event, we need your support. There are many opportunities to support York County Pride, from Set-up to Teardown, to keeping the space clean! If you're so inclined, please sign up as a Pride Volunteer.

Sign up by May 15th to get a Volunteer T-Shirt!

There are Plenty of 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/>

Program Schedule

The York Transgender, Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC), and Living Proudly HIV Support Groups are meeting regularly. We are currently only meeting

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months. See the schedule below for dates and times!

Check the [Rainbow Rose Center Website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#) for updates! We hope to see you there!

York Transgender Support Group

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

May 28th, June 25th

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

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

May 8th, June 12th

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

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

May 18th, June 15th

All Adult Identities Group

Keep an eye on Facebook for additional upcoming events and activities, but we're excited to see you at GGB York and York Bears & Friends this month!

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.

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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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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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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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