



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

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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.

Happy Spring, York County!!!

My name is Kyle Howard (He/Him/His) and I am currently the Events Committee Co-chair and Board Member for the Rainbow Rose Center. I am also a faculty member in the Chemistry Department at York College of Pennsylvania. I grew up south of York in Glen Rock, PA. After obtaining my BS in chemistry at York College of Pennsylvania, I attended Syracuse University where I earned my PhD in organic chemistry. I moved to Denver, Colorado for a year after graduate school but my hometown roots were calling me back to the York area. I moved home in 2017 and started volunteering with the Rainbow Rose Center in 2021.

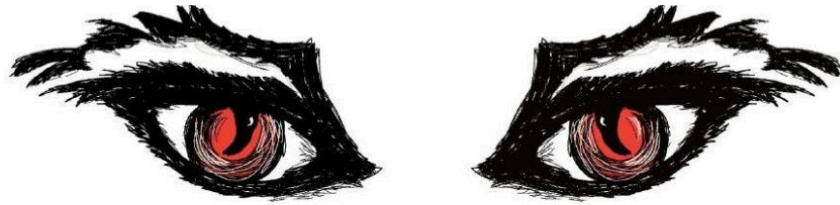


It brings me great joy to see an organization like the Rainbow Rose Center in York, PA. Our community is made up of multiple identities and beautiful people. I love that the Rainbow Rose Center exists to foster an environment of inclusion for York County so people feel safe to exist in their everyday lives.

As we enter spring, I am enjoying seeing all the trees and daffodils starting to bud and bloom. The Events Committee is currently hard at work planning York County Pride 2022! Save the date! This year's York County Pride will be at Cousler Park on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will have food trucks, Pride performances, family friendly fun activities, and rainbows everywhere! We invite members of the community to be a part of York County Pride 2022. Sign up now to sponsor, volunteer, perform or be a vendor by going to the [York County Pride webpage](#). York County Pride is a time to come together and celebrate the full inclusion of ALL wonderfully diverse citizens in ALL aspects of life. We welcome everyone to participate, regardless of race, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, mental or physical ability, or social economic status. To kick off our pride celebration in June we also have Pride Night at the Ballpark with the York Revolution on Friday, June 3, 2022 and an adult Pride Party at the White Rose Bar & Grill on Saturday, June 4, 2022. All tickets for Pride at the Ballpark purchased through the Rainbow Rose Center website will allow for a 50% cost donation to the Rainbow Rose Center. We are excited for all the events we have coming up for our 2022 Pride celebration and hope to see you in person!

(He/Him/His)
Events Committee Co-chair

FIERCE to Rock York County Pridel!!



F I e r c e

We're excited to announce that **FIERCE**, the four-piece, female driven band + Chris, based out of Lancaster, PA. Their music consists of classic rock, blues to modern rock, pop, funk and dance hits with some originals thrown in to showcase their writing talent. The group has been in existence since November 2011 and plays at clubs, festivals, weddings, and private parties throughout the PA, NJ, DE, and MD.

FIERCE... a feeling, emotion, or action showing a heartfelt and powerful intensity.

Come feel it for yourself on June 11th at Cousler Park... you won't be disappointed!

Thank you, TransCentralPA!

This March, we had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the 2022 Keystone Conference, one of the largest transgender conferences in the United States. We were invited to assist in the organization and management of the Clothing Exchange, which was overseen by Carriage House Boutique (out of Lemoyne).

Many of the 600+ attendees generously donated over 5,000 articles of clothing and prosthetics at the event! Whew, that was a lot to organize, but we managed it thanks to the volunteers and attendees who gifted their time to support this activity.

The girls had lots of fun "shopping" for free, gender affirming items that matched their styles and identities. Our volunteers were also able to sort through our stored items to help supplement the clothing racks at the conference. We now have a much more organized Closet to travel around York County with, as well as some high quality and gently used trans feminine prosthetics for those in need. We appreciate Alder Health's support in taking the extra items back to their facilities to get into the hands of community members throughout Central Pennsylvania.

We're looking forward to attending next year!

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Pictured are Joanne Carroll, Kristy Snow, Cassandra Storm, and Lauren Amanda - all beautiful women who worked tirelessly to create the affirming Keystone Conference - A Celebration of Gender Diversity. Thank you, ladies!

Blue Skies for the Bears and Buddies Event!



The inaugural York Bears & Friends event on the final Saturday of March at the Blue Sky Tavern was a fantastic success for our first in-person All Adult Identities social! Alder Health provided sexual health materials and information, there were some exciting raffle prizes, and ever-lovely Sarabesque made an appearance! We hope everyone had a wonderful time and that even more will join in for the next York Bears & Friends event! It's scheduled for May 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Cheddars on Rt 30.

Marketing & Communications Chair Update!

Hi everyone! My name is Brittany DeArmond (she, her, hers), or better known to my direct peers as Britt. I have been a part of the Rainbow Rose Center for almost a year now. Though I have been in a few different positions within the organization, I am excited to announce that I will be taking over as Marketing and Communications Chair. I am excited to grow more with the Rainbow Rose Center and be more involved with my community. I hope to work with more volunteers in this portion of the organization and help to grow the Rainbow Rose Center's outreach in our community as well. Thank you for letting me have this opportunity, everyone!

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

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Thank you for considering leaving us a review!

Where to Find Us in April!



Spring Grove Area School District Diversity Festival

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The Rainbow Rose Center will have a table at the Spring Grove Diversity Festival where we will join in the celebration of our beautiful community's differences! Come stop by our table to get some cool Pride freebies, pick up information on our programs and services, and learn more about our upcoming events throughout Pride Month!



Peeled Seed & Spark Party

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to participate in the Peeled Seed & Spark Party for the forthcoming documentary by local artist/photographer/filmmaker Freddie Graves! Freddie and his partner, Simone Davis, have spent eight years documenting the ins and outs of the "Featured Entertainer" industry. *Peeled* provides a look into the world of Featured Performers. Watch as these traveling show girls perform, compete, and create award winning shows. With in-depth interviews and dynamic performance videos, see the struggles and triumphs of these women as they build careers in this highly competitive field.

Featuring: food by The Corner Cabinet, music and video from Aortic Valve, drinks by Pop Truck PA, and pole art demonstrations by Studio Spin. Sneak previews of the documentary will be screened and stars of "Peeled" will be in attendance!

Tickets:

VIP "Champagne Room" \$50.00 for the first 1 ½ hours

Regular Admission \$10.00 to the Dance Party

Our All Adult Identities Group for April will center conversations on different forms of creative arts and



Fang Around The Cauldron at The Dark Parlour

Saturday, April 30, 2022 starting at 1:00 p.m.

Fang Around is a seasonal community event hosted by The Dark Parlour in collaboration with Royal Square District in York, Pennsylvania. This event is an eclectic gathering celebrating Walpurgisnacht / Hexennacht, otherwise known as Witches Night. The event provides a safe and fun gathering space to build community engagement and involvement. The Rainbow Rose Center will be a vendor at this event and there will be Burlesque, Drag, Belly Dancing, Sideshow Acts, and more after 7:00 p.m. It is FREE to Fang Around (no entry fee!), but we certainly encourage you to shop with our vendors and merchants, and always \$ TIP \$ the entertainment! The Dark Parlour also ALWAYS welcomes and collects donations for animal rescues. Please drop off items at The Dark Parlour during Fang Around the Cauldron.

Save the Dates!



Give Local York 2022



Give Local York is back on Friday, May 6, 2022!

Last year, you helped the Rainbow Rose Center raise over \$10,000 in our first ever Give Local York!

Please mark your calendars for this year's event to help us raise the funds to one again have a space where people can come in-person for programming, information, and a place to just be. Visit us at www.facebook.com/rainbowrosecenter for more updates!

Pride at the Ballpark



Join us on Friday, June 3rd for Pride at the Ballpark!

Order your tickets today by visiting <https://www.yorkrevolution.com/groups-hospitality/Group-theme-nights/>

½ of the ticket sales support the Rainbow Rose Center!

Entertainment on the plaza from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

Pre-game parade for all guests at 6:00 p.m. and a pre-game awards ceremony at 6:15 p.m.

Pride merchandise & drink specials

Game-worn Pride jersey auction presented by JLS Automation

York County Pride



SAVE THE DATE for York County PRIDE - Saturday, June 11, 2022

Cousler Park in Manchester Twp.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Performances, Vendors, & Fun for ALL!

Paid Research Opportunity!



and language learning. Click here for more info: <http://www.tinyurl.com/nbla2022>.

Please share to spread the word!

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Join the Rainbow Rose Center Board!

The Rainbow Rose Center currently seeks engaged and enthusiastic volunteers to join the Board of Directors. Opportunities include: Secretary, Treasurer, Community Engagement Chair, Events Co-Chair, Resources Chair, and Volunteer Chair. All positions are for two-years and are strictly volunteer-based (no financial compensation provided).

If you want to get more involved with creating a more inclusive York County and do so with a group of dedicated and passionate individuals, please contact the Nominating Chair, Rev. Carla Christopher, at poetrywarrior@gmail.com.

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+ folk 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 virtually via Zoom but this may change in future months. See the schedule below for dates and times!

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York Transgender Support Group

Occurs 4th Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
April 23rd, May 28th

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

Occurs 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
April 10th, May 8th

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
April 20th, May 18th

All Adult Identities Group

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! 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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The Rainbow Rose Center would like to thank our Organizational Sponsors!

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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.

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

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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:

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