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THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

January 6, 2023

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.

Welcome to 2023!

My name is Trevor Brandt. I joined the Rainbow Rose Center Board of Directors in 2022 as the Co-Chair for Marketing and Communications. Professionally, I am the Chief Communications Officer for Pennsylvania CASA, a statewide non-profit organization and have served in recruitment and marketing capacities in higher education and the public transportation sector. As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, I am honored to serve York County.

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The Rainbow Rose Center is excited to announce the launch of our new website, which makes it easier than ever to stay connected with Rainbow Rose Center and access resources and support! On our website, you can learn more about our programs and services, find out about upcoming events, and get involved with the community. One of the key features of the website is the ability for users to connect with each other through our virtual support groups. These groups provide a safe and inclusive space for individuals to discuss their experiences with one another. We are thrilled to offer this new platform as a resource for the LGBTQIA+ community and hope that it will serve as a hub for connecting, supporting, and advocating for LGBTQIA+ rights in York County. Be sure to check out the website and follow us on social media for updates about events and resources.

To explore, visit the new site at:
<https://rainbowrosecenter.org>.

All My Best!
Trevor
He/Him/His
Marketing & Communications Co-Chair

Where To Find Us In January



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Firebird

Friday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m.
 Appell Center for the Performing Arts
 50 North George Street
 York, PA

The Appell Center is partnering with Rainbow Rose Center to show a film on January 27th at 7:00 p.m. The film "Firebird" is a passionate love story (based on a true story) set during the Cold War against the backdrop of a Soviet Air Force base during late 1970s Communist rule. Tickets are \$10, and \$5 of each ticket sold is being donated to support the work and mission of our organization.

Tickets and details are available at: <https://appellcenter.org/show/capfilm-firebird>

Save The Date



YORK COUNTY PRIDE 2023

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venue for York County Pride 2023. Our June 10, 2023 event will take place at the [York State Fair All Trans Memorial Hall](#) from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm. We are eagerly anticipating the ability to accommodate the needs of our diverse community by providing an accessible venue with ample parking that's safe from the elements (both excessive shine and dreary rain).

York County Pride provides an excellent opportunity to distribute information, sell products, and/or advertise services that support and are of interest to the LGBTQIA+ community. We welcome sponsors, organizations, businesses, vendors, and performers to apply on our new website! Registration closes May 12th! Food vendors are not being accepted at this time.

<https://rainbowrosecenter.org/events/york-county-pride>

Questions about the event? Contact our Events Committee Chair, Christina Wingert, at events@rainbowrosecenter.org.

Interested in joining the RRC Board of Directors?

The Rainbow Rose Center is looking for a dedicated individual to join our board as the Marketing and Communications Co-Chair. The position will include managing our social media pages, developing branded content, and creating a posting calendar, so social media experience is a must! Join this amazing committee by contacting Deb Smith at dsmith@rainbowrosecenter.org.

The Rainbow Rose Center currently has an opening for a Community Engagement Co-Chair. Our Community Engagement Committee helps the organization build

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throughout the community, helping to represent the organization at said events, and providing academic support to student-based/academic LGBTQIA+ organizations (i.e. GSAs) in the community. If you're interested learning more, or leading this effort, please email Maria Gable at dmmccargogable@rainbowrosecenter.org.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York (UUCY) OWL: Our Whole Life, Lifespan Sexual Education Programs

"OWL helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, sexual health and behavior. OWL provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about topics including relationships, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, and sexual health."

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5/6 OWL AT UUCY

Our Whole Lives for 5th and 6th Graders



UUCY.org/OWL

Parent/Child
Orientation
Jan. 15th 2023
11:15—
Carriage House
Sunroom

Schedule of Wokshops:

2/26/23—Sexuality and Values

3/5/23—Images in Popular Culture

3/19/23—Body Image

3/26/23—Changes of Puberty

4/2/23—Gender

4/16/23—Feelings and Attractions

4/23/23—Reproduction and Staying Healthy

4/30/23—Decisions and Actions

5/7/23—Consent and Peer Pressure

5/21/23—Healthy Relationships and Celebration!

All workshops from 11:15-12:15 am at UUCY

To register or for more info: OWL@uucy.org

For more information, visit: www.uucy.org/owl.



The Thirteenth Annual

Keystone Conference

The Rainbow Rose Center will again partner with TransCentralPA to organize the Clothing Exchange at [Keystone Conference](#)! The Thirteenth Annual Keystone Conference, "A Celebration of Gender Diversity," will be hosted at the splendid Harrisburg Hilton Hotel from March 22 - 26, 2023. We're looking for volunteers to help us accept the generous clothing and gender-affirming

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Rose Center will work with other organizations to distribute leftover donations after the conference. If you're interested in volunteering, or in attending the event, please contact Tesla Taliaferro at ttaliaferro@rainbowrosecenter.org.

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

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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

Check out our upcoming meeting schedule below for dates and times!

Gender Diverse Support Group

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

January 28th, February 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.

January 8th, February 12th

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

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

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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/
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.

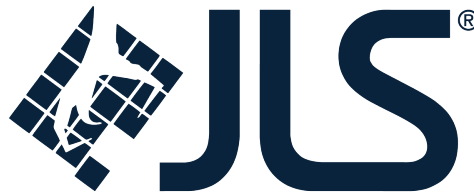
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VISIT OUR PREFERRED PARTNERS:

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](#)
[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](#)
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The Rainbow Rose Center is a Smoke Free Organization. All our events are **SMOKE FREE** as part of our desire for a healthier and longer-lived community! We do not accept sponsorship or vending applications from tobacco, vaping, cigarette, or other similar companies.



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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