



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.

July 1, 2024

Thank You!

The Rainbow Rose Center would like to thank everyone who made York County Pride Weekend a success! Thanks to [Explore York](#) for their generous grant and [WellSpan Health](#) for their sponsorship. A huge shout out to all of our volunteers who helped make this weekend possible! Thank you to all the vendors and entertainers. You all truly made Pride special!

Lastly, thank you to everyone who joined us over the event weekend! York County Pride would not happen without all the love and support from the community! Here's to another successful Pride Month!

Share Your Feedback About York County Pride Here



Check Out All the Photos from York County Pride Weekend!

Community News

Where We'll be



Hanover's Gayest Happy Hour

Friday, July 5 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

McAllister's on York

11 York St.

Hanover, PA

Join the Rainbow Rose Center for Hanover's biggest Gay Happy Hour every 1st Friday from 4-6pm For more information, visit: [Hanover's Gayest Happy Hour](#)

Sunday Funday Fundraiser for the Rainbow Rose Center

Sunday, July 14 | 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Markets at Hanover

1649 Broadway

Hanover, PA

Please join us for a Sunday Funday at The Markets at Hanover. Listen to the band Fierce, have some yummy food and drinks and raise money for the Rainbow Rose Center!

For more information, visit: [Sunday Funday Fundraiser for the Rainbow Rose Center](#)



New Cumberland Pride Picnic

Saturday, July 20 | 11:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

New Cumberland Borough Park

517 Front St.

New Cumberland, PA

Join us Saturday, July 20 from 11 am- 4 pm for New Cumberland's 3rd Annual Cute Li'l Pride Picnic! This family friendly event will feature live music from LGBTQIA+ artist, LGBTQIA+ support and resources, artists, merchants, drag bingo, drag story time, food trucks, raffle prizes, and community! For more information, visit [3rd Annual Cute Li'l New Cumberland Pride Picnic](#)

Film Screening: Mary. Her Journey from Pain to Purpose

Saturday, July 20 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Capitol Theater
50 N. George St.
York, PA

Join Rainbow Rose Center for the regional premiere of *Mary: Her Journey from Pain to Purpose*, a documentary feature of Mary Almy, a local transgender woman, including an introduction from the filmmaker, and a panel discussion following the screening.

[Get Tickets Here](#)



Pride Festival of Central PA
Saturday, July 27 | 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Soldier's and Sailor's Grove
400 Commonwealth Ave.
Harrisburg, PA

Join us at Soldier's and Sailor's Grove on the PA State Capital Grounds for the 32nd Pride Festival of Central PA! Vendors, sponsors, the UPMC Family Zone along with a variety of entertainment, speakers, and a headliner that will be announced soon! \$10 suggested donation. For more information, visit: [Pride Festival of Central PA](#)

Organizational Announcements!

Rainbow Rose Center Office Hours

Sunday	4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Monday	10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Tuesday	4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday	1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Thursday	10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Friday & Saturday: CLOSED	



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Visit the Rainbow Rose Center During Our Office Hours

The Rainbow Rose Center offers regular open office hours. Come by and use our computers, browse our gender affirming closet, check out our lending library, and more!

All resources and services are yours to use for free!

We're Hiring!

[**Job Opportunities**](#)

The Rainbow Rose Center (RRC) is seeking our first Executive Director and full time staff member! This is an outward-facing role with primary responsibility for strategic leadership, working with the Board of Directors, fundraising, community engagement, and staff management/human resources, while also providing high-level oversight of all programs and services and finances, grants, and operations for the organization.

Welcome to Our Newest Board Members!

The Rainbow Rose Center's Board of Directors is excited to welcome two new Board members this month!

Emily Jones (She/Her)

Resources Committee Co-Chair

Emily's main goal in her social work career is to "work herself out of a job." In that vein, she loves being able to help point people out to the resources and information that they need to thrive. One of Emily's strengths is getting information and putting it into a full and comprehensive document, newsletter, or flyer. She loves to think outside of the box and learn new information and believes that working with the Rainbow Rose Center presents a great opportunity to continue to build on this.

Katy Gephart (She/They)

Volunteer Committee Chair

Katy is a 33-year-old Clinical Mental Health Counseling grad student living in York with their husband and stepson. Before returning to school Katy worked as a volunteer coordinator and has extensive experience in the non-profit sector. Outside of school and work, Katy co-hosts a podcast with their best friend, attempting to fill in the gaps in their education and teach their listeners what they learn. She hopes to use her blend of skills to help the Rainbow Rose Center continue to grow and give back to the people of this community.

Committee and Board Opportunities!

The Rainbow Rose Center is looking for Board and committee members for the following committees:

Programs Committee - The Programs Committee is looking for new committee members and co-moderators for several of our support groups.

If you are interested in joining our Programs Committee or co-moderating one of our support groups, please contact Jennifer PageWise at jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org

Fundraising Committee - The Fundraising Committee is looking for new committee members to help raise money for the RRC, create new fundraising ideas, make introductions to prospective financial supporters, and tell your story to potential sponsors.

For more information contact Nate Tile at 717-801-4482 or ntile@rainbowrosecenter.org

Marketing and Communications (M&C) Committee Chair - The M&C Chair, as a volunteer board member of the RRC, is responsible for developing a marketing plan and coordinating our marketing and publicity efforts. These activities include establishing and maintaining a wide media presence, including on professional networking sites to build a presence in the business community as well as social media for our consumer community. The M&C Chair might also help the board in developing press releases, and will coordinate marketing activities and website maintenance.

For more information, contact Tesla Taliaferro at ttaliaferro@rainbowrosecenter.org

Program Schedule

The Rainbow Rose Center offers several programs, meetings, and support groups both virtually and in person. Safety is our utmost priority for all virtual support group meetings, so we do not publish meeting link details publicly.

To check out the current dates and times of our meeting offerings, click on the "View Our Calendar" button below.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer PageWise at jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org.

[View Our Calendar](#)

Local Spotlight

Rainbow Rose Center Awarded Neighborhood Grant from The Starbucks Foundation

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

THE STARBUCKS FOUNDATION

THANK YOU!

We're excited that our local Starbucks partners (employees) nominated us to receive a grant from The Starbucks Foundation!

As part of The [Starbucks Foundation's](#) Neighborhood Grants program, the Rainbow Rose Center was selected to receive a \$1,000 grant. This grant award is thanks to a nomination(s) from a local Starbucks partner (employee) who recognized the work of the organization for the LGBTQIA+ community in York County. Through this unique program,

The Starbucks Foundation invites Starbucks partners and alumni to nominate a local organization in their community. Since 2019, more than 13,000 grants have been awarded to local organizations, amounting to more than \$20 million. This 2024 grant to Rainbow Rose Center was selected from among 33,000 nominations submitted by Starbucks partners earlier this year.

Take the 2024 PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment Survey!

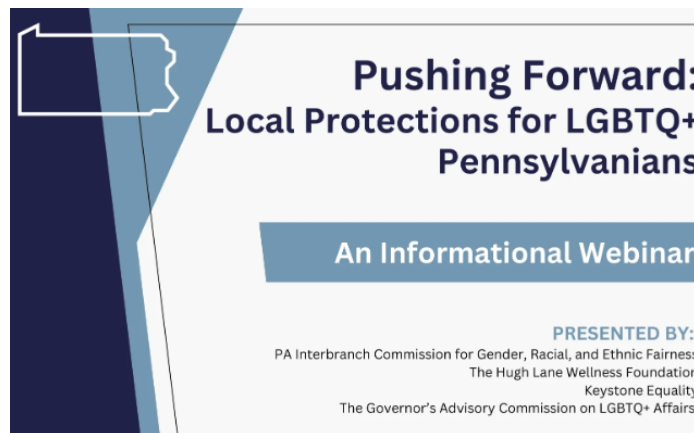


Funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment is a biannual survey conducted to evaluate health needs, health disparities, and barriers to care impacting LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians.

The PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment collects data on healthcare experiences, nutrition, exercise, tobacco use, drug and alcohol use, sexual health, mental health, and food and housing security.

[Take the Survey Here](https://bit.ly/2024lgbtq)

Pushing Forward: Local Partners for LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians - An Informational Webinar



The Governor's Advisory Commission on LGBTQ+ Affairs is hosting a webinar on Localized, Non-Discrimination Ordinances in July. Register Now by clicking on the button below!

[Register for the Webinar Here](#)

[Read More Community News](#)

Preferred Partner Program

The Rainbow Rose Center Preferred Partner Program is designed to connect our supporters, allies, and the York LGBTQIA+ community with local, like minded consumer businesses and organizations. These dedicated and Preferred Partners really stand behind their pledge to support the LGBTQIA+ community. Look for this decal at businesses throughout York County to support and to feel safe at!"



[Learn More Information About Our Preferred Partner Program](#)

2024 Sponsors

The Rainbow Rose Center is tremendously grateful to our sponsors. We're excited to welcome back [WellSpan Health](#) as an Organizational Sponsor - they truly represent what it means to be an Advocate for York County's LGBTQIA+ Community!



WellSpan Health's mission is to provide exceptional care for all and they strive to understand and respect the differences of everyone in their care. All of WellSpan's team members own a part in creating an environment where colleagues and patients feel safe, respected, and valued.

[Learn More About Who Supports Us](#)

We will continue to welcome additional 2024 sponsors throughout the year. Their support ensures that the Rainbow Rose Center has the funds for the resources, services, and programs the York County LGBTQIA+ community needs and deserves.

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