



April 1, 2024

**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.**

Everyone please welcome Randi Andre, our new Volunteer Committee Chair!

"Hi, my name is Randi and I am the new chairperson of the Volunteer Committee. My position is to pre-qualify all of the volunteers and then pre-slot them with the committee that seems to best suit their experience and desire. I am retired from 17 years as a middle school teacher from northern New Jersey. Previous to that I spent 20 years working in the national computer repair industry as a Logistics analyst and in a mid-level management position. My pronouns are she/her and I have been "out" as a trans-woman since moving to PA. I look forward to meeting you and working with you."



Please join us in wishing Randi a warm welcome. For more from Randi, visit the Blog below!

[Randi's Blog!](#)

---

## ***Organizational Announcements!***

### **Consistent Office Hours Start in April!**

Starting in April, the Rainbow Rose Center will be offering 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.

## RAINBOW ROSE CENTER OFFICE HOURS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00 am							
9:00 am							
10:00 am		Monday 10:00 am			Thursday 10:00 am		
11:00 am		-			-		
12:00 pm							
1:00 pm	Sunday 1:00 pm	2:00 pm			2:00 pm		
2:00 pm	-						
3:00 pm							
4:00 pm	5:00 pm		Tuesday 4:00 pm			Friday 4:00 pm	
5:00 pm			-			-	
6:00 pm			8:00 pm			8:00 pm	
7:00 pm							
8:00 pm							

Closed: Wednesdays and Saturdays



- Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m
- Monday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m
- Tuesday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Friday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- The office will be closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## We're Hiring!

The Rainbow Rose Center 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. To apply click the link below.

[Job Opportunities](#)

## Committee and Board Opportunities!

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

**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](mailto:ttaliaferro@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](mailto:ntile@rainbowrosecenter.org)

---

## York County Pride Vendor Applications Still Open!



**York County Pride 2024**  
Saturday, June 22 - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
York Fairgrounds  
334 Carlisle Ave  
York, PA 17404

[Vendor Application](#)

---

## The Rainbow Rose Center Presents Story Time with Miss Amie!

Please join the Rainbow Rose Center and Union Lutheran Church as we come together to host A Story Time Tea Party! Tickets are \$5 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are free, but we are asking you to please bring a personal care item to donate to Union Lutheran's free pantry.



[Register for the Tea Party Here](#)

---

## Program Schedule

The Rainbow Rose Center offers several other 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 Calendar button below.

[Calendar](#)

## Health Note

The Rainbow Rose Center's monthly Health Note spotlights a healthy living topic of importance to the LGBTQIA+ community.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month! Read more by clicking the button below.

[Health Note](#)

---

## Major Program Updates!

The Rainbow Rose Center is so excited to announce changes to our support groups! All meetings are hybrid online and in-person at the Rainbow Rose Center office.

**Gender Diverse Support Group** will be switching to the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. starting in April.

---



**Gender Diverse  
Support Group**  
Supporting Gender Diverse Individuals  
of All Ages and Their Families



---

---



**Silver Triangle  
Group**  
Supporting You as You  
Age with Pride



---

**Silver Triangle Support Group** will now be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. starting in April.

**Living Proudly HIV Support Group** Starts Saturday, April 13th - 1:00-2:30 p.m. This group will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month.

---



**Living Proudly  
HIV Group**  
Supporting You Living Life  
Beyond the Positive



---

---



**Teen Support  
Group**  
Supporting LGBTQIA+ Teens  
Ages 14-18 or in High School



---

---



**Young Adult  
Support Group**  
Supporting Young LGBTQIA+  
Adults Ages 18-22



---

The current **Youth Support Group** will be splitting into two groups starting in May.

The **Teen Support Group** (ages 14-18 or those in High School) will meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays starting May 4 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

The **Young Adult Support Group** (ages 18-22) will meet 2nd and 4th Saturdays starting May 11 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer PageWise at [jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org](mailto:jpagewise@rainbowrosecenter.org).

## Community News!

### Where We'll Be

#### **Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-Off Event**

Saturday, April 6 | 11:00-3:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church of York  
225 E. Market St.  
York, PA

Join the Rainbow Rose Center at this outdoor community event brought to you by the York County Children's Advocacy Center (parking lot behind the church off of E. Clarke Ave) to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse! There will be free food, live music, and fun for the whole family.



#### **Spring Grove Area High School 2024 Diversity Festival**

Thursday, April 18 | 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Spring Grove Area High School  
100 E. College Ave  
Spring Grove, PA

Come say hi to the Rainbow Rose Center at the Spring Grove Area High School District Diversity Festival and enjoy awesome food, live entertainment, and cultural diversity! For more information, visit: [SGASD Diversity Day](#)

#### **Northeastern High School Diversity Day**

Friday, April 26 | 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
Northeastern High School  
41 Harding Street  
Manchester, PA

Northeastern HS students can visit with the Rainbow Rose Center for their annual Diversity Day and learn more about our organization.



## Fang Around the Cauldron - Witches Night III

Saturday, April 27 | 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Royal Square District

York, PA

The Rainbow Rose Center is once again excited to attend Witches Night with Fang Around the Cauldron! This event combines Walpurgisnacht, Halfway to Halloween, and Beltane for a fun day of ritual through arts, music, and alternative culture in the heART of Downtown York's Royal Square District. Join us at this fun springtime event for food, vendors, live entertainment, and more! For more information, visit: [Witches Night III](#)

## Around York

### "I Voted" Sticker Contest!



Cultural Alliance of York County/The County of York  
"I Voted!" Sticker Contest



The Cultural Alliance of York County and the County of York are offering York County students in grades K-12 the opportunity to design our next "I Voted!" sticker.

**Entries are open now until 12:00 p.m. on April 30, 2023.**

A committee of local educators and artists will choose one winning design from each age group. The winners will be announced at the annual "Make Music Day" celebration in York on June 21st, 2024. The winning designs will be produced and available at voting locations across York County during the general election in 2024 and the primary election in 2025.

For more information and full contest rules, use the button below to visit our blog post about the contest.

## Voting Deadline Approaches!



Your voice matters! Nationally and locally, we're seeing the LGBTQIA+ community facing laws and potential laws taking away rights for no other reason than who we love. By voting, you can stop this hatred and secure rights for everyone. We at the Rainbow Rose Center encourage you to learn about the candidates who are running and vote for those you believe align best with your values.

1. The last day to register to vote before the April Primary is **Monday, April 8**.
2. You must request a ballot by **Tuesday, April 16** to vote by mail.
3. Primary Day in Pennsylvania is **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**.

Check out our Blog below to learn more about important election dates, register to vote, request a mail in ballot, or find your polling location.

[More Voting Info Here](#)

[Read More Community News](#)

## *2024 Sponsors are On Their Way!*

The Rainbow Rose Center is tremendously grateful to our sponsors. We're still awaiting our 2024 sponsors to renew, but we look forward to that in the near future as their generous support over previous years has provided the funds for the resources, services, and programs the York County LGBTQIA+ community needs and deserves.

[Learn More About Who Supports Us](#)



[Subscribe](#) to our email list.