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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

The Rainbow Rose Center is so excited to announce that Tay Chase has accepted our Office Manager position! Tay officially started on February 25.

Tay (they/them) grew up across the river in Lancaster before moving to eastern York. They are a polyamorous genderqueer bisexual and grew up in the LGBTQIA+ community long before realizing they were queer themselves. They are excited that they get to give back to a community that gave them so much love and support over the years. They are passionate about creating inclusive and welcoming environments for everyone. Tay has been working for Planned Parenthood since 2021, first as a gender affirming care patient navigator and now as an educator. Outside of the professional sphere, they enjoy getting out into the community, spending time with friends, cuddling their cats, and advocating for a more equitable world.

Please join us in wishing Tay a warm welcome!



Throughout March, the Rainbow Rose Center will be working on onboarding Tay. As such, they will be holding irregular office hours, which we will post on our social medias weekly. Always feel free to reach out via phone (717-746-8738) or email (info@rainbowrosecenter.org) with questions and Tay will get back to you when they are next in the office!

Consistent Office Hours Start in April!

Starting in April, Tay will be in the office:

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.

Organizational Announcements!

Exciting Announcement from the Board

**Meet Our New
Vice President**





Christina Wingert
She/Her
Previous Events Chair

On Wednesday, February 28th, the Rainbow Rose Center Board unanimously elected Christina Wingert, our Events Committee Chair, as the organization’s new Vice President! Christina has for the past year planned exceptional events for the community, including a fantastic York County Pride 2023, and she introduced our Inclusive Holiday Bazaars. We are grateful to her for commitment to finish planning York County Pride 2024 and look forward to her slow onboarding as the organization’s next leader.

For the past year and a half that Christina has been on the board, she has continually volunteered for the many

tasks to ensure the organization operates. She gained the trust and approval of every board member through her warm personality and constant positivity. She has consistently put the organization's well-being at the forefront of the board and the community. And, perhaps at times most importantly, she has made sure that we have fun while doing the necessary and sometimes hard work.

As the remaining co-founders finish out their final board term this year, they will work closely with Christina to transfer organizational knowledge and help guide her as the board transitions from a working board to an oversight one. We, the board, have full faith in the organization's well-being under Christina's leadership in the years to come. We hope you do as well.

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:

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

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](#)

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.

Join Union Lutheran and the Rainbow Rose Center for It's a Story Time Tea Party with Miss Amie



[Register for the Tea Party Here](#)

Program Schedule

Rainbow Rose Center Health Note

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.

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

March is Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Health Awareness Month! Read more by clicking the button below.

[Calendar](#)

[Health Note](#)

Major Program Updates!

In addition to our Youth Support Group (formerly Planned Parenthood's The Curve) and The Queer and Transgender People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group that started in February, the Rainbow Rose Center are so excited to announce the start of two new support groups in March and April! Virtual options are available for all Support Groups!



Silver Triangle (LGBTQIA+ ages 50+) Starts Saturday, March 9th - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. with a kickoff brunch meeting. This group will meet the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Rainbow Rose Center office.

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 at the Rainbow Rose Center Office.

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



Community News!

Movie Feature at the Appell Center!



In partnership with The Rainbow Rose Center, on March 30, The Appell Center will be showing NEXT GOAL WINS, a movie directed by Taika Waititi that follows the infamously terrible American Samoa soccer team. A portion of each ticket will be donated to the Rainbow Rose Center. Check out the trailer below and get your tickets now at the link below!



[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

The State of Black Life in York Summit

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

YWCA York's Racial Justice Committee brings you The State of Black Life in York Summit on Friday, March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Keystone Kidspace. For more info and to register for the event, click the button below.

[Register for the Summit Here](#)

Learn Your Housing Rights & Responsibilities



Join Tenfold, the City of York Human Relations Commission, and the Rainbow Rose Center on March 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at York City Hall to learn about your housing rights, responsibilities, and protections, including Federal and State LGBTQ and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity from Tenfold's certified Fair Housing Specialists. Click the button below to register for this free event.

[Register for the Housing Rights & Responsibilities Event Here](#)

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.

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