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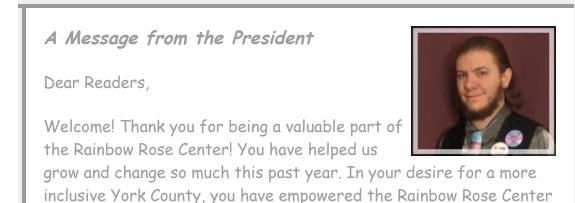
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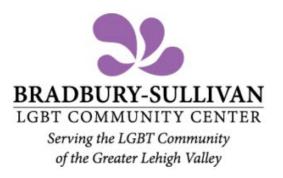
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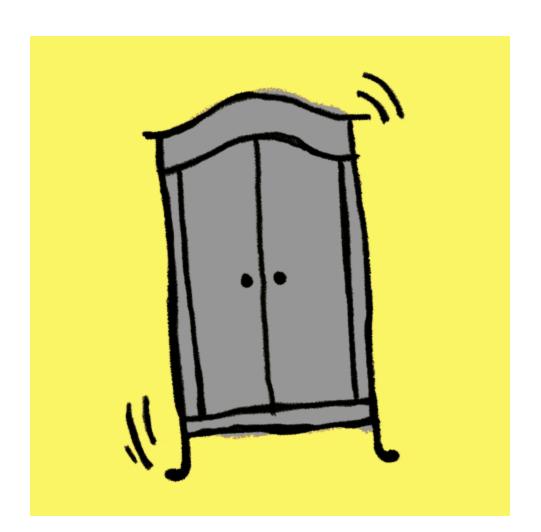
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Become a Preferred Partner!

The Rainbow Rose Center's Preferred Partner Program is designed to connect our supporters, allies, and the York LGBTQIA+ community with local, likeminded consumer businesses and organizations. We encourage you to support the businesses and organizations supporting you, including:









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Gsuite Admin <info@rainbowrosecenter.org> To: karen@lgbtlancaster.org Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 6:22 AM

Karen,

Here is the first Rainbow Rose Center newsletter sent out on 4/1. You may be particularly interested in the Program Updates section, information for which can also be found on our website at https://www.rainbowrosecenter.org/programs/. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you have ideas on how we might be able to better serve the community.

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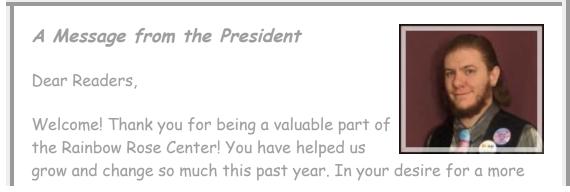
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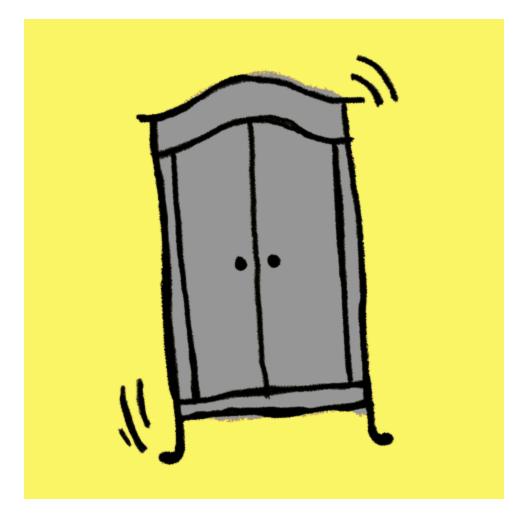
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