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## *THE RAINBOW CONNECTION*

**June 15, 2022**

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.



Wow! We are still in shock and awe at how well the first ever York County Pride went! Watching the LGBTQIA+ community in York and surrounding counties come together for a fantastic inaugural celebration was extremely heartwarming. The Rainbow Rose Center would like to express its sincerest gratitude to this amazing community! Throughout the day, we enjoyed performances from local

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have their faces painted, and create their own snow cones.

I personally loved seeing everyone's rainbow décor and hearing how they were celebrating their first Pride! It was truly overwhelming how our community demonstrated the need for a Pride festival in York County by coming out in full force despite the weather. We learned a lot from our first pride event and we are taking this momentum full speed into York County Pride 2023! Thank you all so So SO much for your incredible support.

Wishing you many rainbows this month!



Kyle Howard  
He/Him  
Co-Events Chair



(Photos by Derek Gamble-Ernst)

## Your Feedback is Appreciated!

We are so excited at how successful our first York County Pride celebration went. We learned a lot for future events and the Rainbow Rose Center wants to hear from you! We appreciate you taking the time to complete the following survey and provide any feedback you wish to convey so we can better future Pride celebrations.

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(Photo by Derek Gamble-Ernst)

Provide feedback by clicking the button below and You can be entered to win a gift card.

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FEEDBACK HERE**

### **Didn't Get a York County Pride T-Shirt? Here's Your Chance!**

We are so glad to have contracted Insatiable Melanin - a Pro-Black, Pro-Culture clothing business run by a Black Woman in York - to create the York County Pride T-Shirts.

We heard such amazing feedback from people about the shirts, and people have been reaching out asking if we have any left. While we completely sold out at the first in-person York County Pride event, we are giving you the opportunity to place an order for your shirt now! This new run of T-shirts will include the option for White or Black, will be available in all sizes, and may look slightly different than the originals - again, these are all hand made and each one is a work of art that takes time to create.

Please use the links below to place your order. We will continue to accept orders through the end of the month. Please note that you will get your T-shirt order in July.

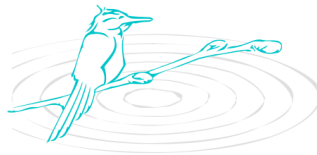
# YORK COUNTY PRIDE SHIRT ORDER FORM

# SHIRT ORDER PAYMENT LINK

## THANK YOU!!

A sincere THANK YOU goes out to the following companies for their invaluable services at York County Pride!

Halcyon Interpreting Services, LLC



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**Halcyon Interpreting Services** for helping us provide an accessible and inclusive event.



**Invictus Security** for ensuring the safety of everyone in attendance.



**Health Transport Partners** for being ready to assist with

## We're Halfway Through June! Here's Where to Find Us for the Rest of the Month!

*Planning to go and willing to help? We are looking for volunteers to help us at all these fantastic events! Click on the volunteer links to sign up!*



### Lancaster Pride

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Clipper Stadium

For more information on this event,  
visit: <https://lancpride.com/> or [Lancaster Pride](#) on  
Facebook

[Click here to volunteer with the Rainbow Rose Center for Lancaster Pride!](#)



### Interested in Joining One of Our Support Groups?

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Join us for a Meet & Greet with our moderators. This meeting will be held over Zoom and is open to all members of the LGBTQIA+ community and their families. All support groups will be notified with connection details as the event date gets closer, so sign up for one (or more) of our groups if you haven't already. We look forward to seeing you



## Pink Pride Party at Handsome Cab

Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information on this event, visit: [Pink Pride Party at the Handsome Cab](#)

## National HIV Testing Day brought to you by:



Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information on this event, visit: [National HIV Testing Day](#)

## LGBTQIA+ Rights in Fair Housing



In partnership with Rainbow Rose Center of York & Lancaster LGBTQ+ Coalition

Rights and responsibilities for the LGBTQIA+ Community remain steadfast in Pennsylvania. Come join us as we discuss the most recent developments in the Central PA region on anti-discrimination legislation and more!

### Learn how to:

- Federal, State, & Local Protections
- Updates from Housing & Urban Development
- Updates from the Pennsylvania Bulletin
- LGBTQIA+ Programs in Lancaster & York, PA
- Opportunity to connect with resources!

### Register here:



To register and access complete details, scan the code above or visit [www.WeAreTenfold.org](http://www.WeAreTenfold.org) and go to **Events & Classes** at the top of page.

Questions? Contact:	Marc Unger, York Rental Stability Network Manager MUnger@WeAreTenfold.org or (717) 827-4334 ext. 107
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This workshop is hosted by Tenfold's Housing Rights and Resources Center, a team committed to empowering you with tools, knowledge and resources you can use to open doors to equitable housing.

Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Tenfold, Lancaster LGBTQ+ Coalition, and Rainbow Rose Center collaboration workshop. The rights and responsibilities for the LGBTQIA+ Community remain

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region on anti-discrimination on legislation and more! Use the QR code to register!

## Want More Pride Month Treats?

### Pretzel Company Pride Box



Get your Pretzel Company Pride Box, with \$2 of each box supporting the Rainbow Rose Center

### Cantina's Pride-jito and Pride Mocktail



Visit the Cantina to get: The Cantina's Pride-jito and Pride Mocktail

Half of every "Pride-jito" (a fruity mojito) sold benefits the Rainbow Rose Center!

## We Also Think You'd Like:

### Hello Dolly! at the Belmont Theater

Did you get to "Play Catch with a Dad" on Saturday? Are you interested in seeing more mutton chop awesomeness? John Piermatteo, the mastermind behind Play Catch with a Dad and a Rainbow Rose Center volunteer, along with Seth Laidlaw, who ran the sound at York County Pride, are performing in Hello Dolly! at the Belmont Theater! See one of the last four performances starting Thursday night!



Get your tickets [HERE!](#)

### Splash Book Carnival!



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June 18, 2022  
Noon-6  
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4054 Fox Run Road  
Dover PA



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Autism at Face Value is simply a supporter who wants to give people who need it a place.

Many of our folk are as good at masking their sexuality as they are masking their Autism. For others, recognizing their Autism publicly for the first time is opening many other doors of self-discovery.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, any and all of you are welcome to Brookside Park in Dover for Splash! and visit our PRIDE Splash!



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that a committed group of people acting together can create the kind of change our world needs.

Splash! Book Carnival Organizer  
Benefits Autism at Face Value  
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June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dover PA 17315  
4052 Fox Run Road  
Brookside Park  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Gentle PRIDE Yoga Series**

Every Thursday in June  
Starting at 7:15 p.m.  
Sattva Center for Meditation and Yoga  
153 South Beaver Street  
York, PA 17401



A breath-based class that is suitable for all bodies and all levels of experience. The 2022 PRIDE series is dedicated to honoring, celebrating, and uplifting our LGBTQIA+ community through breath, movement, and affirming meditation. Class is offered as a "pay what you can" class, but please register in advance to save a spot. Learn more and get tickets from the Facebook Event [here](#). All proceeds donated to the Trevor Project.

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## 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](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! We need help with day to day activities, and we're also looking for committee members to directly influence the direction of the organization. There are so many ways to get involved as a volunteer at the Rainbow Rose Center, and we have opportunities for volunteers of all ages! Each volunteer adds value to our organization, and we greatly cherish each individual that dedicates time to help our cause.

**Sign up to become a volunteer**  
**[HERE](#)**.

## 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

We are taking the month of June off for the Peer-to-Peer Support Group Programs.

We are instead doing a **Meet & Greet** for anyone interested in our Support Programs, both current and in the future, on Zoom on **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Connection details to follow. We hope to see you there!

Our regularly scheduled meetings will resume in July. See the schedule below for dates and times!

### **York Transgender Support Group**

Occurs 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group**

Occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Every Month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
July 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Living Proudly HIV Support Group**

Occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. -

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### **All Adult Identities Group**

Keep an eye on Facebook for additional upcoming events and activities, but we're excited to see you at GGB York and York Bears & Friends this month!

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/](http://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! Don't forget to check out the Rainbow Rose Center's new digital pamphlets:

[Rainbow Rose Center Main Pamphlet](#)  
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## **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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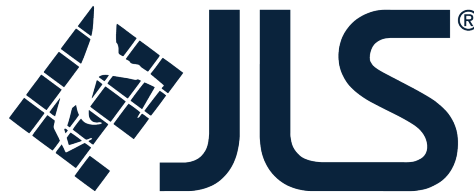
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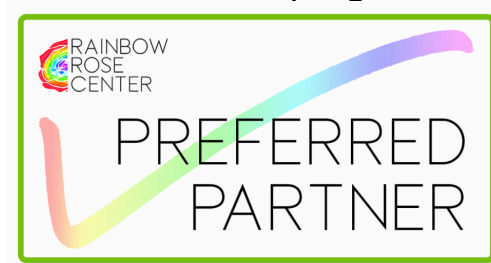
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