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THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

September 1, 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.

Greetings, Everyone!

I'm Deb Smith (she/her/hers), and I am the Secretary for Rainbow Rose Center. I retired from the Hanover Public School District as a music/theatre teacher. YWCA Hanover employs me as the Social/Racial Justice Coordinator and theatre/music teacher. In addition, I enjoy volunteering for several organizations, including Head Start, YMCA Hanover, VNA/Hospice, York JCC, and more.

I grew up in Millersville, PA, and received my BS in Music Education from Millersville University. During my teaching career, I became interested in music of the Holocaust, and received an MA from Gratz College in Holocaust in Genocide Studies. I also have a certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell and am currently enrolled in the

In my free time, I enjoy meeting friends and former students. However, my favorite activity is spending time with my husband, children, and grandchildren. My husband, Andy, and I live in Hanover, PA. We have two daughters, two sons-in-law, and four grandchildren.

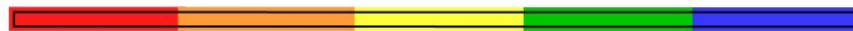
It is an honor to be a part of the Rainbow Rose Center! I have admired the work accomplished by this fantastic organization, and I hope I can help make a difference. In the words of Harvey Milk, "I finally reached the point where I knew I had to become involved or shut up." "Rights are won only by those who make their voices heard."

All my best!
Deb Smith
She/Her/Hers
RRC Board Secretary



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Hanover, PA
Mini Ministers Puppet Ministry, performing at Hanover Pride Fest

Where To Find Us in September!





Violence Prevention Summit

Saturday, September 10th 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Alumni Hall at York College

441 Country Club Road,

York, PA

Tesla Taliaferro, Rainbow Rose Center President, will be speaking on hate crimes and the LGBTQIA+ community at the Violence Prevention Summit. This very important event, brought to you by State Representative Carol Hill-Evans, will discuss solutions to gun violence, hate crimes, sexual assault/human trafficking, and domestic violence in our community.

For more event information,
visit: <https://facebook.com/events/s/violence-prevention-summit>



10th Annual York Pagan Pride Day Festival

Saturday, September 24th 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Samuel S. Lewis State Park

6000 Mount Pisgah Road,

Marietta, PA

information, visit: <https://allevents.in/marietta/10th-annual-york-pagan-pride-day-festival>



Hanover Area LGBTQIA+ Services & Resources Fair

Wednesday, September 28th 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

YWCA Hanover

25 West Chestnut Street

Hanover, PA

To learn more, contact Deb Smith at

dsmith@ywcahanover.org or

visit: <https://www.ywcahanover.org/hanover-area-lgbtqia-resource-fair/>

LEARN MORE ABOUT OWL CLASSES!

Our Preferred Partner, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York (UUCY) is opening up their Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes to the community! OWL is a comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education curricula for use in both secular settings and faith communities. This year, UUCY's OWL class will focus on students in grades 8-9. **Class commitment is 25 Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at UUCY (925 South George Street, York, PA 17403) beginning October 16, 2022, breaks for**

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Any parent or guardian interested in enrolling their 8th or 9th graders must participate in one of the upcoming informal informational meetings (via Zoom) and in person mandatory orientations.



Photo provided by UUA 2015 General Assembly

Informal Informational OWL Meetings Via Zoom:

Thursday September 8th 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

-or-

Sunday September 11th 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - UUCY Engagement Fair OWL will have a table and can provide info to those interested in learning more.

Mandatory In Person at UUCY Orientation Meeting:

Sunday September 25th (after UUCY service) 11:15 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

-or-

Monday October 3rd 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Course materials will be reviewed with a video presentation.

Email questions to owl@uucy.org and a representative from the OWL team will follow up directly to answer any questions and provide a zoom meeting link.

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The Rainbow Rose Center is committed to promoting the health and wellbeing of York County's LGBTQIA+ Community. With the smoking rate within our community being nearly double that of the general population, more members of the LGBTQIA+ community are at greatly increased risk of lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). We will continue to host Smoke-Free events, work with our schools to keep tobacco out of our youth's hands, and work with you to help you quit by connecting you to resources such as WellSpan's Freedom From Smoking® program.

Sept 8-week course:

<https://www.wellspan.org/events/details/Freedom-from-Smoking---VIRTUAL/4245>

November 8-week course:

<https://www.wellspan.org/events/details/Freedom-from-Smoking---VIRTUAL/4246>

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

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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 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! 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](#).

Don't have time to volunteer but still want to contribute?

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

Program Schedule

Check out our upcoming meeting schedule below for dates and times!

York Transgender Support Group

Occurs 4th Saturday of Every Month from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

September 24th, October 22nd

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Support Group

Occurs 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

September 11th, October 9th

Living Proudly HIV Support Group

Occurs 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

September 21st, October 19th

All Adult Identities Group

Keep an eye on Facebook for additional upcoming events and activities!

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/

Visit the [Rainbow Rose Center website](#) for exciting new additions, program offerings, services, and more!

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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Visit Our Preferred Partners!

The Rainbow Rose Center Preferred Partner Program is designed to connect our supporters, allies, and the York LGBTQIA+ community with local consumer businesses and organizations that are passionate about equality and acceptance. Our Preferred Partners support our community every day by creating environments where people of all backgrounds can feel safe, supported, and welcome. We are proud to partner with the following organizations and businesses and encourage members of the York community, both LGBTQIA+ and allies, to visit and support them. Be sure to keep a look out throughout York County for our Preferred Partnership logo!



Current Preferred Partners include:

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If you need information on smoking cessation or are interested in quitting contact the Pennsylvania Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or contact the Rainbow Rose Center Programs Committee at: programs@rainbowrosecenter.org

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www.facebook.com/rainbowrosecenter.

Visit us at www.rainbowrosecenter.org.

Email us at: info@rainbowrosecenter.org

Contact us by phone: (717-746-8738)

To Send a Letter to Rainbow Rose Center:

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