

EDI JUNE NEWSLETTER

The EDI committee's mission is to provide a safe and inspirational space for self-expression, to provide fair and equitable treatment, and to provide ongoing education and advocacy in support of our vision.

Some of the things the EDI committee has been doing over the past few months include the new mural in the hallway, participating in PRIDE Lancaster and providing pronoun badge stickers. Please see our Expressive Arts therapists as well as Jose for yours! Be on the lookout for EDI suggestion boxes located by the time clocks near each unit. We value your questions, suggestions and points of view. There are always continued conversations, and evaluations of current practices and needs to ensure that LBHH is creating an environment that is equitable, diverse and inclusive.

In this newsletter for June we have chosen to highlight Pride month by sharing resources for the LGBTQ+ community, as well as Juneteenth.



Juneteenth, observed on June 19th, celebrates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. On June 16, 1865, the last group of enslaved person in Galveston, Texas, heard the news of freedom, two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

Juneteenth became a federal holiday thanks to the actions and advocacy of Opal Lee, also known as the Grandmother of Juneteenth. In 2019, when she was 89 years old, she vowed to walk from Fort Lee, Texas to Washington DC, over 1400 miles away, completing 2.5 miles daily, to advocate for recognizing Juneteenth as a federal holiday. The day was recognized as a federal holiday in 2021.

Opal Lee, now 96, still leads others for a 2.5 mile Walk for Freedom on Juneteenth in her native Texas.

Opal Lee, and What it Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth by Alice Faye Duncan is a great book to share with family about this remarkable woman.

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

DIVERSITY



The words appear UP, DOWN,
BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.

E Z V U X F T O L E R A N C E
W F A J N E R I O E L X Z G L
R A I C S D B E L I E F R S N
E I N Y V U E F E C F E K I Q
U R N T O C F R A D S C N C E
S D O I E A P E S P O C A E C
E I V T M T P M E T L M C L N
U Y A N O I T C X U A S G E A
N N T E C O T S S T N N B B T
I O I D L N X I E Y W E D R P
Q M O I E X O N U U P Q M A E
U R N R W N A K U G L U J T C
E A S P C U L T U R E A F I C
Z H Y T I N U M M O C L V O A
U W J Y L E A R N I N G L N I

ACCEPTANCE
BELIEF
CELEBRATION
COMMUNITY
CULTURE
EDUCATION

EQUAL
FAIR
FREEDOM
HARMONY
IDENTITY
INCLUSION

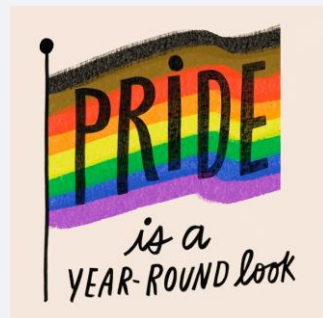
INNOVATION
LEARNING
PEACE
PRIDE
RESPECT
TOLERANCE

UNDERSTAND
UNIQUE
VALUES
WELCOME

*"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity
there is beauty and there is strength."*

Maya Angelou

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LGBTQIA+ RESOURCES

LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

centralpalgbtcenter.org

COMMON ROADS

centralpalgbtcenter.org

EMBRACE LANCASTER

embracelancasterpa.org

PFLAG

community.pflag.org

Lancaster: 717-283-4490

York: 717-854-6354

Harrisburg/Central PA:

717-728-8800

SILENT WITNESS PEACEKEEPERS

SilentWitnessPA.org

TRANS CENTRAL PA

transcentralpa.org

Lancaster
LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Scan the
code or link
in bio



Please email the EDI
committee at
LancasterEDI@lbh.org
with any related
questions or concerns.

The next EDI committee
meeting will be held on
July 26th at 12:00pm in
the Expressive Arts
room. All are welcome!