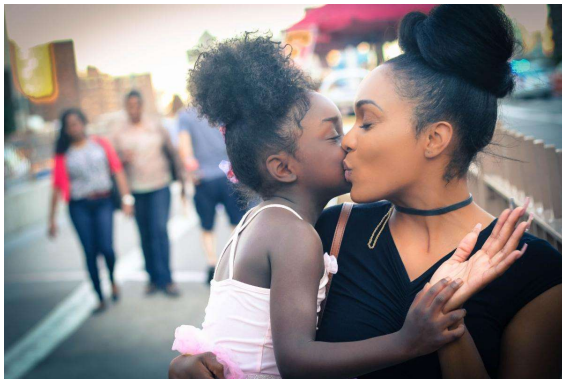




As part of our efforts to celebrate our people, Liberty will publish regular emails highlighting awareness months, upcoming cultural events, and news about our diverse community. We hope you will enjoy this newsletter of awareness and activism, and that it helps us get to know each other better.



What We Remember

April is a month when we reflect on topics including **autism acceptance**, **volunteer appreciation**, **Parkinson's awareness**, **child abuse prevention**, **alcohol awareness**, **animal cruelty prevention**, **organ donation**, **U.S. poetry**, and the value of **humor**. We also celebrate or celebrated:

National Public Health Week,
April 3rd through April 9th

Black Maternal Health Week,
April 11th through April 17th

Transgender HIV Testing Day,
April 18th

Earth Day, April 22nd

Call to Action

Accepting Autism

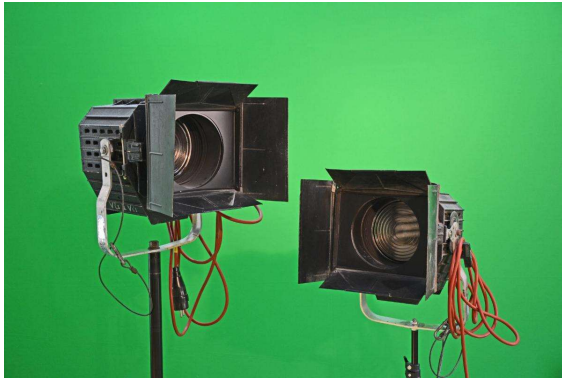
Interested in learning more about autism and how to be an ally? Visit the **Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN)** for news and information from the autistic community.

Local Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering can be a great way to get active about causes that you feel passionate about. Check out the **Mayor's Volunteer Portal** for Philadelphia opportunities that work for you!

Free HIV Testing

You can get free STI testing with no appointment at **Health Center 1** (1930 S. Broad St., 2nd floor, 19145).



News Spotlight

The following news stories (good and bad) were some of those published in March, reminding us of the importance of tolerance, solidarity, and human and civil rights for all.

Women's History Month

recognition: *March 8*

Philadelphia recognizes women leaders in the event industry (including Vicki Landers of Disability Pride PA)

Continuing hate crimes challenge:

March 10

Three men found guilty in Ahmad Aurbery's murder appeal conviction

World Poetry Day:

March 21

The American Academy of Poets shares poetry and festivals around the world.

Transgender Day of Visibility message:

March 30

President Biden calls for dignity, respect, and safety for transgender Americans.



Inclusive Events

Want something to do? Here are some free and low-cost accessible cultural activities.

Steel Magnolias

April 14 - 30

This live performance The Stagecrafters Theater is only \$2 for ACCESS and EBT card holders.

Cherry Blossom Festival Sakura Weekend

April 15 - April 16, 10:30 am - 4 pm

Sakura Weekend is a spring celebration of Japanese arts and culture. Free to the public. (Warning: grass park)

Virtual Wheelchair Fitness

April 18

W.O.W. Wonders on Wheels certified personal trainer Justin Graham shares his chair-inclusive workout.

Our Night Out

April 19, 6 pm - 9 pm

Our Night Out is a social networking event for the LGBTQ+ community. Wheelchair accessible first floor. \$5 online or \$10 at the door.

Thank you for taking the time to read and learn, and remember to send news and events important to you to maishaelonai@libertyresources.org!

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