



# 2017 Annual Summary

**Mission:** Kaleidoscope Youth Center (KYC) works in partnership with young people in Central Ohio to create safe and empowering environments for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and ally youth through advocacy, education, support, and community engagement.

## The Center

603 E. Town St.  
Columbus, OH  
43215

 **423** unique youth  
w/ nearly  
**4,000**  
visits

Youth visited  
from **51**  
different  
**zip codes**



**33%** of youth  
qualified for  
**free**  
or reduced  
lunches   
**in school**

Located in the Discovery District, KYC's Center hosts youth 3:30pm - 7:00pm Mon-Thurs., and until 8pm Fridays. Offering a safe space and a daily meal, our programs vary based on youth input at monthly "house meetings". Current programming includes cooking club, jewelry club, art club, "Walk with a Doc" with **Nationwide Children's Hospital**, LGBTQ+ inclusive sex ed, discussion groups, free HIV/STI testing, field trips to COSI and local performances, pizza/movie nights, and a variety of other health & wellness and positive youth development programs. New for 2017 was the KYC Cycle Club, funded by **Hot Chicken Takeover's** specialty t-shirt sales, and the Social Justice Theatre Troupe, made possible by the Herb & Judy Weisberg Togetherness Fund through the **Columbus Foundation!**

## Genderscope



In 2017, **49% of our youth identified as transgender.** That is why KYC offers Genderscope: a safe, affirming space where trans, gender non-conforming, and questioning youth can come together to build community, discuss issues related to gender identity and expression, and gain support from peers who share in experience.

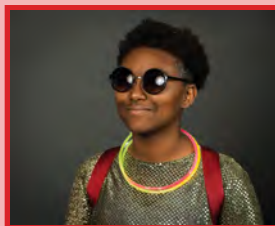
## The Ohio GSA Network



KYC supports a network of GSA (Genders and Sexualities Alliance) clubs in middle and high schools across Ohio where students all across the spectrum of sexual orientation and gender identity are welcomed and a culture of inclusion is developed. In affiliation with the National GSA Network, KYC provides Ohio's network guidance and support, linking clubs together for mutual assistance. In 2017, KYC hosted the **National Gathering** of GSA's in Columbus, where youth from across the country came together to collaborate, share stories, discuss best practices, and build the GSA movement. Ohio's network also holds twice-yearly summits planned by GSA youth who participate in KYC's Youth Leadership Council.

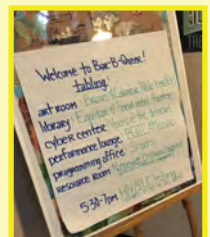
### Other Prom

Sponsored by **Equitas Health** and co-presented with **Wexner Center for the Arts**, 2017's Other Prom was held at the Mershon Auditorium. Our signature youth event, themed this year as "outer space", had nearly **350 youth attend, representing 114 schools!** Youth came dressed in either usual prom attire or with a futuristic flair. A professional DJ and photographer were also on hand to round out the memorable evening.



### Bar-B-Queer

Now an annual event, Bar-B-Queer is a chance to open up our Center to youth and their families before heading back to school in the fall. The event offers information on a variety of other community resources and, through donations in 2017, we were able to connect youth with back-to-school supplies. **DSW, Inc.** also generously donated iPad 2's that we were able to give away to a few lucky youth!



# Community

In an effort to make ALL spaces safe and inclusive, in 2017, KYC provided training to youth-serving professionals to help individuals learn basic terminology, LGBTQ experience, risk factors, and how to create safe and affirming environments and services. We also participated in a variety of school and community events, and did in-person site visits to GSAs in schools in the Columbus Metro area.



# Garden Party

Community support in 2017 helped raise over **\$120,000** at our signature fall event! Hosted at the beautiful home of Aaron & Joshua Kreais, the Garden Party was MC'd by **Tom Katzenmeyer** from the Greater Columbus Arts Council. Attendees enjoyed food from Barcelona Restaurant, speeches from KYC youth, and a silent auction. Awards were handed out for outstanding youth, volunteers, and community partners including **Nationwide Children's Hospital** and the **NextLevel VIP 8 Campaign**. Special thanks to all our presenting sponsors: **Honda, L Brands Foundation**, and **Tom W. Davis!** And thanks to **SDG Security** for A/V services and to **Jennie Key Photography!**



KYC youth attend the 2017 Garden Party, where they presented awards, gave testimonials, and had an all around fun time!



From Nationwide Children's Hospital (L-R): Dr. Gayathri Chelvakumar, Brittny Manos, Nancy Ford & Dr. Scott Leibowitz

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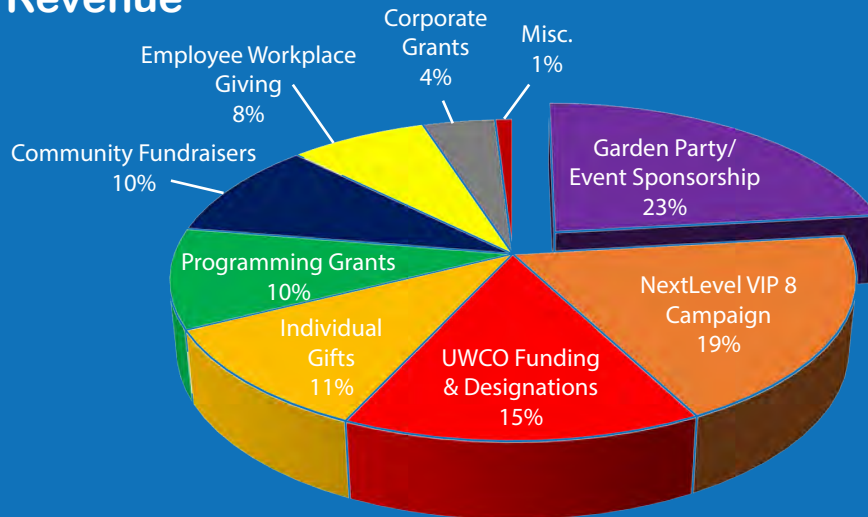
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**"Genderscope made me remember that I'm not alone in this world and that it's ok to be who I am 100% of the time."**

- Atticus, KYC Alumnus

## Revenue



**Total Income:** \$503,640

**Total Expenses:** \$438,861

**Net Income:** \$64,779

The NextLevel VIP 8 Campaign raised nearly **\$100,000** in 30 days in March of 2017!

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