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FALL 2012

KALEIDOSCOPE ROCKS!

It's Campaign Season!

The fall brings cooler temperatures, football, turning leaves and charitable campaigns! KYC is a member agency of both United Way of Central Ohio and Community Shares of Mid Ohio, so when you support them through your workplace giving, you support us!

If your employer does not offer workplace giving, give us a call to discuss how you can support Kaleidoscope in other ways.

Make a Wish Come True!

Have you ever dreamed of being a fairy godmother or godfather, making dreams come true for our city's youth? Your dream can be a reality!

Kaleidoscope's Drop-In Center and our youth have many needs that you or your company can fulfill at any time. From keeping our pantry and fridge stocked to maintaining our facilities, helping hands and supplies are always needed and welcomed. Check out our sample wish list below or stop by our [website](#) for the complete list of current needs. Please call or [email](#) us for details about anything listed or ideas you may have.



Countdown to the Garden Party

Kaleidoscope's signature event, **The Garden Party**, is less than two weeks away and the excitement is building. Set amidst the beautiful landscape at the Darby House, the Garden Party will feature catering by Cameron Mitchell and entertainment by the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus.

This year we will be recognizing outstanding representatives of the four pillars of Kaleidoscope - community collaborators, donors, volunteers, and our amazing youth. Each recognizee embodies the spirit of Kaleidoscope and makes possible the important work that we do.

Also not to be missed is the Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle which will take place throughout the evening. In its second year, the Silent Auction will feature gift packages donated by some of your favorite local business, gift cards, event tickets, and even original artwork from local artists! There's sure to be something for everyone, and all proceeds benefit Kaleidoscope! Bring your checkbook or plenty of cash and come ready to bid!

Tickets can be purchased online or by mailing a check to our address below.

2012 KYC Garden Party

Already a sponsor? Confirm your attendance and let us know who will be joining you by clicking [here](#).

Presenting Sponsors:

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One Time:

- Karaoke machine
- Kitchen faucet
- Book shelves

Ongoing:

- Cleaning supplies
- Snack foods
- Office supplies

A New Face!

Kaleidoscope is pleased to welcome **Angela Stark, LPC** to the Center!



Angela is a Kid's Therapist at Southeast, Inc. She is contracted through the Franklin County ADAMH Board & Southeast Inc. to provide consultation & educational services to LGBT youth that will support mental and emotional wellness and the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse.

As an advocate for human rights and equality, she is excited to be a part of the team at Kaleidoscope and to be working with LGBT youth in the greater Columbus area!

Tom W. Davis

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Summit Success!

On Saturday August 11th, 2012, **Kaleidoscope** hosted our very first GSA Summit here in Columbus. Over the 2011-2012 school year our GSA network, called **KYC Connect**, grew from approximately seven GSAs to 33 GSAs and we had attendees at our summit representing ten different schools. The GSA Summit included training youth to be leaders, empowering them to provide their own insights on important issues, equipping youth with the tools that they need to make a difference in their schools and making sure that youth are aware of the supports at their disposal.



So how did we do? One youth participant was so excited that he evaluated the summit a twelve in all aspects on a scale from one to five! When asked directly how the GSA Summit was helpful another participant commented, "It energized me to occupy a more active role in the LGBT community."



"As part of the [National Association of GSA Networks](#), I connect with so many amazing people and organizations from around the country dedicated to GSA organizing," noted Latreece Whitfield, Network Program Coordinator. "Being able to discuss best practices, share success, and dialog about some of the challenges with this work is critical and the benefits show in the work happening here in Ohio."

Building upon the success of the Summit, **KYC Connect** has exciting plans for the 2012-2013 school year. As the program grows, so does the need for financial support from our donors. Contribute [here!](#)

The Community Cares about KYC!

[United Way of Central Ohio's](#) annual Community Care Day was held on September 11. **Kaleidoscope** had the distinct

pleasure of hosting six members of the community at the center for a day of hard work and laughter.



Our team of volunteers worked tirelessly to assemble over 150 portfolios full of information about Kaleidoscope and the resources we offer. The portfolios were mailed to central Ohio high schools and Franklin County middle schools as part of **Kaleidoscope's** continuing effort to put resources directly in the hands of youth and the adults who serve them.

The portfolio project would have been an enormous undertaking for center staff without the help of our Community Care Day volunteers. We can't say thank you enough for their generosity!

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