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SUMMER 2012

KALEIDOSCOPE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!



The 2012 Garden Party is quickly approaching - October 21, 2012! This year, we have chosen the beautiful and serene Darby House in Galloway, Ohio, with catering provided by Cameron Mitchell.

Sponsorship and host opportunities are available now. Individual tickets will be on sale August 2012.

For more information, to register as a sponsor or purchase tickets:



Make a Wish Come True!

Have you ever dreamed of being a fairy godmother or godfather, making dreams come true for deserving people? 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



FIRST ANNUAL GSA SUMMIT

Have you heard the big news from Kaleidoscope? We are hosting our first **Gay-Straight Alliance Summit** for youth who have or want to have GSAs in their schools! The focus of this Annual GSA Summit will be to equip our LGBT youth and their allies with the tools that they need to make a difference in their community. We want to give youth the opportunity to share their experiences and ideas, ask questions, and most importantly get connected to like-minded individuals.

What can you expect from the 1st Annual GSA Summit? There will be activities and workshops about building strong GSAs, LGBT bullying, how you and your GSA can be activists for change, and the legal rights LGBT students have in school! Spread the word, bring your friends and have a voice!

This is a **FREE** youth focused event and educators and adult supporters are welcome to attend, but keep in mind that space is limited and first priority is given to youth! Come to the GSA Summit to hear what our youth have to say and to connect with youth and other supporters!

Click [here](#) to fill out the registration form online or send an email to Latreece@kycoho.org for a printable form.

Questions? Call (614) 294-5437 or email Latreece@kycoho.org

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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.

One Time:

- Karaoke machine
- Kitchen faucet
- Paint

Ongoing:

- Cleaning supplies
- Snack foods
- Media (books, movies, games)

New Faces

There are two new faces at Kaleidoscope! Siobhan Boyd-Nelson is the new Administrative Associate. She enters the non-profit world after practicing law for five years.

Elizabeth Licking is our summer network outreach intern. She will be a senior at Otterbein in the fall where she leads the campus" GSA - [FreeZone](#).

AnOTHER Success!

Other Prom went "Hollywood" this year and it was a huge success. At the Wexner Center for the Arts, youth walked down the red carpet into the prom where the movie *Casablanca* was playing on a huge screen behind DJ Colin. It was a beautiful sight. Over 100 youth showed up to have a good time and compete for Prom King and Prom Queen in a very serious dance off. Take a look at one of our favorite pictures!



There are many wonderful people who made the Other Prom such a great success! We want to thank our photographer [Adi Putra](#) for donating his time and taking photos for youth at the prom. Click [here](#) to visit his blog. We also want to thank [the Wex](#) for the space, set-up, decor, staff, security and promotion. Our friend [Allen](#) made such a fantastic rainbow cake, [Midwest Photo Exchange](#) helped us with the lights to take prom photos, and [Brenen's Cafe](#) provided catering. And we can't forget our local [PFLAG](#) chapter for helping out as well! Hope to see all those lovely faces back again next year!

PRIDE CELEBRATION!

June 15th and 16th marked the 21st Annual Stonewall Columbus Pride holiday and one word sums it up: **HOT!!** KYC Youth were out in force, with over sixty marchers braving the heat in the annual Pride Parade up High Street. A big thank you to the parent who donated the awesome rainbow flags you see below!



Kaleidoscope could also be found at the Pride Festival in Goodale Park. Staff and volunteers were on hand at our booth to answer questions about GSAs, the Drop-In Center and special events.

Youth who weren't able to join us for the parade can still grab a Pride 2012 t-shirt at the Drop-In Center. Supplies are limited, so hurry in!

HRC @ KYC



Chad Griffin, President of [Human Rights Campaign](#) (the largest civil rights organization working for equality for LGBT Americans) visited Kaleidoscope Youth Center on Saturday, June 30th. While here, Chad, KYC youth and community leaders discussed the recently released HRC survey demonstrating the struggles that LGBT youth face in the U.S.

The survey reflected the top concerns of LGBT youth as family acceptance, dealing with hate and a lack of tolerance. In comparison, their straight identified peers were concerned with grades, finances, and their future careers. Chad emphasized the importance of youth sharing their stories of struggle and survival with their peers, legislators and community at large.

You can view the full survey results at <http://www.hrc.org/youth>. You can also read what Chad had to say about his experience

at KYC on the [HRC Blog](#) as well as the Dispatch [article](#) previewing his visit which features two former KYC youth.

Kaleidoscope wants to keep the conversation about our youth going. We welcome feedback, requests and insight from youth as well as input from allies and community members. Reach us by phone or email or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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