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Winter 2013

# KALEIDOSCOPE ROCKS INTO THE NEW YEAR!

## Welcome New Board Members!

Kaleidoscope is happy to welcome four new members to our Board of Directors:

- Love Dixon, A+ Arts Academy
- Stephanie Hawkins, Owens Corning
- Brian Sass, Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Jesse Taylor, Esq., Jones Day

Unfortunately, we must also say goodbye to two wonderful board members, Steve Matson, M.D. and Ruth Ann Hendrickson, Ph.D. Many thanks to both of you for your service to KYC.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers are the backbone of Kaleidoscope. They serve our youth and organization with pride and enthusiasm and we love them for it. We invite you to meet one of our volunteers who is doing great things in the Center.



## *Party at the Darby*

As Kaleidoscope rocks into the new year, we can't help but to look back at some of the amazing events we had, not the least of which was the 2012 **Garden Party**. A beautiful fall day was the perfect backdrop for Kaleidoscope's 18th celebration. Supporters, volunteers, staff and board members gathered at the Darby House for a wonderful evening filled with the sounds of several great musicians, including the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus, and the tastes of Cameron Mitchell.

Our 18th gathering can be labeled nothing but a success as we raised \$50,000. Many thanks to YOU, our supporters, for helping us achieve this important milestone.



Board President Bryan Yuris and Executive Director Amy Eldridge recognized the contributions of several people who help make **Kaleidoscope** an empowering space for Central Ohio youth. Our Pillars of the evening were:

Judy is a former school teacher and serves as the chairwoman of [Spectrum](#) (LGBTQI and Allies) at King Avenue United Methodist Church.

Judy was a BIG help when it came time to prepare the Center for the holidays and our **Holiday Open House**. She led youth in the decorating effort and donated much of the decor.

Interested in joining Judy and our other amazing volunteers? Visit our [website](#) for more details and the application.

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## New Year, New Look

Kaleidoscope will be starting off the year with a makeover! A brand new website is in the works and will be unveiled in the coming weeks.

Expect a brighter format, easier navigation, and tons of useful information for our youth, volunteers and supporters.

Watch our [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed for the big announcement and give us your feedback!

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Did you know that you can support **Kaleidoscope** through both the [United Way of](#)



Distinguished Donor: Tom Davis

Distinguished Volunteer: Jeremy Day

Distinguished Youth: DeVon Jennings & Jesse Manser

Distinguished Community Collaborator: Campus Partners

Want to see more great pictures from the 2012 **Garden Party**? Visit our [Facebook album](#)! Have photos of your own from 2012 or previous years? We'd love to have them! Email photos to [info@kycoho.org](mailto:info@kycoho.org) with year and names of those pictured.

Plans are already being made for the 2013 **Garden Party**. Look for details in future newsletters, on our website and on Facebook.

## Back to the Future

**Kaleidoscope** is excited to announce that we are once again open to youth ages 18-20 beginning January 3, 2013.

A temporary reduction in service age (from 12-20 to 12-18) gave staff the opportunity to focus on younger youth and their specific challenges and needs. The knowledge gained during that time will guide **KYC** as we continue to develop programming and opportunities that are engaging and relevant to youth who are beginning their self-identity journey.

As we welcome back the older youth to the Center, we recognize that they have needs which may differ from our younger youth. But those needs are no less important to us. Not only do we look forward to helping our older youth develop their leadership and life skills, but we invite them to become mentors for our younger youth.

Have questions about the age change or our programs? Please contact us at [info@kycoho.org](mailto:info@kycoho.org) or (614) 294-5437.

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## Serving KYC to Honor MLK

**Kaleidoscope** welcomed 8 volunteers to the Center on Monday, January 21, 2013. The OSU students were participating in [Pay it Forward](#) and the [Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black](#)

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[Cultural Center's Day of Service](#) on the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday.



Despite having a day off from classes, the students joined us bright and early and quickly got to work cleaning, organizing and painting. Because of their hard work, our storage areas are immaculate and our kitchen has a new chalkboard and a freshly painted floor!

Many thanks to these students for rolling up their sleeves and doing the unglamorous work that is so essential to creating a safe, inviting space for our youth!

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