



the *Pathfinder* newsletter

lives get *changed* here.

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REFLECTING ON 2015

With the holidays around the corner, we are grateful for the support we have received this year. The Center couldn't function without the help of our donors, funders, and sponsors that invest in our work. Thanks to you, we continue to see lives get changed at New Directions. This year has been full of positive changes, and we are looking forward to an enthusiastic 2016. **We can't wait to bring you along!**



GIVING TUESDAY

Last year, more than 27,000 organizations in 68 countries came together to celebrate #GivingTuesday. Since its founding in 2012, #GivingTuesday has inspired giving around the world, resulting in greater donations, volunteer hours, and activities that bring about real change in communities. We invite you to join the movement and to help get out and give this December 1st.



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

With your gift, New Directions can continue to help women benefit from the quality career counselling and employment-related education we have offered for 35 years. We invite you to invest in your community and help women to use the services of the Center by making a donation in honor of #GivingTuesday.

You can make a difference. Your donation not only supports the mission of New Directions; it provides reassurance and assistance to women on their journeys to economic stability for themselves and the families. [Please visit our website to donate!](#)

TO OUR DONORS

This Thanksgiving our clients would like to share a word of thanks.

The Center is a place that helps put the whole person back together. You need to put the whole person together before you can change the world.

~ Cheryl, New Directions Graduate 2015

Whether it's your first time or you are returning back to the Center, it's a family. You will become empowered, encouraged to seek your dreams and goals, and bring order to chaos in your personal life. If you are willing to change and welcome change in your life, you will come out of this Center prepared with tools, resources, and support of a team that will see that you will succeed.

~ Sunday, New Directions Graduate 2015

Having a positive environment where I could feel supported by staff and fellow classmates; a safe place for learning and the shaping of personal and professional goals; along with pride in myself for taking action to move forward instead of becoming isolated, immobilized, scared and defeated has resulted in my new found hope. I now have hope in me [and] my future, and belief that my picture of success is within reach. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

~ Kelli, New Directions Graduate 2015

If you've ever had that feeling of hopelessness and wish there was someone that could "just show you another way to live", then walk through the doors of New Directions. They will not only show you how to survive - but thrive. They make the impossible possible.

~ Cassandra, New Directions Graduate 2015

The New Directions Program really gave me the tools, the expertise, and the support to continue with my job search and personal career goals in a much more efficient and successful way than I was doing before. I feel less scared and more understanding of what is involved and I've gained a whole new network of women who are doing what I am doing. I'm not alone in this boat.

~Stephanie, New Directions Graduate 2015

Thank you - Lives get changed here because of each of you.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Our annual Volunteer Reception on September 22nd was held at the Columbus Foundation. We were lucky enough to have perfect weather, as the first part of our evening included appetizers and drinks on the patio. As the evening progressed we gathered inside to recognize our individual volunteers and thank them for their services to the Center. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the staff to show our appreciation towards our volunteers and board members, and bring us all together.

During the Volunteer Reception we were also thrilled to recognize our 2015 Anne Bostwick Memorial Scholarship winner, Flora Yee. We met Flora in 2010, when she came to the Center to explore the newly created E3 Program. She has been a tireless devotee to that program and to her own goals ever since. Despite increased responsibilities and growing financial hardships, she has progressed and excelled in Columbus State's Associate's of Nursing program, known for being quite challenging, and is already on her way towards achieving her BSN at The Ohio State University. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Bostwick Scholarship Memorial Fund and for continuing this legacy!



Amanda Fox and Flora Yee

FALL STAFF RETREAT



This November, we were fortunate to attend a Staff Retreat at Woodhaven Farm! Through the winding roads of Johnstown, our team met and caught up over breakfast in the renovated barn. Our host, Tami Cecil, helped us prepare a delicious meal while fine tuning our team-building and communication skills. "The true focus of the corporate team building experience at Woodhaven Farm is to create an atmosphere that promotes comfortable interaction among the team members and an emphasis on having fun with corporate team building!" We are so thankful to have had time to get to know each other better outside the office. Thank you, Tami and Woodhaven Farm!

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



Amy Brown, Program Instructor/Career Counselor, has been affiliated with New Directions Career Center since 2007 and has served as an intern, contract instructor, and career consultant. Amy earned her Master's Degree in Counselor Education from The Ohio State University. We couldn't be more thrilled to have Amy with us full-time.



Michelle Cobbs, E3 Program Coordinator, is responsible for managing the E3 program, an initiative to help low-to moderate income working women in Central Ohio achieve a new level of financial stability. While a single parent student, she earned her Master's Degree in Social Work at The Ohio State University in 1994.



Olivia Delahunty, Administrative Coordinator, received a Bachelor's Degree from Otterbein University, where she studied Organizational Communications and Psychology. Olivia has a passion for women's issues, and uses her experience to support the Center with marketing, volunteer services, and administrative work.



Chelsea Francis, Program Instructor, started at New Directions in 2013 as a counseling intern. She earned her Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of Dayton. Chelsea currently teaches our Advanced Career Techniques course, covering resume and cover letter writing, networking, interviewing and salary negotiation skills.

WHATS HAPPENING AT NDCC

The women in our programs are seeking a fresh start, a support system, and a better life. We take a holistic approach to the job search, and all of this is with the support of Licensed Counselors and Career Development Experts. We appreciate your referrals and are enrolling clients in the following programs:

New Directions and Career SOS: Seasons of Success

In our *New Directions* and *Career: SOS* programs these participants will learn about their career personalities, interests and values, and learn networking and interviewing skills. The women will build a career plan, and discuss barriers they may be facing in order to reach their goals.



Advanced Career Techniques

Advanced Career Techniques, our core program available to men and women in our community, is a three day evening program designed to further develop self-marketing, resume and cover letter writing, and job search strategies.



E3: Educate, Empower, Elevate

Our E3 Program is currently accepting applications, as our next Cohort will begin in January of 2016! E3 is designed for women seeking to further their career goals by returning to school. This in turn creates new level of financial stability for themselves and their families.



SHOP AND SUPPORT NDCC

Through the Community Rewards Program Kroger makes a donation to non-profit organizations like New Directions Career Center every time you swipe your Kroger card or enter your alternate ID at the checkout. It's that easy!



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