

# The Pathfinder

## Women of Promise 2013 Recognizes Two Grads

For only the second time in its history, NDCC recognized two outstanding graduates with its “Woman of Promise” award. Kathy Bickel, Vice President for Alumni Affairs at The Ohio State University, an NDCC Board member and co-chair of the 2013 “Women of Promise” event was honored as an early graduate of the Center who has come full circle to now serve as one of the agency’s top leaders. The second recipient was Toska Broadway, a professional working with the deaf population.

Bickel arrived at the Center shortly after it was founded in 1980 to participate in what was then called the “Displaced Homemaker Program.” As a newly divorced mother with three young children and no college degree, she was frightened yet determined to create a life of economic independence for herself and her children. The Center’s licensed counselors and professional career staff helped her build her confidence, chart a career path for herself and find the resources to help her be successful in providing for her children and getting the education she needed to attain her career goals. After completing her Master’s degree at OSU’s prestigious Fisher College of Business, Bickel became employed by the university. She now leads her team of 21 professionals and reports directly to her boss, Archie Griffin. She is happily re-married and a proud mom to her three children who are now adults.



**L-R: Kathy Bickel and Toska Broadway**

Broadway came to the Center as a single mom, who was interested in working with the deaf community. After completing NDCC’s New Directions program, Toska applied for and was awarded the Center’s annual Bostwick scholarship. This scholarship jump-started her educational pursuits. She enrolled in and completed her Associate’s degree at Columbus State Community in sign language interpreting. She then moved to Washington D.C. to attend Gallaudet University to pursue a Bachelor’s degree. When she decided to attend Gallaudet, Toska knew she wanted to do more to empower the deaf population, but wasn’t sure what she wanted to do. During an internship in Costa Rica, she realized she wanted to do more to address poverty and improve the lives of the deaf in developing countries. She just celebrated graduation from her Bachelor’s degree program, and will be working this summer in Guatemala to establish a summer camp for deaf children. She recently learned of her acceptance into Gallaudet’s graduate school, so this Fall, she will begin pursuit of a Master’s degree in International Studies and Development. CONGRATULATIONS to these two outstanding women!

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*“It is in the shelter of each other that people live.”*

*Irish Proverb*

# Summer Events Feature Wine Tasting and Golf Classic

Make your plans now to join us for two summer fundraising events that are great fun and also benefit the programs and services of the Center! On Saturday, August 10 Executive Director, Linda Danter, and her



husband Ken open their Bexley home for the Center's 5th Annual Wine Tasting. The evening will feature seven different wines with home prepared foods to complement them. A small silent auction is also featured. Tickets are \$75 per person and may be purchased by check or on-line through the NDCC website.

On Monday, August 19 Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club will host NDCC's 5th Annual Golf Classic, "Driving for New Directions." For more information visit the Center's website. There you can register as an individual (\$150), a foursome (\$500), a hole sponsor (\$200 — or \$100 with a foursome), or you can support the event with a donation. Contact Linda Warden if you have questions: 614-849-0028.



## Funding News

Several recent grants will help the Center continue to deliver services to an increasing number of job seekers in Central Ohio. Recognition and thanks are extended to the following funders for their support:

- \$3,500 grant from **Cardinal Health** will support the Center's core programs.
- \$25,000 from the **Fred Carver Fund** will support core programming.
- \$10,000 from the **English Foundation** will provide operating funds for the Center.
- **2013 Women of Promise sponsors.** New Directions Career Center recognizes corporate and media sponsors for the 2013 Women of Promise event. Their support insured the success of this year's event!



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**WCMH Channel 4 and The Women's Book**

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## Five NDCC Graduates Receive Scholarships

Scholarship Opportunities for Success (SOS) recently awarded five graduates of New Directions Career Center (NDCC) academic scholarships. The awards ceremony, held April 23rd, honored a total of 26 Central Ohio women. The five NDCC recipients were Jennifer Combs, Michelle Doone, Anne Shea, Tedossi Turner, and Flora Yee.

Established 11 years ago, SOS is committed to changing lives through the financial support of educational goals. According to Clare Anderson, founding member of SOS, the goal of the non-profit organization is to support financially needy women reach their career goals and create better, more rewarding lives. "Education opens so many doors to families in terms of pay, professional choices, and quality of life. Our hope is that SOS makes post-secondary education a reality for women who might not otherwise be able to afford it."

SOS' mission fits well with NDCC's mission "to empower women in transition to achieve and maintain economic self-sufficiency." That's why NDCC staff diligently promotes SOS to clients. Raeanna O'Brien, the Center's Director of Programs and Services, stated, "Our career specialists make sure that clients are aware of available scholarship monies and, if necessary, help them to understand what information is needed by the specific organization. It's not uncommon for clients to request that we review application paperwork prior to submission."



L-R: Yee, Turner, Doone & Combs. Shea not pictured.

This effort has resulted in success for many NDCC clients. The five graduates who most recently received money are destined for success as well. Combs - currently a student at Columbus State Community College (CSCC) - plans to, ultimately, secure an engineering degree from The Ohio State University. Doone, Shea, and Yee plan to attend nursing programs at area schools. Turner is pursuing an accounting degree with initial work at CSCC and final studies at Franklin University.

Linda Danter, Executive Director, expressed her pride of the five women who completed NDCC programs. Combs, Doone, Turner, and Yee are all graduates of the E<sup>3</sup> Program, which is underwritten by the Women's Leadership Council of the United Way of Central Ohio. "Our career development services are designed to position women for both personal and professional success," she said. "The unprecedented award of five SOS Scholarships to NDCC clients in one year, speaks to the determination of these women as well the success of the Center's Programs and Services."

## Young Professionals Host Events

New Directions Young Professionals (NDYP) recently enjoyed a networking evening at P.K. O'Ryan's in Worthington. The event also served as a fund-raiser for NDCC with 10% of the evening sales donated to the Center by the Irish Pub.

On May 22, NDYP hosted their second new member orientation. After just a few months, the group has increased their number of participants tremendously and are looking forward to welcoming new, interest individuals (both women and men) to the group.

With summer approaching, the group is excited about their upcoming events, including a quarterly meeting on June 18, and their major fundraiser on July 18. The July fundraiser will be a fashion show - showcasing new fashion trends, the latest in accessories, and ways to freshen your current wardrobe. This incredibly fun evening will include wine and appetizers plus the fashion show for \$25 per ticket.



NDYP enjoying a fun evening at P.K. O'Ryan's

#### **NDCC Staff Roster**

Linda S. Danter, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Linda Warden, Development Director  
Raeanna O'Brien, LPCC-S Director, Programs/Services  
Amanda Fox, LPC Counselor & Program Coordinator  
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*New Directions Career Center (NDCC) empowers women in transition to achieve and maintain economic self-sufficiency. To accomplish this mission, NDCC delivers career counseling, employment-related education, life skills training and job placement services. These programs and services empower individuals to find fulfilling employment that will support a lifetime of economic independence — not just a job.*

*Since its inception in 1980, the New Directions Career Center (NDCC) has touched the lives of more than 60,000 individuals.*

**Lives Get Changed Here.**

## Wish List

The following items are needed:

- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Liquid Hand Soap
- 8 1/2 x 11 Copier Paper
- Coffee (regular and decaf)
- Coffee Creamer
- Sugar and Sweetener Packets
- 8 1/2 x 11 Manila File Folders
- Inspirational/Career Books for NDCC's Client Library
- Jewelry, Shoes and Purses for B's Boutique



To make a donation, please contact Linda Warden, Development Director, 614-849-0028 Ext. 110 or [lwarden@newdirectionscc.org](mailto:lwarden@newdirectionscc.org)

## Special Thanks to In-Kind Donors

Non-cash donations play a major role in helping the Center keep budget expenses down and provide better services for clients. Appreciation is extended to the following donors for their gifts:

- **Greencrest** for designing the Women of Promise program and posters;
- **Mindy Drayer of WCMH Channel 4** for serving as emcee of Women of Promise;
- **Premier Office Movers** for transporting auction items from NDCC to Limited Brands;
- **Limited Brands, Inc.** for hosting the Women of Promise event;
- **Grange Insurance** for printing event "Save the Date" cards and invitations, and printing NDCC program calendars;
- **White Castle System, Inc.** for donating White Castle burgers and insulated wine totes for attendees at the Women of Promise event;
- **Kimmie Ball** for producing the Power Point presentation for Women of Promise;
- **Erin Shannon** for underwriting the cost of a photographer for the Women of Promise event;
- **Meg Kelley** for the cookie donation at Women of Promise;
- **Thirty-one Gifts** for insulated lunch bag amenity for all Women of Promise attendees;
- **NDCC Friends** too numerous to mention for fantastic Women of Promise live and silent auction donations!