

The Pathfinder

Stephanie Barry Named 2012 Woman of Promise

Stephanie Barry was honored on April 21 as New Directions Career Center's 2012 "Woman of Promise." Over 450 guests listened as Barry told of her journey from a painful marriage, dead-end jobs and no self-esteem to a single, confident and competent professional in the field of online instructional design working first for the University of Hawaii and now for Altius Education — a silicon valley company in San Francisco. She credits NDCC with inspiring her and giving her the tools she needed to change her life. This year's Women of Promise event was held at **Grange Insurance. White Castle System, Inc.** was the lead sponsor for the fund-raiser, which raised over \$158,000 — the best results ever for the event which was first held in 1996! A special thanks to all of our NDCC friends who attended and to our many corporate sponsors who so generously lent their support (see the list of sponsors on page 2 under "Funding News" and check out photos from the event posted on our website www.newdirectionscc.org Mark your calendars now for next year's "Women of Promise" event, which will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at **Limited Brands**.



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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 11 Executive Director, Linda Danter, and her husband Ken open their Bexley home for a wine tasting featuring seven different wines with home prepared foods to compliment them. A 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 20 Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club will host NDCC's 4th Annual Golf Classic, "Driving for New Directions." For more information visit the Center's website. There you can register as an individual (\$125), a foursome (\$500), a hole sponsor (\$200 or \$100 with a foursome), or you can support the event with a donation.



Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club
"Driving for New Directions"
Monday, August 20, 2012
1:00 pm Shotgun

"Friends and good manners will carry you where money won't go."
Margaret Walker

NDCC Honored as 2012 Jenkins Legacy Award Finalist

New Directions Career Center was recently honored as a 2012 Jenkins Legacy Award finalist for programs and services designed to help individuals over the age of 55 return to the work force. This seasoned worker population is being served through NDCC's programs that help the older worker develop computer and communication skills necessary to compete in today's job market. This award is given annually by Employment for Seniors (EFS) in recognition and appreciation of advocacy and service to this population. The awards ceremony took place at the Fawcett Center on May 16. NDCC Executive Director, Linda Danter, accepted the award from EFS Board President, Brett Johnson, awards host, Andrea Cambern, and Charles Jenkins, former EFS Executive for whom the award is named.



L to R: Andrea Cambern, Brett Johnson, Linda Danter and Charles Jenkins.

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.
- \$16,985 from the **Easton Community Foundation** will support core programming.
- \$10,000 from the **English Foundation** will provide operating funds for the Center.
- \$10,000 from **American Electric Power (AEP)** will support core programs.
- **2011 Women of Promise sponsors.** New Directions Career Center recognizes corporate and media sponsors for the 2011 Women of Promise event. Their support insured the success of this year's event!



Presenting Sponsor:

White Castle System, Inc.



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Limited Brands

Gold Sponsors:

Honda of America Mfg., Inc.; Grange Insurance

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Bronze Sponsors:

Abbott Nutrition; Adecco; Northwest Title; Thirty-One Gifts

Program Sponsors:

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Small Business Sponsors:

Columbus State Community College; Dickinson Interiors

Small Business Supporters:

Aramas Financial; Groundworks Group; Sara Eagleson; Tiffin University

Connect Ohio and PNC Foundation Support NDCC's Computer Basics Training Program

NDCC recently kicked off a new 20-hour "Computer Basics" training program designed to develop computer literacy and basic skills necessary for job searching and electronic communications skills in today's job market. The first six hours of the program are funded by **Connect Ohio** and focus specifically on computer literacy skills. The remaining 14 hrs. are funded by the **PNC Foundation** and focus on using the computer to develop a resume, search for jobs, apply for positions and communicate with potential employers. The class is free and open to anyone who can benefit from it. Classes are small (no more than 10 per class) and open labs are available to provide participants with opportunities to practice their skills with a volunteer or staff member available to answer questions and provide assistance as needed.

Special thanks to the generosity of **Connect Ohio** and **PNC Foundation** for making this program possible! Anyone interested in the class should contact the Center at (614) 849-0028 for more information or to register.



HRACO Partners with NDCC to Provide Career Development Workshop Series

New Directions Career Center (NDCC) recently embarked on a partnership with the Human Resources Association of Central Ohio (HRACO). The NDCC team, which has a long-standing membership in HRACO, is excited about the expansive possibilities for our clients and the Central Ohio job market due to the new partnership.

The two organizations will work on a variety of initiatives designed to prepare and support the job-seeker, career-changer, or the individual wishing to develop her career. Kay Robinson, Vice-President, Workforce Readiness Committee, explained, "As a committee, we are energized at the prospect of harnessing HRACO's immense resources to benefit individuals entering or re-entering the job market, or seeking ways to upgrade their skills and develop their careers. Ultimately, we all benefit when we pay it forward by sharing our abilities in this form of non-profit venture."

One of the focal areas of the partnership is the provision of monthly, one-hour breakfast workshops at NDCC. HRACO members will share their expertise in an educational series entitled, **Sixty Minutes to Greater Professional Success**. Job seekers and those desiring to grow their careers will certainly benefit from members' varied professional experiences and extensive expertise.

This collaboration with HRACO will also benefit Columbus employers by developing an even broader range of qualified, goal-oriented, work-ready candidates. The expertise that HRACO members bring to the Center's programs, builds on the solid, career development foundation already provided by NDCC's counselors and career specialists.

The next workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 11 at NDCC and will focus on the topic, "**Frank Talk: How to Overcome the Stigma of Long-term Unemployment with Potential Employers.**" Lori Hall will be the presenter. A free breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m. and the workshop will run from 8-9 a.m. Costs for the series are being underwritten by sponsorships from **Franklin University; Lee Hecht Harrison; and The Danter Company..** A complete listing of upcoming workshops will soon be available on the Center's website.

NDCC Staff Roster

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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 and Career Books for NDCC's Client Library



To make a donation, please contact Linda Warden, Development Director, 614-849-0028 Ext. 110 or 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;
- **Shawn Ireland of Fox 28 and the Shawn Ireland Show (S.I.S.)** for serving as emcee of Women of Promise;
- **Premier Office Movers** for transporting auction items from NDCC to Grange Insurance;
- **Grange Insurance** for hosting the Women of Promise event, printing event "Save the Date" cards and invitations, and printing NDCC agency brochures;
- **White Castle System, Inc.** for donating White Castle burgers at the Women of Promise event;
- **Kimmie Ball** for producing the Power Point presentation for Women of Promise;
- **Cabot Cheese** for Women of Promise cheese donation;
- **Meg Kelley** and **Cookies by Amy** for the cookie donation at Women of Promise;
- **NDCC Friends** too numerous to mention for fantastic Women of Promise live and silent auction donations!