

# The Pathfinder

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## Volunteers to be Recognized on September 25

New Directions Career Center's volunteers will be thanked with a special reception on Tuesday, September 25 from 5:45—7:30 p.m. to be held at The Billy Ingram Leadership & Development Center of White Castle System, Inc., 555 W. Goodale Street.. Awards will be presented to outstanding volunteers in several categories. The meeting will also include a short annual report on NDCC's fiscal year just ended, and presentation of the Bostwick Scholarship to a graduate of an NDCC program, who is pursuing post-secondary education to achieve her career goal. There is no charge for attending this event. If you wish to make a donation, we suggest \$10, which will go to the Bostwick Scholarship Fund to provide future scholarships to deserving women. RSVP your attendance by contacting Volunteer Coordinator, Polly Dix at 849-0028 ext. 107

## Fall Event Will Feature Amy Purdy

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 9 (from 5:00—7:30 p.m.) and plan to attend NDCC's Fall event, featuring **AMY PURDY**. Amy, an actress, motivational speaker, world class athlete, and founder of a non-profit organization, will talk about "Living Beyond Limits." Amy thoroughly understands life's earthshattering limits, but for her, a limit is not a stopping point but rather the pushing off point for every woman. It is the point at which every female (no matter what her circumstance) has the power to ignite her imagination and write the next chapter of her life.

Her presentation will focus on many of the messages that underlie the programs of New Directions Career Center, such as: letting go of old ways that keep you from achieving your goals, embracing who you are and empowering yourself to transcend all obstacles to realize your aspirations. Amy poses the question: "If your life were a book and you the author, how would you want this story to go?" Come spend an inspiring evening with Amy, and other women who are eager to write the next amazing



chapter of their lives and/or who are helping other women to do the same!

Tickets are on sale now for \$40 (includes a wine/hors d'oeuvre reception from 5-6 p.m.) Amy's talk will run from 6-7 p.m., with an opportunity afterwards for questions. Thanks to The Columbus Foundation (1234 E. Broad Street) for hosting this event. Sponsorships are available, and current sponsors include Grange Insurance and Cardinal Health. Visit our website for more information or to buy your tickets — [www.newdirectionscc.org](http://www.newdirectionscc.org)

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*Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity.*

Oprah Winfrey

# Recent Client Placements Indicate Improving Economy

Recently more clients have been successful in acquiring jobs and more of those jobs are paying a livable wage with benefits. This is welcome news for New Directions Career Center clients and staff alike and may be an indication that the economy is indeed improving. All graduates of any of NDCC's core programs and initiatives are eligible to work with the Center's Employment Specialist for assistance in finding a job placement.

Data from NDCC's recently completed year-end survey of clients, show that 69% of clients served during the past year have either found jobs or returned to school after completing one of the Center's core programs. For those who have found employment, the average wage was \$15.15 per hour.

## Funding News

Several recent grants will help the Center continue to deliver services to job seekers in Central Ohio. Recognition and thanks are extended to the following funders :

- \$35,000 grant from **Alliance Data** will support financial literacy programming.
- \$5,000 grant from **Huntington Bank** will support financial literacy programming.
- \$1,000 grant from the **Living Hope Foundation** to support scholarships for women to participate in the Center's New Directions program.
- \$500 grant from the **S.I.S. Foundation** to support scholarships for women to participate in the Center's New Directions program..
- \$10,000 grant from **The English Foundation** provides unrestricted funding.
- \$20,000 grant from the **Harry C. Moores** Foundation will support core programming.



## NDCC Offers Free Resume Reviews Through Libraries

Through New Directions Career Center's (NDCC) current partnership with the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) system, free resume reviews are available. Each month a different CML branch library hosts an NDCC volunteer — who is a Human Resources professional — to provide a free 15-minute personal review of a job seeker's resume.

A two-hour block of time is available, so up to eight (8) individuals can receive this valuable resume critique each month. For a schedule of upcoming library sites where this service will be offered, please either visit our website at [www.newdirectionscc.org](http://www.newdirectionscc.org) or call 849-0028 and speak to the receptionist.

## 4th Annual Accessory Party Set for November 12

If you are thinking of holiday gifts for others or yourself, or just looking for a fun evening — join us for a *Girl's Night Out* from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 12 at NDCC, 199 E. Rich Street. Enjoy pink champagne and hors d'oeuvres while you shop for new and gently used clothing, jewelry, scarves, purses and boutique accessories. Many items are brand new — donated by some of the city's best boutiques. Lots to choose from and all proceeds benefit the Center's programs and services. A \$25 donation insures you one of the 100 available spots for this fun evening. Further details — coming soon!!

# Hear From Some of the Center's Recent Clients

Many of our program graduates take the time to express their thanks to staff, and share what our programs have meant to them. Following are some quotes taken from a few of the recently received notes:

*"Because of your hard work and knowledge and communication skills, I know that I can be comfortable using a computer to find a job, to do what is needed on a job, and to enjoy the computer for personal use also." J.B.*

*"This is a thank you note to express my sincere appreciation of your wonderful staff that have touched my life. I now have a new and positive outlook on my life and career." S.T.*

*"Thank you for all of your assistance, care, love and professionalism. You have helped me and my family in so many ways. There will never be enough words to express my gratitude, but I want you all to know that everything you all do makes a tremendous difference.." T.B.*

*"Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this amazing, professional program. I came in a broken person not knowing who I was and where I was going. Bless you for putting me on my own path. S.G.*

*"Thank you all for the service, time and diligence that you give to the programs at New Directions Career Center. Everything you give and do makes a tremendous difference in ALL the lives you touch!" T.B.*

*"Thank you for all of the resources and tools you have given me to be a better, more confident person. I was ready to give up before I came her, but now I am hopeful for my future. THANKS! N.N.*

*"I appreciate all of your efforts, encouragement, speeches, and advice on how to be more confident and assertive in accomplishing my dreams and goals. All of you are a very motivational team who work well together. I am utilizing everything you have taught, to keep myself inspired and positive. Thank you so much." S.W.*

*"This has been an amazing experience! I cannot tell you what this class has done for me. Thank you so much! M.W.*

*"I want to thank you for the New Directions career class. It allowed me to identify barriers to employment and how to overcome those barriers. I met other women who are also in career transition and I think each of use learned things about ourselves and each other during the 4-week class. It was very thoughtful and appreciated to receive a gift basket filled with personal care items, which I will use. I also want to thank you for the tote bag that contained items that I can use on my job search. Once again thank you, and may you continue to do an outstanding job." P.L.*

*" I really enjoyed the program. I learned a lot about myself and I met other wonderful women. However, it is the staff I am writing about. Every single person that I came across always offered a welcoming smile. The teachers in the classroom are amazing. These women are passionate about their positions in life, which I believe is "Guardian Angels." This program has helped me tremendously. I will long remember what all you ladies have done for me, and I can't wait to pay it forward." T.M.*

These heartfelt messages are a small sample of the "thank you" notes received in the past 9 months. Such gratitude inspires our staff, volunteers and donors to remain passionate about our work. **Lives DO get changed here!**

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*New Directions Career Center (NDCC) assists individuals — particularly women in transition — to help them attain and maintain economic self-sufficiency. To achieve 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:

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Postage Stamps
- 8 1/2 x 11 Copier Paper
- Paper plates (dinner size)
- Paper napkins
- Coffee (regular and decaf)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Liquid Hand Soap
- 8 1/2 x 11 Manila File Folders
- New or “nearly new” clothing and accessories (shoes, purses, jewelry, scarves, jackets, slacks, sweaters, shrugs, skirts, coats, etc.) for the November 12 Accessory Party



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

## Book Donations Needed for Client Library

Non-cash donations play a major role in helping the Center provide better services for clients. Currently donations of inspirational books and career books are needed for NDCC's client library. If you have books to contribute, please drop them by the Center between regular business hours, or call to arrange a time that is convenient for your schedule. 849-0028 ext 106 or 110.

