

PRESS RELEASE

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The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio Recognized as Best Supporting Organization of 2011 by TDOR

The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio is pleased to announce that it has been named the recipient of the Transgender Day of Remembrance Illumination Award as the Best Supporting Organization of 2011. This award is given to an organization that has taken great strides toward full inclusion and acceptance for the transgender community.

Within the past year, The Diversity Center has worked with various school districts to address bullying behavior and transphobia. In addition, it has worked to educate students, educators, and school administrators about the unique experiences and needs of this often vulnerable community. The Pride Alliance continues to provide information and support to youth serving professionals around LGBTQ issues and has worked to bring more transgender community leaders' voices into the room.

The Diversity Center's Professional Development programs assist organizations who may have a transgender employee or serve the transgender community in order to increase cultural competence and inclusive policies, procedures, and practices.

The Illumination Award was received by Peggy Zone Fisher, President & CEO of The Diversity Center, at the Transgender Day of Remembrance Event held at Cleveland City Hall on November 18th. The event was organized by members of Cleveland State University's GLBT Student Services and TransOhio. This annual event honors members of the transgender community who have been targeted and killed based on their gender identity and expression as well as celebrate those who work for inclusion and equality.

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