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# WKU Forums for Regional Leaders

**We invite you to attend a forum in your area.**

## **SELECT ONE MEETING LOCATION**

Thursday, September 6th, 2007

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. CST  
Moonlite Bar-B-Q Inn  
2840 West Parrish Avenue  
Owensboro, KY 42303

Monday, September 10th, 2007

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. CST  
Western Kentucky University  
Glasgow Regional Center  
500 Hilltopper Way  
Room 131  
Glasgow, KY 42141

Thursday, September 13th, 2007

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. CST  
Western Kentucky University  
Downing University Center  
Room 340  
1906 College Heights Boulevard  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Monday, September 17th, 2007

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. EST  
Campbellsville University  
Winters Dining Hall  
1 University Drive  
Campbellsville, KY 42718

Thursday, September 20th, 2007

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. EST  
Western Kentucky University  
Elizabethtown Regional Center  
Room 303 AB  
610 College Street  
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

**I**n our June newsletter, we introduced an exciting change at the ALIVE CENTER – we are becoming the WKU ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships! As WKU becomes increasingly committed to promoting community development across Central Kentucky, the ALIVE Center will be even more dedicated to building relationships throughout our twenty-seven county region. A vital step in this process will include the convening of forums where attendees will have the opportunity to discuss their own local needs and concerns. We invite you to attend a forum in your area in September.



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## Nonprofit Community Calendar September-November

- 9/1 Healthy Kids Coalition Kids' Try-Athlon & Fun Run
- 9/4 WKU Freshman Assembly
- 9/7-8 Lil' Angels Attic Sale
- 9/10 Bowling Green Chamber Orchestra The Final Frontier
- 9/15 Potter Children's Home Ministries' Fall Festival
- 9/21 AARP Reverse Mortgages
- 9/23 Warren County Regional Airport Rock the Block
- 9/26 Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra Children's School Day Concerts
- 9/26 ALIVE Center Ribbon Cutting and Open House
- 9/27 Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra Music from Outer Space
- 10/17 Public Advocacy & Protection Free Training
- 10/18 Fountain Square Players Moonlight at Magnolias October 18-21
- 10/19 AARP Season Affective Disorder
- 10/20 Capitol Arts Alliance: Rocktoberfest
- 10/25 ALIVE Center workshop on Community-Based Research and Service-Learning
- 11/8 Riverview at Hobson Grove Kentucky Coin Silver and Its Makers
- 11/18 Bowling Green Western Symphony Orchestra The Vega String Quartet
- 11/30 Bowling Green Chamber Orchestra The St. Louis Brass Quintet

## Workshop on Community-Based Research & Service-Learning

October 25th, 9 am – noon (lunch provided)

Location: WKU ALIVE Center

Please reserve in advance by sending an email to: [Stephen.pavey@wku.edu](mailto:Stephen.pavey@wku.edu)

Community-Based Research (CBR) is a collaborative, change-oriented approach to research that equitably engages all partners in the research process and recognizes the unique strengths that each brings. CBR begins with a research topic of importance to the community, has the aim of combining knowledge with action and achieving social change on behalf of disadvantaged communities or groups.

If you are interested in CBR and would like to be included in a future CBR interest group, please send an email to: [Stephen.pavey@wku.edu](mailto:Stephen.pavey@wku.edu)

## ALIVE Center Ribbon Cutting & Open House

Please join us to celebrate the newly named WKU ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships.

Tour the facilities at 1818 and 1824 31-W ByPass & meet the new staff!

Date: Wednesday, September 26th, 2007

Time: 11:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting - Open House to Follow

Location: ALIVE Center  
1818 31-W ByPass  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Lunch will be served

\*\*\* Parking is available in both ALIVE Center lots, across the street at FACET and next door at Goodwill \*\*\*

## Youth Alliance of BG/WC

Next Meeting is set for Tuesday, September 18th, 2007 at 12:00pm at the WKU ALIVE Center

Meeting Topic: Human Resources: The Legal & Practical Aspects

Cheryl Lewis-Smith, Manager of Employment and Training at Western Kentucky University, will talk about Employment Laws that may affect a nonprofit organization. Come with questions!

Lunch will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to Leah Ashwill at (270) 782-0812 or [leah@alivebg.org](mailto:leah@alivebg.org).



# VSA arts of Kentucky



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VSA arts of Kentucky is a state-wide, nonprofit organization that provides arts education and inclusion programs and services for children and adults with disabilities and offers an under-served population equal opportunity to explore the arts in ways that are fully accessible. Headquartered in Bowling Green since 1991, VSA arts of Kentucky conducts programming and services in all six (6) Kentucky congressional districts.

#### Our Guiding Principles:

- Every young person with disabilities deserves access to engaging and inclusive arts learning experiences.
- All artists in schools and art educators should be appropriately prepared to include all students, including students with disabilities, in their instruction.
- All children, youth, and adults with disabilities should have complete access to community arts and cultural facilities, events and activities.
- All individuals with disabilities who aspire to careers in the arts should have the opportunity to develop essential knowledge and skills.

Disability affects 1 out of 5 Americans in their lifetime. According to the 2000 census, one quarter of Kentucky's population lives with a disability and nearly 10% of children in public schools have some form of disability.

Children and adults drive our organization every day. They inspire our programs and services and guide our vision of an inclusive, creative world. We serve approximately 6,000 adults, children, and educators directly, and over 25,000 students, parents, and community members indirectly each year. We offer programs, services, and events based in four core areas: arts education, professional development, cultural access, and public awareness and outreach.



# Junior Achievement



With credit debt at an all-time high and personal savings at an all-time low, America has fast become a consuming society. Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky and its volunteers are trying to reverse that trend by educating students on personal finance and economics at an early age – even as young as kindergarten.

Junior Achievement, once an exclusively after school program for high school students, has evolved into a program with many innovative offerings for all grade levels. JA uses hands-on curriculum to help young people understand the economics of life. In partnership with business and educators, JA brings the real world to students.

Altogether in the five-county region, Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky impacted 11,450 students during the 2006-07 school year. With age-appropriate curricula, Junior Achievement programs begin at the elementary school level, teaching children how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers and consumers. Junior Achievement programs continue through the middle and high school grades, preparing students for future economic and workforce issues they'll face.

The energy that brings business and economics theory to life is JA's volunteer dimension. Classroom volunteers serve as role models and enrich the learning environment with their own life experiences. They show the students how business works, how to be fiscally responsible and why it is so important to stay in school. Many volunteers agree they get as much or more out of the program as the students in their classroom.

Heather Rogers, President of JA of South Central KY, said, "Whether its teaching fifth graders about how to write a check or showing high school students how to prepare a resume, JA volunteers are making a difference in the future of our community. After all, today's students are the homebuyers, employees, money managers, and credit card users of tomorrow."

Financial literacy and workforce development are hot topics with legislators and key components of JA's programs. Preparing students for the future is what JA is about. "Businesses support JA because they understand the tremendous need for a well educated workforce," Rogers said. JA has partnered with the Chambers of Commerce in Bowling Green, Franklin and Edmonson County to instill a strong work ethic among high school seniors. JA's program, Success Skills, is one component of the Chamber's Work Ethic Seal initiative. Participating students have the opportunity to earn scholarships and a special seal on their diploma by completing set criteria related to work ethic and workforce-ready skill development.

Junior Achievement has become innovative in its approach to impact more students each year by offering classes not only in the traditional school setting, but by partnering with organizations like Girls Inc., Community Education, the YMCA and the Housing Authority. In these after school settings, JA is teaching kids how to make smart decisions about money through a new program, Dollars and \$ense.

For the past four years, JA has collaborated with the Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center, to teach at-risk youth the Economics of Staying in School. JA's volunteers work with these young adults to help them make better decisions for their future. When asked how he would define success, one student from the Detention Center answered, "Success would be someday when I have a family and I could teach them not to make the same mistakes I've made."

Junior Achievement offers a great opportunity to make a measurable, positive impact in education. And it only takes five to eight hours to make a difference as a JA volunteer.

*If you would like to get involved with Junior Achievement, call 782-0280 or visit the organization's website at*

*[www.JaforKids.com](http://www.JaforKids.com)*



## Kaleidoscope's Four Core Programming Areas

Kaleidoscope Youth in Arts Program is gearing up for it's Fall programming. We have several new and exciting changes this year and we are looking forward to our city joining with us in our mission to change youth and community through the arts and activism. The four core programming areas include:

### Kaleidoscope Community Outreach

Kaleidoscope seeks to partner with youth-serving organizations to provide an arts-integrated curriculum focused on specific themes. Kaleidoscope will provide a Mentoring Artist to explore themes such as identity, community, history, culture, etc. through artistic expression. Currently we have Mentoring Artists in the following art fields: SLAM Poetry, Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Creative Writing.

### Kaleidoscope Teams

Kaleidoscope art teams are for youth who are passionate and focused on a specific art form, i.e. Dance, Visual Art, Poetry, Music, etc. Teams meet at least once a week to build skills, positive relationships and leadership capabilities. More information concerning team registration will be coming September 3rd, 2007.

### Voices4Justice

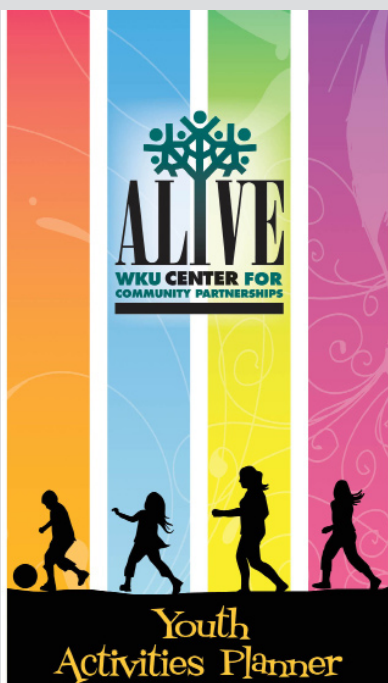
Kaleidoscope seeks to partner with local organizations to educate our community on critical issues of global and local injustice. Kaleidoscope will help host two Voices4Justice events yearly.



### Kaleidoscope Service-Learning Initiative

Kaleidoscope seeks opportunities to engage youth and community in service-learning projects and community mentoring opportunities. We are dedicated to providing more opportunities for youth to serve our community through positive partnerships with local organizations.

For more information on Kaleidoscope contact Lauren Cunningham at [Kaleidoscopebg@gmail.com](mailto:Kaleidoscopebg@gmail.com)



## ALIVE Youth Activities Planner

The ALIVE Youth Activities Planner serves as a directory of information for youth activities in the Bowling Green/Warren County area. The planner provides information on youth programs ranging from aquatics to afterschool programs to athletic leagues. The publication also includes a calendar for planning activities for the next 12 months.

The ALIVE Youth Activities Planner is a work in progress. Neither inclusion nor exclusion of agency listings reflects the views of the ALIVE Center or any specific affiliation with the Center. In order to keep this directory accurate and up-to-date, we encourage you to submit changes, including new listings, corrections and deletions. To indicate changes or request copies of the directory, please contact the ALIVE Center, (270) 782-0082. While supplies last, anyone can come by the ALIVE Center to pick up a copy for \$2.00.

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*Many thanks to Greenwood Baptist Youth Group  
for your hard work on this directory*



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### OUR VISION

Citizens of Central Kentucky, from all sectors and backgrounds, value the place in which they live and act as stewards of the region by collaborating to create vibrant communities and enhance the quality of life in the Commonwealth.

### OUR MISSION

To promote community development across Central Kentucky through campus and community partnerships.



Pictured left to right: Cheryl Kirby-Stokes, Dennis George, Katrina Phelps, Steve Pavey, Aurelia Spaulding, Paul Markham, and Leah Ashwill.

[www.alivebg.org](http://www.alivebg.org)