

OUTSTANDING YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

This award is presented to an individual between the ages of 5 and 17 who has demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable responsibility. Through a personal commitment to charitable activities, this person encourages others to be philanthropic leaders in our community.



Breast cancer awareness is now “center stage” thanks to the determination of Rachel A. Helson. When a fourth aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer, the 15-year-old Louisville Collegiate performing arts student was compelled to act – in more ways than one. Her performance in a New York City summer cabaret inspired her to produce the “Rocky Horror Show” as a fundraiser for breast cancer research and awareness.

Ms. Helson obtained approval to name the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation as the show’s beneficiary. Within 6 weeks she established the “Acting for a Cure” production company, secured underwriters and media sponsors, and performed in the show. The 2004 premier at the Kentucky Center raised \$12,000 and the 2005 production raised more than \$25,000.

Ms. Helson, now 17, is a freshman at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts and is organizing a March 2007 production of the “Rocky Horror Show” in New York. The event will benefit both Louisville and New York City Komen affiliates. For increasing awareness of the Komen Foundation’s mission, for engaging a diverse group of supporters, and for stretching the geographic boundaries of her own role, we proudly recognize Rachel A. Helson as an Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy for 2006.

CNPE AWARDS LUNCHEON

The following awards were announced at the Center for Nonprofit Excellence Awards Luncheon in October 2006:

VISION AWARD (Sponsored by Chilton & Medley)
The Healing Place

LEADERSHIP AWARD (Sponsored by Todd Investment Advisors)
Goodwill Industries of KY, President/CEO Roland Blahnik

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Alexander “Sandy” Speer, Actors Theatre of Louisville

DIVERSITY AWARD (Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank)
World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Indiana

GOVERNANCE AWARD
(Sponsored by Wyatt Tarrant & Combs)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana