

RESPONSE PANEL:

Chris Adams, Executive Director, Stepping Stones. Chris Adams of Terrace Park joined Stepping Stones in 2007 as finance director. He formerly was senior manager in charge of risk management for Bombardier Capital Inc. He is a CPA with specialties in business development, financial management, marketing and mergers & acquisitions. He was named managing director of Stepping Stones in 2009 and named executive director in 2010. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati.

John Allen, father of a student in the NKU SHEP program and Sales Manager at Fuller Ford. John's claim to fame is that he is Bev Allen's husband and Lindsey Allen's dad. Bev and John have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. John has been employed at Fuller Ford in a sales capacity for 35 years and as a Sales Manager for the past 18 years. John and Bev have both been associated with the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati for a number of years. John's role with the DSAGC has been with the Golf Committee and the annual Golf Outing which is the largest single source of funding for the association.

Lindsey Allen, 4th year student in the SHEP program. Lindsey is completing her fourth year at NKU. During this time she has been the team manager for and member of the NKU Dance Team, traveling with the team for three national competitions.

Kelly Flynn, an educator and a mother of a student in the SHEP program at NKU. Kelly recently retired from the Princeton City School District after 35 years of teaching. During her career, she taught in a LD classroom, first grade, kindergarten, and was an Instructional Coach. She has been an adjunct professor for the University of Cincinnati for 10 years. Her oldest of three sons, Brody, has Down syndrome and has been very involved in the Down Syndrome Association in Cincinnati for 20 years.

Dr. Zach Hart, Chair of the Department of Communication at NKU. Dr. Hart teaches courses in Public Relations and studies sensemaking among parents of kids with special needs. He is the father of Christopher, a 2014 NKU grad, and Isaac, an enthusiastic 10 year old who happens to have Down syndrome.

Ginger O. Paul, Ed.D. After receiving her doctorate in Educational Psychology from Baylor University, she was employed by NorthKey Community Care as Director of Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities until her retirement. She currently works as a contract Quality of Life interviewer for the University of Kentucky's Human Development Institute. She is married to Chris Paul and has two adult sons, Andrew and Jon.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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THINK TANK

Don't tell me what I can't do, let me show you what I CAN do

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

TEDDY AND CHERYL KREMER

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

January 26, 2016 // 7-9PM

THINK TANK SESSION

January 27, 2016 // 8:30AM-1PM

James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom



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ABOUT TEDDY KREMER

Teddy attended Mercy Montessori from ages 3-16 and graduated from Colerain High School in 2004. While at Colerain, he was a student coach for the baseball and football teams and swam on the swim team.

Teddy has served as the Cincinnati Reds bat boy three times. The crowd and the team could not escape his authentic and infectious joy and enthusiasm for the game.

He was a special guest of Speaker of the House John Boehner for President Obama's 2013 State of the Union. He was also the subject of one of ESPN's most popular E: 60 specials in 2013 called "Teddy Ballgame."

Teddy was also named Cincinnati Ambassador by the Cincinnati USA Chamber of Commerce and Cincinnati Sportsman of the Year. He was the honorary grand marshal of the Red's Opening Day Parade. He is a member of the Cincinnati Business Courier's Forty Under Forty Class of 2015.

Teddy is employed by the Cincinnati Reds and Fifth Third Bank, and a biography about Teddy's life is now being written.

CHERYL KREMER

Cheryl Kremer graduated from Miami University with a degree in Elementary Education certified K-8 and a Master's Degree in Curriculum/Leadership and Supervision. She also has a Reading Specialist Certification and taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade for 7 years.

After the birth of her children she remained at home and did home instruction and tutoring for the Northwest Local School District and taught for 1 year at Mercy Montessori as the reading specialist. She returned to teaching at Northwest Local School District and taught second grade for 22 years. In 1988, she introduced inclusion in her classroom. Cheryl became an Instructional Coach in 2007 at 3 elementary schools in the Northwest Local School District and soon after, became the Curriculum Instructional Specialist to five elementary schools and the preschool in the Northwest Local School District.

In 2015 she retired from teaching and administration after 37 years.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Mercy Montessori and continues to work as a testing and screening coordinator for the Northwest Local School District.

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KEYNOTE SESSION

TUESDAY, JAN. 26, 7-9 PM

James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom

Welcome remarks, Dannie Moore, Assistant Vice President for Student Inclusiveness

Activity part 1

Introduction of Mike Buchanan & Diane Lang,
Cindy Reed, Dean of College of Education & Human Services

Introduction of Teddy Kremer & Cheryl Kremer,
Mike Buchanan and Diane Lang, Co-authors of *Stealing First*

Keynote Presentation, Teddy & Cheryl Kremer

Q & A, Cindy Reed, facilitator

Activity part 2

Closing comments, Cindy Reed

THINK TANK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 8:30AM-1PM

James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom

8:30AM

Continental Breakfast

9:00am – 10:00AM

Welcome Remarks

Activity part 1, Steve Crites, Associate Professor (Facilitator)

Introduction of Mike Buchanan & Diane Lang, Cindy Reed

Introduction of Teddy & Cheryl Kremer, Mike Buchanan & Diane Lang

Presentation recap, Teddy & Cheryl Kremer

10:00-11:00AM

Response Panel, Missy Jones, Professor & Paige Noll, SHEP Student (Facilitators)

Brief Q&A

11:00AM – Noon

Unconference, Kathleen Roberts, Senior Advisor for Inclusive Excellence (Facilitator)

Noon – 1PM

Lunch

Debrief, Cindy Reed

Activity part 2, Steve Crites (Facilitator)

Call to action, Missy Jones