WeRISE NEWSLETTER

Jeni's Fundraiser

3998 Gramercy St, Columbus, OH

What better way to celebrate back-to-school than with a cold treat from Jeni's at Easton Town Center to help support WeRISE on **Tuesday August 18**. Don't forget to try out our special combo flavor called **Rich Harmony** that is a scoop of Brambleberry Crisp and Salted Peanut Butter with Chocolate Flecks! As usual, 25% of the sales from **4pm-7pm** will go to WeRISE to help us fund community programs and events.

Join our Board

We have board member openings and would love to have our community members or volunteers consider joining our team. If you have interest in joining our board, email us at **weriseforgw@gmail.com** to meet with some of our current board members.

Westerville Queer Collective

Westerville Queer Collective (WQC) Website

Food Pantry – Donate to or use the food pantry inside Java Central in Uptown Westerville.

Finding Support - Visit the WQC Resource Guide or call the Trevor Project hotline +18887346197 if you need help.

Sustainable Westerville

Sustainable Westerville Website

Uptown Untapped (Volunteers needed) – August 8th at 5pm Sustainable Westerville needs volunteers to collect plastic cups and food. All participants get a drink ticket or two, a free t-shirt, and pizza! Sign up by clicking this link!

Juneteenth 2026 – Freedom Trail

Celebrating Juneteenth Through Community, Creativity, and Connection

In June, WeRISE had the privilege of celebrating Juneteenth with the Westerville community through a series of events that honored Black history, creativity, and togetherness.

Our celebration began at the Westerville Public Library, where author J.P. Mitchell shared her inspiring children's book, Sweet Fire. Families enjoyed an engaging story time followed by an interactive workshop that encouraged young readers to explore themes of identity, resilience, and imagination.

We also gathered at Birdie Books for an unforgettable evening of jazz and spoken word. The welcoming atmosphere created the perfect setting for local artists and community members to reflect, connect, and celebrate the rich cultural traditions that continue to shape our communities. Mayor David Grimes was there to present a proclamation to WeRISE for Juneteenth.