

Karla Rothan, Executive Director of Stonewall Columbus

Ms. Rothan, a native of Cincinnati, attended The Ohio State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

She toured as an actor doing shows in children's theatre for a number of years before starting her own non-profit theatre company, New Venture Theatre in Columbus. Her career expanded in the non-profit arts arena when she landed a position at the prestigious Wexner Center for the Arts. She later became the public relations and marketing director for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging.

Throughout her career Karla has maintained a serious commitment to Stonewall Columbus. She was the chair of the annual Pride Holiday for three years increasing the revenue for that fundraiser 200%. Rothan has been a leader and activist in Columbus for over twenty-five years working with a host of other organizations including the Human Rights Campaign, AIDS Resource Center Ohio, United Way, North Central Mental Health and on Mayor Coleman's 2012 commission. Mayor Coleman also appointed Ms. Rothan to the Recreation and Parks Commission on which she currently serves.

Rothan began her leadership as the Executive Director of Stonewall Columbus in 2006.