

Press Release from **Kaleidoscope**

**Writer Jennifer Alves published in Kaleidoscope: Exploring the Experience of Disability through Literature and the Fine Arts**

August 4, 2015 – The work of writer Jennifer Alves of Hamilton, Virginia, has been published in the current issue of *Kaleidoscope: Exploring the Experience of Disability through Literature and the Fine Arts*. Her personal essay, “Hiking the Appalachian Trail,” appears in issue number 71 of the magazine. Her work was selected from among more than 350 submissions considered for publication.

As a child, Alves endured surgeries, radiation and experimental chemical therapy for a brain tumor as well as dealing with blindness and a learning disability. She speaks on behalf of cancer awareness and in addition to her writing, she designs mixed media pieces of art on canvas.

The award-winning *Kaleidoscope* magazine is published by United Disability Services in Akron, Ohio. A pioneer in the publication of disability literature and fine arts, the magazine expresses the experiences of disability from the perspective of individuals, families, friends, caregivers, and healthcare professionals. The material chosen for *Kaleidoscope* challenges and overcomes stereotypical, patronizing and sentimental attitudes about disability. The publication is now available at no cost online by visiting [www.KaleidoscopeOnline.org](http://www.KaleidoscopeOnline.org).

United Disability Services is celebrating 65 years of meeting the social, vocational, community living, low vision, recreational, educational and transportation needs of people with disabilities. For more information visit [www.udsakron.org](http://www.udsakron.org).

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