RAISING AWARENESS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILMINGTON COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS.

November 2014

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

SOPHOMORE, CALLIE EBERHART

How has volunteering with the CSCE impacted your college experience?

"I volunteer because I enjoy being able to make things better for others. By volunteering I am able to meet people from campus and the community. I personally get so much from volunteering and I believe that others on campus should get involved with the volunteering opportunities this campus has to offer."

Purpose: The world’s largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child, uses gift-filled shoeboxes to share God’s love in a tangible way with needy children around the world.

Scope: Since 1993, Samaritan’s Purse has collected and delivered more than 113 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 150 countries through Operation Christmas Child. In 2014, Samaritan’s Purse hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 10 million children through the Operation Christmas Child project. Shoebox gifts are collected in the United States, Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Process: Individuals, families, churches, and groups fill empty shoeboxes with gifts of toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and notes of encouragement.

National Collection Week, Nov. 17-24, boxes can be dropped off at the Center for Service & Civic Engagement. Samaritan’s Purse will deliver the gifts to children in more than 100 countries on six continents.

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Don’t forget to log your hours! Forms can be found on the WC webpage, WC@Home or in the service house.

Visit us on WC@HOME!
Look under Student Interests, “Service Learning”
SHOEBOX
Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). You can wrap the box, lid separately, but wrapping is not required.

BOY OR GIRL
Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Download and print the appropriate boy/girl label. Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box.

FILL WITH GIFTS
Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child (see Gift Suggestions below).

INCLUDE $7 DONATION PER BOX
Help cover shipping and other costs related to delivering your shoeboxes to children overseas by donating $7 for each gift you prepare. You can give online to discover the destination of your box. Or, you can write a check to Samaritan’s Purse (note “OCC” on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the items inside your shoebox. If you are preparing multiple gifts, please make one combined donation. Note: Follow Your Box is only available through online giving.

PRAY
Ask God to use your gifts to show His love to the child who will receive your shoebox.

DROP OFF
Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox and bring it to the drop-off at the Center for Service & Civic Engagement during National Collection Week, November 17–21, 2014.

Gift suggestions
ALL AGES
TOYS! Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated soccer ball with pump, or a plush stuffed animal. Then add quality items like cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, etc. School Supplies such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, etc. Hygiene Items such as toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

ACCESSORIES such as socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, sunglasses, etc. A Personal Note and photo of you and your family/group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Younger Children: Blankets, sticker and picture books, blocks, finger puppets, pages of colorful stickers.
Older Children: Small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, etc.; deflated balls with pumps and needles; solar calculators, rulers, scissors; jewelry; deodorant

Do Not Include: used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.
2014 Cardboard Village this year, we raised about $450 with about 85 volunteers. This event was held to spread Homelessness awareness. All the proceeds from this event are going to the Clayton County Homeless Shelter "A Place to call Home". It was a great turn out and we can’t wait to hold it again next fall.
Our next project to assist the Clinton County Homeless shelter will be a clean-up day on Saturday, November 22 from 2PM-4PM.

It’s that time of year again! The time of year where we open our hearts to give a little more to the people who can’t afford it. This year, at Wilmington College, we are continuing the tradition of the Angel Tree Project. What is the angel tree project? The Angel Tree Project is where people from Wilmington Nursing Home and other locations around Wilmington place wishes on the tree to get something small that they could not afford on their own. These people range from all ages, young to old, and all from the lower economic statuses. Anyone can participate in giving a gift here at college, all you have to do is go over the tree, located in Pyle, and pick a name. The tags will have the name age and what that person would like. The Angel Tree will be up from November 21st - December 3rd.

**ANGEL TREE PROJECT COMING TO PYLE CENTER**

*By Deon Morter, Grand Socials Chair*

*By Hana Vrtar, Hunger & Homelessness Chair*

*When someone shares something of value with you and you benefit from it, you have a moral obligation to share it with others.
-- Chinese Proverb*
Make a Difference Day

By Abby Simmons, National Days of Service Chair

Saturday, October 25th was National Make a Difference Day. WC students volunteered alongside Wilmington High School and the Wilmington Community to stain the playground at Denver Park, and clean-up the area. Members of Lambda Chi Alpha were among those who participated. Lambda Chi Alpha had a good time helping out at Denver Park. Charles "Austin" Anderson, VP of External Affairs, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Delta Zeta stated, "We really enjoyed interacting with others in the community to help better the area. Everyone had a great attitude and it was a fantastic effort by all to benefit the children in the Wilmington area."

If voting didn’t mean anything...

By Megan Canfield, WISE

A little over a week ago I was scrolling through my news feed on Facebook. There, I was greeted by the usual assortment of quips, inspirational quotes, and snippets of information about my friends, genuine or otherwise. It was during this typical subconscious scrolling that a photo caught my eye: it was green and red words topped with the interested phrase "if voting didn't change anything." As most of the campus knows, I have been attempting to increase voter participation in the coming November election in conjunction with the Ohio Campus Compact initiative called CEEP. Campus Election Engagement Project (CEEP), is a national non-partisan voter-engagement project which had a major impact in 2008 and 2012 and began addressing off-year elections in 2013. I first hit Pyle with a stack of voter registration ballots and can now be found sitting out with applications for absentee ballots. Becoming involved as a citizen, embracing your civic duty at the polls, is one of the many benefits on being an adult. Many people will offer you their negative feelings about voting if asked about the subject. To these individuals determined not to see the good side of this wonderful gift the Founding Fathers gave us, I refer to the photo that read something like this: "If voting didn't change anything we would still have: no women's rights, no public schools, no Civil Rights Act, no social security, no minimum wage, no workers compensation." Of course, you have to take this information with a grain of salt because voting did not specifically bring about all of these things, but the message behind the photo was clear. If you like the way our government is working than great, vote for those individuals you think most likely to uphold that; if you do not like the way our government is functioning, if you see a place where we could use change, vote to make that happen.
PET PALS PRETTY UP THE SHELTER

By Stryker Stock, Pet Pals Chair

The seven volunteers who attended the Wilmington Area Humane Society (WAHS) service project not only bettered the lives of the animals, but they also took the time to better the facility that is solely run on volunteerism. The service was split between the needs of the dogs and the cats. For the dogs, the entire yard was poop scooped and light cleaning was done to a few of the kennels in which an animal had defecated. One of the dogs, Tuffie, was also given a bath by to enthusiastic volunteers. On the other side, the cat litter boxes were all scooped clean, all of the bedding was changed, and the trays beneath the cages were cleaned of remnants of food, litter, and whatever else found refuge on the tray. Lastly, all of the animals were fed and given water as well as played with. The volunteers left with smiling faces and several stories about crazy cats, little doggies, and water to the face. Overall, it was a huge success and has had a lasting impact on WAHS and the animals.

SUGARTREE MINISTRY
FRIDAY NIGHT COOKING

By Megan Canfield, Sugartree Ministry Chair

Are you looking for something to do on a Friday night here in Wilmington? On Friday, November 21, SLEB and Faith in Action are cooking and serving dinner at Sugartree Ministries to underprivileged people of Wilmington. Cooking will start at about five o'clock, serving will begin at six, and clean up should be finished around eight. We usually cook hotdogs and a warm side dish, like soup or Mac-and-Cheese, in addition to potato chips and drinks. If you have never experienced an evening at Sugartree, I urge you to come down! This quick and rewarding way to rack up the community service hours is also a great way to have fun on a Friday night! As many of you know, the 21st is also the second night of the college's production of Legally Blonde. Many of the cast and crew are our regular Friday night volunteers; therefore, we are looking for a new crop of students to step up and help out Sugartree Ministries! Contact Megan Canfield via Facebook, email (mcanfield@wilmington.edu), or text message (419-681-6463) if you are interested in serving or finding out more information! Wilmington College was founded on service; as technology blooms and we fill our lives with other distractions, this essential aspect of the college gets less and less of the students attention. It is our responsibility to give back to those less fortunate than us; when was the last time you volunteered?

RELAY FOR LIFE ANNOUNCES NEW TIMES

By Janae Wicker, ACT Chair

The Relay for Life Committee is excited to announce that Relay for Life 2015 will be held Saturday April 11th from 10AM until midnight. After much discussion, the committee feels that this is the best time for Relay for Life to be held. The increase in daylight hours will promote more engaging and entertaining games for participants to get involved in, encouraging greater participation. We also feel that the daylight hours will encourage participants to stay at Relay longer instead of being tempted to leave in the morning hours. The committee is hoping that by changing the hours we can target community participation as well. This wide time range provides a family-friendly amount of time where families can enjoy the sunshine and food and have a blast while learning. We hope that this years Relay for Life will be better than any Relay Wilmington College has seen and that it can kick off to more aggressive Relaying.
To Sign up for any of these projects, please go to WC@HOME and click on Service Learning located under Student Interests. Or click the link below:

**Sign up now!**

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