SERVICE STORY OF THE MONTH...

Project H.O.P.E.

Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Pursue Education) is a student service organization at Ohio Wesleyan University which addresses literacy concerns. Originally established by two OWU students in 1988, Project H.O.P.E. is now sponsored by the Delaware Initiative, a federal grant project funded by the Commission on National and Community Service, Washington, D.C. The purpose of Project H.O.P.E. is to provide tutoring to area children and adults who are at-risk of not achieving their full potential. This is accomplished in a variety of ways: the Delaware School Aged Child Care (SACC) Tutoring Program, tutoring with the Adult Basic Literacy Education Program (ABLE), and the House of H.O.P.E.

The SACC Tutoring Program grew out of partnership between the Delaware City Schools School Aged Child Care Program and Ohio Wesleyan’s Delaware Initiative. This partnership began this summer as part of President Clinton’s Summer of Service program and will hopefully continue throughout this academic year to become a permanent program with the four Delaware elementary schools. Rich Sinclair, a sophomore elementary education major who first became involved with this tutoring program through Summer of Service, said, "I love the SACC Program because it provides me with time to spend with kids every week. SACC provides children with the opportunity to get tutoring and also provides me with more experience in education."

The ABLE (Adult Basic Literacy Education) program is centered at the Joint Vocational School (JVS). Their goals are to prepare adults for the GED (Graduation Equivalent Diploma), teach workplace and family literacy, and provide training in English as a Second Language (ESL). OWU volunteer Ken Robinson, a junior religion and history major, said, "When I get back from ABLE on Thursday nights, it is such a rush to have taught someone something and have it click. To teach them fractions and have it click. With help, people can go anywhere and do anything. It's amazing. People can learn to fly."

The House of H.O.P.E. is a new small living unit on campus whose mission is to serve as a center for community outreach focusing on tutoring children, youth, and adults who are at risk of not reaching their full potential. A resource room has been established in the House for tutoring area students. Throughout the year, the House will be sponsoring speakers and other educational events. On Sunday, October 17th from 1-3 pm the House of H.O.P.E. is having an Open House to introduce themselves to the community.

Christy Rowland tutors a high school student at the House of H.O.P.E.
In the Community...

United Way

United Way is gearing up for their annual campaign and they need volunteer office workers to stuff envelopes and other secretarial tasks. They have raised the first $100,000 towards a $756,000 goal. Through helping the United Way, you can help the thirteen local agencies they support. Call Joy Kaser at 369-9618 for more information.

Dear OWU Students,

On behalf of the United Way of Delaware County, I would like to thank the Students of OWU for their support through volunteerism. Thank you for being a part of the caring community of Delaware County through your volunteer time. It is very meaningful!

Yours sincerely,
Joy Kaser
Executive Director
United Way

"Human compassion is equal to human cruelty and it is up to each of us to tip the balance."
-Alice Walker

Woodward Library

Woodward Elementary (located on Liberty Street south of the fire station) is looking for volunteers to work in their library. They need helpful souls to read to the kids, shelve books, and helping kids find items in the library. Call Carol Howard at 362-4701 or the Community Service Learning Office at x3084.

Central Ohio Mental Health Center

The Central Ohio Mental Health Center needs volunteers for an informal therapeutic play time for children whose parents are in counseling. Guided by counseling staff, this is much more than baby-sitting. Help is needed any day between 3 and 8 p.m. Call Neil Neidhart at 369-7688 for more information.

Red Ribbon Celebration

Red Ribbon is a drug awareness and action campaign whose goal is to promote healthy lifestyles and prevent the use of illegal drugs and illegal use of legal drugs. DARR (Delaware Area Recovery Resources) would like a student or student group to coordinate a Red Ribbon Week at Ohio Wesleyan October 23 - 31. Possible ideas for this week include having a table to pass out Red Ribbons and flyers in Hamilton-Williams and making banners to publicize the Week. Contact Linda Mundell at 369-6811 to get involved.

Drug Free and Proud

Candlelight March Against Drug Abuse

You are invited to join the county of Delaware on a Candlelight March Against Drug Abuse on Halloween Night, October 31st at 7:30 pm. Under the banner "Drugs are Scary," marchers will start at the corner of Sandusky Street and University Avenue (by the MUB) and will end at the Justice Center on Union Street. Bring your candle and be a part of the Delaware community!
Becoming Politically Involved...

Delaware City Schools Bond Issue

The Delaware City Schools has a bond issue, which would fund desperately needed new buildings and renovations, on the ballot next month. To support the campaign, they are holding a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, October 17th from 12-4:30 pm at the Brown Jug Restaurant (located near the heart of downtown on Willam Street). Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for kids 12 and under. Enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner and avoid the food service while supporting the bond issue campaign! They are also holding a general bond issue information meeting at Willis Auditorium (Willis Middle School is located across the street from Rax on William Street, and the auditorium is on the end of the building nearest Dominos) at 7 pm on Tuesday, October 19. Information and literature on the bond issue will be available. OWU volunteers are needed to post signs, call Delaware-registered student voters, and write letters. If you are interested, call Doug Warmock at 363-3100 (work) or 369-4045 (home). In the immortal words of Whitney Houston, "the children are our future." So, get active in the campaign and vote for the schools on November 2nd!

Delaware County Children's Services

OK, so you can't vote in Franklin County, can you vote in Delaware County? The Delaware County Children's Services also has a levy which will be brought before the voters this November. Children's Services acts on child abuse, provides adoption services, and places children in foster homes. Without the passage of this levy, services will be greatly reduced while the problems only increase. Volunteers are needed to canvas target neighborhoods to put up yard signs; to distribute literature on October 30th; and to work a phone bank to encourage people to vote. Ideally, Children's Services would like a Wesleyan student to step forward and organize OWU volunteer efforts. If you are interested in organizing or just helping out, call Mike Brown at 369-1987. Support the Delaware County Children's Services.

Franklin County Children's Services

Are you a resident of Franklin County? Franklin County Children's Services, an agency which protects and cares for abused, neglected, abandoned, and troubled children in Franklin County, has a levy on the ballot this November. This levy is needed to continue the services they have been providing. The number of children they have been called to provide for has increased by 9% for the past four years. If you would like to help with their campaign efforts or have any questions, call Chris Boerner at 341-6439. Get home to the poles on November 2nd to vote for the Franklin County Children's Services levy!

Editor's Note

Hey! Hey! Hey! Opportunities to serve are just knock, knock, knocking on your door. As always, the work of many dedicated souls is requested, and YOU are needed!

What has your group been up to? What community service have you been doing? We want to know. I invite you to send stories and photos from your community service activities for publishing in the "Service Story of the Month" section of this newsletter. Don't be shy! We need YOUR story.

The next Community Service RoundTable will be held on October 26th in conference room 304 of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. Everybody is welcome to come share what their group has been doing and what their group needs. This is a good chance for service chairs of various organizations and other interested individuals to talk to representatives from local agencies. We work better when we work together!

Thank you to everybody for your community service time! As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." YEA COMMUNITY SERVICE!

Sara M. Paullin, editor
Summer of Service participants working with Faith Mission, painting a house on Aberdeen Avenue in Columbus.

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Community Service Week
Circle K is having the first (hopefully annual) Community Service Week October 18-23, and YOU can get involved. At various times throughout the week they will be visiting the Sarah Moore Nursing Home; walking dogs at the Humane Society; picking up trash with the Environment and Wildlife Club; sponsoring a 50/50 Raffle (half the money raised will go to zoo visits to Children’s Hospital in Columbus and half the money will go to the winner of the drawing); holding their annual Point Drive for People In Need; collecting magazines for Children’s Hospital; and working with Habitat for Humanity. On Monday, October 18th at 7p.m. in the Great Teacher’s Room (3rd floor of Beegley Library), Ruth Milligan, of the governor’s office, will be speaking on community service and there will be a panel of Summer of Service participants discussing their experiences. They invite any campus organization to co-sponsor events and they are looking for a few more activities for the week, so if you want to participate or have any activity ideas, call Tara Palmer at x2361. Yea Circle K! Yea Community Service!

"Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go."

-Mother Theresa

House of H.O.P.E.
Hey! Hey! Hey! The House of H.O.P.E., which is the small living unit on campus dedicated to Helping Others Pursue Education, is having an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, October 17th from 1-3 pm at 81 Oak Hill. Bring a friend and come help us dedicate the resource room we are establishing at the House to tutor area students. The House of H.O.P.E. is also looking for donations of children’s books and art supplies for the resource room. If you have anything to donate, please call Jeannie Trimarco at x2634.

Red Cross Bloodmobile
On Thursday, October 28th, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at OWU, and your blood is needed! Registration to schedule an appointment will be in Hamilton-Williams downstairs by the mailboxes the week before. Competitions will held between the dorms, the small living units, the sororities and the fraternities. There is also a competition between Denison and OWU. Go Bishops, beat Big Red! If you would like to help run the Bloodmobile, volunteers are needed anytime between 9:30 am and 6 pm to work areas like the registration table, the issue table, and the canteen. Call Ken Robinson at x2633 or x3081.

Habitat for Humanity
Habitat for Humanity will be having a building blitz the weekend of October 15-17. Their goal is to get a roof on the David Street house (now just a foundation) over the weekend. People are needed to work morning and afternoon shifts all three days. Learn some new skills and put a warm fuzzy feeling in your heart: call Heather Miller at x2526 to sign up.
Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is a private, non-profit organization that provides food service to shut-ins. They need student volunteers to pack food (9:30-11) and to deliver food (11-12) week days. Meals on Wheels is also interested in a campus organization holding a food drive to collect can and dry goods for them. They would also like a group to sponsor a "kitchen shower." In their 22nd year, many of their towels, spoons, bowls, etc. have worn out and they could use new ones. Call Elaine Reiner or Beverly Reiner at 369-4024.

Global Village Collection

The Global Village Collection, located at 37 N. Sandusky Street, is a non-profit organization that sells crafts from around the world. Their goal is to create economic opportunities that help people in developing nations help themselves. More volunteers are needed to help run the store. You can sign up to work once a week, once a month, or whatever your schedule allows. Call Megan Henshaw at x2268 or the store itself at 363-6267 if you would like to volunteer. And even if volunteering isn't possible for you, what a great place to shop for Christmas gifts! Stop by the store and check it out.

COSI

COSI, Ohio's Center of Science and Industry in downtown Columbus, needs volunteers to help run an international conference of the Association of Science-Technology Centers October 15-19. A variety of positions, times, and days are available. Call the Community Service Learning Office at x3084 for more information.

Tutoring Opportunities...

Tutors! Tutors! Tutors!

We need tutors! There have been many requests for tutors for local students, especially in chemistry and algebra II. So... get out your periodic tables and your calculators and call the Community Service Learning Office at x3084 to get yourself hitched up with a student who could use some help.

CROP

In order to raise money to battle hunger in Delaware and all over the world, a CROP walk in Delaware is being scheduled for October, 1994. Money raised in this 10k walk will provide food and other relief supplies, preventive care, improvements in food production and other hunger aid in 70 countries, as well as aid agencies battling hunger right here in Delaware. A student is needed to represent Ohio Wesleyan in the group from the community which is organizing this event. If you are interested in this key opportunity, call the Community Service Learning Office at x3084.

SACC Tutoring Program

The SACC Tutoring Program is a partnership between the Delaware City Schools and OWU's Project HOPE (Helping Others Pursue Education). Through this program, you, yes YOU, can tutor and be a positive role model for an elementary school student. All it takes is a little training, a couple hours a week and a big heart. So, call Chad Garland at x3086 because when you tutor you will get as much out of it as the kids will.

Christmas Clearing House

The Christmas Clearing House, an event sponsored by People In Need (PIN), collects and distributes food to local families in need during the holidays. Volunteers are needed for the food drive on December 4th and throughout the week of December 6th thought 12th. Call Pat, Anne, or Carolyn at 363-7250 to learn more. Also, through the Adopt-a-Family program, your student group can give gifts for a family that would otherwise go without. Call Lula Mae at 363-7250 by November 24th to adopt a family.

Adult Basic Literacy Education

The ABLE (Adult Basic Literacy Education) Program's goal is to provide life skills instruction to adults in the area. Volunteers are needed to assist the teachers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at the JVS (located several miles out of town, but Community Service Learning cars may be available. Call x3086 for more information). If you would like to tutor, call Jeannie Trimarco at x2634.