SERVICE STORY OF THE MONTH: SUMMER OF SERVICE

On March 1, 1993, in a speech at Rutgers University, President Clinton outlined his vision for National Service. Part of his plan was a "Summer of Service," slated for June-August 1993.

Competing with 450 other applicants, Ohio Wesleyan University was selected as one of the sixteen sites across the country to participate in President Clinton's Summer of Service. This program allowed 71 students to perform service benefitting youth in Columbus and Delaware. The purpose of the program was to provide volunteers for meaningful community service while allowing students the chance to earn money for their college education. Those who wished to earn academic credit for the Summer of Service could enroll in SA 90.

Students (both high school and college) applied for admission to the program, and were selected based upon their history of community service; their demonstrated commitment to service learning and/or issues relating to youth; and the positive recommendations of two references. Personal interviews were also a part of the selection process.

Throughout the summer, the 71 students served 12 community organizations and agencies both in Delaware and Columbus, through the Delaware and Columbus Initiatives. The days were hot; the hours were long; but the work was rewarding. Most of the SOS participants agree that this was the experience of a lifetime.

If you would like to know more about the Summer of Service, visit the 4th floor display in Hamilton Williams, or stop one of the students running around campus in their designer Summer of Service apparel!!! (The OWU students who gave up their summer vacation for national service were: Shawn Pierce, Darren Fillman, Dave Martz, Damian Merlo, Rich Sinclair, Jeremy Tomassetti, Doug Weltz, James Gillies, Darris Binion, Terry Addison, Graham Allisoon, D.J. Young, Kurt Demel, Mike Owens, Oscar Fernandez, Kenyon Farrow, Chad Garland, Andrew Hatton, Hector Lewis, Earnest Winston, Alex Hardin, Karen Stockstill, Melissa Grant, Jeanne Trimarco, Sandye Mathis, Dionne Brown, Vassi Jhori, Carrie Lippert, Connie Kowalczyk, Kerry Kirkland, Lakeisha Bland, June Spilburg, Vernita Johnson, Elizabeth Koppert, Sue Tafurate, Tally Talmage, Kenetia Thompson, Jennifer Tyler, Patricia Vazquez, Christina Miller, Lornette Jamerson and Elaine Bearden.)

Representing Ohio Campus Compact Schools were:
Ray Tucker, Kent State;
Benita Sizemore, Ohio State;
Melissa Stull, Wittenburg;
Lisa Marie Rovito, Ohio University; Bridget Hardy,
Oberlin; and Brian Aguilar,
Denison. (Other schools
represented included Virginia
Tech, Miami U., Princeton,
Wellseley, U. of North
Carolina, Xavier, Duke,
Goshen College, Spellman,
Oakwood College, American
Baptist Theological School
and Swarthmore.)

Dave Martz tutors a student at the Smith Elementary SACC Program.
HELP ANONYMOUS
Help Anonymous, located at 11 N. Franklin (across the street from William Street Church), is searching for volunteers to staff their 24-hour crisis intervention and referral service phone lines. A 50-hour training session which teaches listening, communication skills, and crisis management techniques for volunteers begins this September. Call Mary Damico at 363-1835. This is a great opportunity to learn and apply skills that will help you the rest of your life!

BLOODMOBILE
The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to OWU on Thursday, October 28th. Volunteers are needed to do such things as set-up, clean-up, and registration. Call Ken Robinson to sign up at x2633 or x3081. And even if you can't volunteer to help run the Bloodmobile, "we want to take your blood!"

VENTURES DAY TREATMENT FACILITY
Ventures Day Treatment Facility (off of N. Liberty near the fair grounds) offers valuable experience for those wishing to gain skills working with special needs adolescents -- especially those who learn differently. If you have an afternoon open from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and you want to make a difference for kids, contact Kathy Makua at 363-1821.

UNITED WAY
United Way is on the search for volunteers to work in their office (in the National City Bank building at the corner of Sandusky and Winter Streets) as they prepare for their campaign in October. They would also like to see a Wesleyan organization do their own fundraiser for United Way in the Spring. Contact Joy Kaiser at 369-9618 about these opportunities.

METRO PARKS
The Delaware City Metro Parks needs you to help with their levy campaign by stuffing envelopes and handing out literature door to door. Get your exercise and help out a good cause, call Rita Au at 368-1805.

GLOBAL VILLAGE COLLECTION
The Global Village Collection, located at 37 N. Sandusky Street, is a non-profit organization which sells craft items made by low-income craftspeople around the world. When you buy items at Global Village the majority of the money goes straight to the craftspeople, instead of a retailer. Global Village needs volunteers to staff the store both during regular business hours and for special events throughout the year. Call 363-6267 or stop by Global Village Collection during their business hours: Tuesday through Friday 11-6; Saturday 10-6; and Sunday 12-6.

SALVATION ARMY
The Salvation Army (across from Grady Hospital) is looking for volunteers for their Christmas effort. They need people to be ringers collecting donations around town, to help with the applications for food baskets, and to process gifts from their Angel Tree program for Christmas gifts for children. Contact Lt. Gregory Van Brunt at 369-5301 for more details. Get into that Christmas giving spirit!

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED
Registered OWU drivers needed to take Austin Manor residents on Saturday outings once a month. Call the Community Service Learning Office at x3084 to volunteer.

THE ARC
Are you a patient and responsible people-person? Then your services are needed for the ARC of Delaware County, an organization which advocates and promotes a better life for people with developmental disabilities. Along with their other programs, such as summer day camp and "try on a disability", they are interested in organizing a quality assurance program for service providers in the county. Volunteers would be trained to evaluate staff and consumer satisfaction. Internships at the ARC are also possible. Contact Erika Shell Castro at 369-4728 for more information. Paid volunteers are also needed to be respite providers for families with developmentally disabled kids (babysitters trained to respond to the needs of these special kids). Call Michelle Mosher at 368-1700 to learn more.
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Habitat for Humanity will be starting a new house in Delaware soon and could use all the help they can get. Call Heather Miller at x2526 for the location and time. Help someone out while learning new skills that will be useful your whole lifetime!

THERAPY ASSISTANCE
Help is being sought by the parents of a four-year-old boy with cerebral palsy. If you have an hour a week or a month to spare and would like to work with him practicing a new therapy, call 363-8610.

STRATFORD ECOLOGICAL CENTER
Stratford Ecological Center is a 236 acre state nature preserve and working farm located at 3083 Liberty Road; Delaware. They are looking for volunteers to be tour guides for two programs for kids: a 1 1/2 hour farm tour and a 4-5 hour farm wilderness program. They are also looking for people to help install some fence. Internships are available as well. What an opportunity for botany and/or education majors! Contact Paul Etheridge at 363-2548 for more information.

DELAWARE COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
The Delaware County District Library, located at 84 E. Winter (past the Strand Movie Theatre), needs "homework helpers" to assist kids during the afternoons and weekends. The library could also use help with items like bar coding paperbacks and wiping off books. Call Mary Jane Santos at 362-3861 for more information. Each one, teach one!

"A refuge never grows from a chin in a hand and a thoughtful pose—you've got to tend the Earth if you want a rose..."
-Indigo Girls

HOUSE OF HOPE
The House of H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Pursue Education), an outgrowth of Project H.O.P.E., is creating a resource room for tutoring in their small living unit at 81 Oak Hill. They could use donations for the resource room such as children's books, textbooks, workbooks, encyclopedias, back issues of "Highlights" magazine for children, markers, paper, and pens. If you have something to donate, call Jeannie Trimarco at 368-2632.

TUTORS NEEDED
A tutor is needed for a high school girl in Chemistry and Latin. Call the Community Service Learning office at x3084 if you are interested. Carpe diem!

Are you a math major with a chemistry minor and an interest in Spanish? Well, even if you are not you might still be able to tutor a high school sophomore in algebra II, Spanish II, and chemistry. Call the Community Service Learning Office at x3084. Y arriba!

SACC
SACC, Delaware City Schools' School Aged Child Care program is looking for Ohio Wesleyan students who would like work on community service projects with middle school students. Call Kathy LaSota at 363-1188 to learn more about this unique service opportunity.

BIG PAL/LITTLE PAL
The Big Pal/Little Pal program is currently recruiting new members. Even if you missed the informational meetings on September 14th and 15th, never fear! You can still be a Big Pal! Just call president Kerry Kirkland (x2053), vice-president Jennifer Schwade (x2277), or come on up to the Community Service Learning office on the 4th floor of Ham-Will to get the scoop. Someone like you is needed to make the difference in the life of a child!
EDITOR'S NOTE

Hey howdy all you community service buckeroos! My name is Sara Paullin and I am the new editor of Opportunity Knocks.

I would like to invite all of you to send your stories and photos from your community service events for publishing in the "Service Story of the Month" section of our newsletter. To keep up our strength for future challenges, we need to celebrate our successes!

Mark your calendars for this year's Community Service RoundTable meetings (all RoundTables are in Benes Room A of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at noon, unless otherwise noted):

October 5
October 26 (conference room 304 in Hamilton Williams)
December 7
January 18
February 15
March 15 (the Ides of March!)
April 19

All of us in the Community Service Learning Office here at Wesleyan are excited about the coming year. The September 7th RoundTable was the biggest we've ever had! May we continue to work together...our total is always greater than the sum of our parts!

Sara M. Paullin, editor

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