

# Opportunity Knocks

Reporting on Community Service Learning and Opportunities in the Delaware Community  
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## The Power of Philanthropy

The American Heritage Dictionary defines philanthropy as **1. The effort or inclination to increase the well-being of humankind, as by charitable aid or donations. 2. Love of humankind in general. 3. Something, such as an activity or institution, intended to promote human welfare.** You'll notice the definition says nothing about wealth or power, and yet few of us would say, *I want to be a philanthropist when I grow up.* We assume that philanthropy is solely the domain of the rich and famous. But the fact is Martin Luther King, Jr. had it right when he said "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve." Ohio Wesleyan has been "growing" bumper crops of philanthropists since its founding in 1842. In fact, service is considered one of the core university values...*education for leadership and service.* In addition to the numerous choices for substantive service-learning programs, internships, seminars and Colloquium events, it's hard to graduate without participating in some form of service club, social justice organization, SLU or event at least once during your four years. In fact, between Derby Days, the Crop Walk, Jell-O Tug-of-War, the Hunger Banquet, Pasta for Life, Bowl for Kids' Sake, Soups for Shelter, TerpsiCorps, Chi Phi Haunted House, Anchor Splash, and the hundreds of other events that benefit every cause you can think of, you have to work pretty hard to stay uninvolved at OWU.

The same is true in the community of Delaware. As you will notice, this month's issue is jam-packed with opportunities to support the work of our partner social service agencies through attending events, making donations, contributing volunteer hours, becoming a trained program participant, or even shopping! Every form of involvement counts when it comes to meeting community needs. There is no contribution too insignificant to be valued, especially during the up-coming season when it is painfully clear that many of our neighbors are unable to meet their family's everyday needs, let alone provide extras for Thanksgiving or the holidays. Please make time in your schedule to support at least one event, program or organization in the coming weeks.

Also in this issue, two Ohio Wesleyan student-philanthropists who have taken extraordinary measures to give of themselves are featured, *in their own words.* You'll want to get to know sophomore, Hasani Wheat and junior, Sierra Hinshaw on page two. And speaking of philanthropists, the members of Chi Phi Fraternity hosted their 23rd Annual Haunted House October 25th through the 27th, which coincided with OWU's Homecoming weekend and Ohio's *Make A Difference Day*. Word has it that the Haunted House raised more than \$3,400 in canned goods, food points, and monetary donations. The proceeds will benefit People In Need, (PIN) and the Delaware Office of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Pictured above, the brothers of Chi Phi also participated in the Delaware Crop Walk on October 7th...proving once again that every day is *Make A Difference Day* at Ohio Wesleyan!



Members of Chi Phi at the Crop Walk water station.

(see Crop Walk story on page 3)

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## In Their Own Words....

### Two Ohio Wesleyan Students Share Service Stories



Hasani Wheat, 4th from right, and members of River Valley Vineyard Church as they prepare to deliver food.

#### ***Bag Hunger! Coming To A Dorm Near You***

For clarification, let me explain what ***Bag Hunger*** is about. ***Bag Hunger*** is a program that my church, River Valley Vineyard, has picked up recently. The purpose is to help out residents of Delaware County, who may not be able to buy food on a weekly basis or who may be going through hard times financially. I started helping out with [the program] spring semester my freshmen year. I felt the need to do service locally so ***Bag Hunger*** was the perfect choice for me to reach out to the Delaware community.

The process is simple. I go to all of the resident halls and the small living units and ask if people would like to donate any non-perishable food items to help Delaware citizens. Once the bags are full, I deliver those items on Sunday at River Valley Vineyard. On a pre-determined date, members of River Valley Vineyard do what is called a "Prayer Walk," where we drive to a certain location in Delaware and knock on doors for several blocks, asking if people

would like to accept these bags of food. We say a prayer and continue until the bags are gone.

***Bag Hunger*** helps everyone involved. The people who give food will get rid of [excess non-perishables] and give to a good cause. People delivering the food...feel good about themselves while doing the project. The people who receive the goods are surprised and grateful for the food. Lend a helping hand to ***Bag Hunger*** which occurs twice a month. Stock up on food and donate some non-perishables. I will be seeing you very soon.

~ Hasani Wheat, '10  
Phi Delta Theta Philanthropy Chair

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#### **A Summer in Ghana ~ by Sierra Hinshaw '09**

I spent my summer in Ghana volunteering in an orphanage teaching and doing social work. At school I taught first grade English and math. I also created an art class which ended up being really great because it gave the kids a chance to be creative and express themselves, something that's not usually a big part of their curriculum. However, my best experience teaching was having kids that didn't know upper and lowercase letters when I got there, to having them be reading simple words by the time I left. When I wasn't teaching, I helped take care of the children's medical needs by taking (sometimes carrying them the whole twenty minute walk!) them to a local clinic when they contracted malaria or bilharizia, supplying mosquito nets, and administering medicine, and lots of band-aids! When I wasn't teaching or taking care of someone I just spent the rest of the day hanging out with the kids, which was always too much fun. What I learned from my experiences is that that we take so much for granted here. When I came home I realized how excessive our society is. The people I worked with had next to nothing, but they still were some of the most generous and genuinely happy individuals I have ever met. I learned firsthand that one person can make a difference...it was the greatest experience of my life!



Sierra Hinshaw with some of her new friends.



## HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE 2007

presented in accordance with the  
**PEOPLE IN NEED, INC.**



**HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE CITY/COUNTY FOOD DRIVE - SAT. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - HOURS: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
Delaware County Fairgrounds Coliseum-(Food, Taxables, NEW toys and NEW clothing donations accepted)- 236 Pennsylvania Ave. – Delaware, Ohio

**HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE BEGINS - MONDAY DEC. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru SUNDAY DEC. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Delaware County Fairgrounds Coliseum (363-6528) HOURS: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
NEW Toys, NEW Clothes, Food, Taxables and Monetary donations accepted

**SENIOR/DISABLED FOOD PACKS PACKING DAY - WEDNESDAY DEC. 5<sup>th</sup> HOURS: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**FAMILY FOOD PACKS PACKING DAY- SATURDAY DEC. 8<sup>th</sup> HOURS: 9:00 am - 12 noon**

**DECORATE COLISEUM and TOYLAND SETUP - SATURDAY DEC. 8<sup>th</sup> HOURS: 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm**

**DISTRIBUTION DAY for FAMILIES- \*\*\* SUNDAY DEC. 9<sup>th</sup> HOURS: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

### VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Help us bring the true meaning of the Holiday Spirit to Delaware County families with children and senior/disabled shut-ins this Holiday Season. If you are part of a large group/organization (4 individuals or more) and desire to be a part of a positive sharing experience, please call Kevin at 363-6284 with your service schedule and planned arrival.

\*\*\* (Due to the confidential nature of the HCH program volunteer minimum age requirement 15 years of age and/or 9<sup>th</sup> grade in school on Distribution Day only.)

Remaining Clearing House food and monetary donations are Board allocated to the People in Need Emergency Assistance programs to be restricted for Direct Services only throughout the coming year.

As a United Way of Delaware County agency  
People in Need, Inc. is able to provide direct services  
through the Holiday Clearing House Program.

HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE  
P.O. BOX 962  
DELAWARE, OHIO 43015  
363-6284

## Delaware Crop Walk 2007 a Huge Success!

This year's annual Crop Walk took place on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> with temperatures approaching the low 90's and humidity to match. It was a challenging day for the 6k walk, but many of the 190+ walkers reflected on the fact that the unusually hot conditions were not unlike those which many people in developing countries must endure every day. Little did they know that this year's event would surpass even the organizing committee's expectations. At latest report, the total dollars raised has exceeded \$13,000 which is at least \$4,000 more than last year! Twenty-Five percent of the proceeds will return to the Delaware Community to support the work of People In Need, (PIN). The rest of the funds support the work of Church World Service, [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) a non-denominational organization which focuses on sustainable projects to fight hunger, disaster relief, and refugee relocation.

Ohio Wesleyan students raised a total of \$1,375 for the event with teams from Kappa Phi, Sisters United, Chi Phi, Circle K, CLEAR, Pan Hel, FCA, Jubilee, and Campus Crusade for Christ. For the second year in a row, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta raised the largest campus donation with a contribution of \$430. A big thank you to all the walkers, and especially to the members of Kappa Phi who provided volunteers for every aspect of the walk including registration, counting the pledges, and helping with the celebration after the walk.



## T.E.A.M. MENTORING

A Program of The Delaware County  
Juvenile Court

*Together Everyone Achieves More*



Do you like to play games, go out to eat, and hang out with kids? Can you spare 2 hours a week to be a mentor? TEAM Mentoring is a service learning program offered by the Delaware County Juvenile Court that matches mentors with Delaware county youth who are court-involved, as well as with kids who are at risk of becoming court-involved. Want to know more? Contact Patty Cram at 833-2678 for information about becoming a TEAM Mentor. Your help can make a valuable difference in the life of a child.



Delaware's Christmas Parade is Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 pm...

And MADD, (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will have an entry! They are looking for volunteers to assist with the float, as well as participate in the parade. MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking.

Please join in supporting and promoting the mission of MADD. So many people are affected by drunk driving, and underage drinking. They would like to have a large presence of supporters this year.

To participate contact Tabitha Bonifas at Victims Services (740) 833-2712

## Little Moments, BIG Magic!! Be a Willis Big Brother!!

Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for Ohio Wesleyan Students to become mentors for 5th and 6th grade boys at Willis Intermediate School. As part of a mutually rewarding relationship, Big Brothers will help to develop the social and educational needs of their Little Brothers, while forming a lasting friendship. The program meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 -5:00pm at Willis, which is located on William Street.

Are Tuesdays a problem? Lead Tutor/Mentors are needed on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays for after school tutoring programs at Conger and Woodward Elementary Schools from 3:15 to 5:00 pm.

Interested? Want to learn more? Contact Kerri Robe at BBBS at 740-369-2447 or Sue Pasters at Ohio Wesleyan University: 740-368-3084. (smpaster@owu.edu)



Andrew Miglietti and Little Brother, Thomas



**American  
Red Cross**

**The Delaware  
County Chapter of  
the American Red  
Cross...**

1. Is opening a new "store front" blood donation center in Lewis Center. Watch for further details in the near future.
2. Is looking for an American Sign Language Interpreter for Red Cross classes.

Contact Judy Domire to learn more:  
jdomire@delco-redcross.org

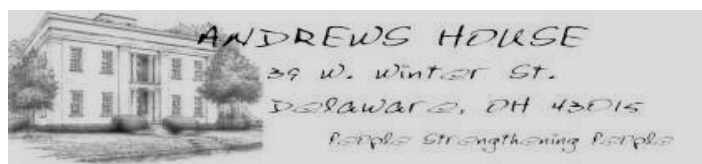
**Don't See the Right Opportunity  
for YOU?**

**Visit Connections  
The Volunteer Center of  
Delaware County**

**Located in Andrews House  
39 W. Winter Street  
(740) 363-5000**

**Get Connected !**

Happenings at the Andrews House...  
39 W. Winter St ~ Jill Lee, Director  
740-369-4520



- ♦ If you love kids and enjoy **First Fridays**, consider volunteering as a **children's activity helper!** You can help make ornaments, Christmas cards, or help with gift wrapping.
- ♦ **PAINT-A-TILE TUESDAYS!** For only \$5, you can create a piece of history by painting a tile at the Bare Bowl on any Tuesday from 4-8pm. Simply let the Bare Bowl know your tile is for the Andrews House and then create! The tiles will be used in a monumental Children's Community Wall at Delaware's Mingo Park. The Bare Bowl is located at 6 N. Sandusky St.
- ♦ **The Annual Christmas Bazaar** will require much assistance to continue to be a success. Volunteers will be especially needed on **Friday, November 30th** to help with the event. Donations of baked goods are also welcome!
- ♦ Volunteers are always needed and welcome to do landscaping, prep/serve/clean-up for free meals, as well as painting and cleaning projects in the building.
- ♦ Long-term volunteers are needed to provide legal assistance in the clinic, monitor the computer lab, teach computer classes, especially Microsoft Excel, and to do IT advising.
- ♦ **English/Spanish Interpreter** needed for computer classes on Mondays from 7 to 9 pm starting November 5th, 12, 26th, and December 3rd.
- ♦ **Wednesday Night Computer Lab monitor** needed...someone who can provide help and security for the lab while volunteers use it during evening hours.



### The Delaware Senior Nutrition Program and the Council for Older Adults need help

The Senior Nutrition program is a partnership with Grady Memorial Hospital that provides hot meals daily to older adults in their homes. The program delivers about 160,000 meals per year throughout the country on 25 different routes. As the Nutrition Program grows, more and more volunteers are needed, and **YOU CAN BE ONE OF THEM!** Volunteer drivers are needed from 11-1pm either short or long term any day Monday through Friday. Volunteers will receive training, mileage reimbursement and a free hot meal on the day they volunteer.

Don't have a car but still want to help? Local congregate meal site assistants are also needed to help with the nutrition program. The Council for Older Adults is also always in need of people who can provide help for small household chores and yard work. To get more information contact Amy Brown at [amyb@growingolder.org](mailto:amyb@growingolder.org) or call (740) 363-6677.

### The Global Village Collection ~ 37 N. Sandusky Street

**This unique downtown Delaware Store-With-A-Conscience provides a source for fair trade coffee, tea and beautiful hand-crafted items made by artisans from developing countries. All purchases provide the artisans with a fair-living wage, so if you do all your special Holiday gift shopping at the Global Village, you give twice!**

**You can also help by becoming a store volunteer, especially during the holiday rush. Applications are available at the store upon request.**



## Tutor/Mentors Are Needed for “(WS) 2” Program

(WS) 2 is a collaboration between William Street United Methodist Church and Willis Intermediate School and is facilitated by The Literacy Coalition of Delaware County. Volunteer Tutor/Mentors are needed Mondays and/or Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 pm to work with 5th and 6th graders in the after school program held at the church.

Responsibilities include supervising students through snacks, games, homework and clean up...as well as developing lasting friendships.

Interested parties should contact Teresa Milner at (740) 369-7401, or [ws2help@yahoo.com](mailto:ws2help@yahoo.com)

## **Come have FUN and Volunteer with Preservation Parks!**

Preservation Parks of Delaware County seeks responsible volunteers to assist in the nature centers. Enjoy a peaceful afternoon in the park and be the one to greet and host visitors at the McCoy Nature Center at Hogback Ridge Preserve or at the Nature Discovery Center at Galant Woods Preserve.



Weekday and weekend shifts are available from noon until 5 p.m. at both nature centers.

To help, contact Sandra Sklar,  
(740) 524-8600, ext. 6  
[saundras@preservationparks.com](mailto:saundras@preservationparks.com).

**Stratford Ecological Center** is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of children and adults in understanding the relationship between living things and their environment, hoping to foster an appreciation of the land and the life that depends on it. Stratford's goal is to act locally and think globally.

### **Stratford Ecological Center Also Has Volunteer Opportunities!**

The Center is always in need of volunteers to *work at its organic farm and education center*, teaching children about ecology on its 236 acres of nature preserve. Volunteer Guides lead children on tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Other volunteer opportunities include being part of an *Invasive Species Team*, or helping with *Landscape Upkeep*, or serving as a *Greenhouse Guru*, or as a *Famer's Helper*, or even as a *Saturday Receptionist*. To volunteer contact Jane Walsh at 362-2548 or email [secenter@aol.com](mailto:secenter@aol.com).



3083 Liberty Rd.  
Delaware, OH



## **The Salvation Army Wants YOU!**

**For the 2007 Christmas Kettle Campaign ~ Mid-November through December 24th**

The job is simple, but so important! Volunteers ring bells, greet and welcome shoppers while they stand at the red kettle and thank shoppers as they drop money in the kettle. You, and your group, can volunteer for 2 hour shifts or longer at a number of locations. (Limit is two volunteers at a time per site.) Call now and sign up! For more information, call Tine Streck at (740) 369-5301, or (740) 369-3102.

HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow counties provides support groups, community education and crisis advocacy.

Should you or anyone you know be a danger to themselves or others, please call the 24-Hour Hotline at 1-800-684-2324.

**HelpLine**  
Of Delaware & Morrow Counties, Inc.

Volunteers are needed to work on the 24-Hour Hotline, and to facilitate educational programs such as the new child assault prevention/empowerment program, and to help assault victims heal through the Sexual Assault Response Network, (SARN). Extensive training is required for all HelpLine programs. To learn more, contact Victoria Abbot-Swatloski at (740) 363-1835.

## Common Ground Free Store Ministries Fundraiser

November 29 & 30 ~ 11:00 am – 9:00 pm

at

**BACK ROADS**

Antiques, Gifts & Garden Center

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740.816.2078

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For More Information Please Contact: Bonnie @ 740.369.8150

[bonniefs@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bonniefs@columbus.rr.com)

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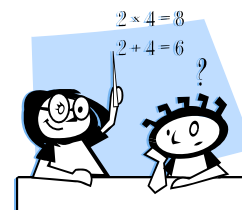


**The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's** main goal is to save lives, prevent injuries, and protect property and the environment from "All Hazards" – Natural, Manmade, or Terrorism. In the event of a disaster, we coordinate the county's resources and agencies to reduce the impact it has on the county. We strive to expedite the restoration of public services, the rehabilitation and recovery of individuals and businesses, and to return the community back to normal. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in our goal. Volunteers can help out in a variety of ways from general office work

(such as upkeep of the county resource manual that involves data entry and correspondence) to working with schools, businesses and the community. For further information on how you can help or about our agency, contact our office at 740-833-2180. Visit our website at [www.delcoema.org](http://www.delcoema.org)

## 21st Century After School Tutoring Program

Tutors and Mentors are needed for Elementary and Middle School Children at Conger and Woodward Elementary Schools and at Willis Intermediate and Dempsey Middle Schools to provide math and reading intervention, homework help and enriched learning activities. As a volunteer, you'll be matched with either a single student or a small group as they go through their after-noon. You'll help with homework and help with recreational activities while acting as a role model for your student(s). To apply, contact Cathy Silver at (740)833-1850 or email [silverca@dcs.k12.oh.us](mailto:silverca@dcs.k12.oh.us) or Karen Jackson at [jack-soka@dcs.k12.oh.us](mailto:jack-soka@dcs.k12.oh.us)



**Help a Child Succeed for Life...Become a Tutor !**



### Campus Calendar

November 12th ~ 7 pm  
**Dwight Tillery ~ The Healthcare Gap**  
(sponsored by Progress OWU)  
In Corns 312

November 17-25  
**Thanksgiving Break**

November 27th ~ 6 pm  
**Progress OWU Hunger Banquet**  
In the Ham-Will Benes Room

December 15-20  
**Final Exams**

January 14th, 2008  
**Classes Resume**

### Community Education Opportunities

November 13th ~ 9 am to 12:15 pm  
***Building Inclusive Communities:  
Focus on Latino Culture***  
Location: OWU Ham-Will Benes Room A  
Prior Registration Required (\$40)  
Contact HelpLine/Connections—363-5000

November 13th and 14th ~ 9 am to 4 pm  
**Bridges Out of Poverty**  
A two day training seminar sponsored by  
the Woodward Family Resource Center, et al  
Location: Church of Christ in Christian Union  
162 Belle Avenue  
Prior Registration Required (\$25)  
Contact Erin Brite—833-1619

**Pictured Below: Scenes from Willis Big Brothers Big Sisters  
More Big Brothers are needed! See Sue Pastors, HWCC-407, for an application.**

