

# Opportunity Knocks

Reporting on OWU Community Service Learning and Opportunities in Delaware and Beyond  
Ben Goodrum ~ Editor In Chief

## Making a Difference in the Season of Giving



Asian fair trade craft shop. Photo by [Sarah Backhouse](#), Green Living

November and December are generally cold months in Ohio. However, the warm giving spirit that so many people adopt around this time of year really makes up for the wind chill. If you are going to buy and exchange holiday gifts why not maximize your giving? No, I don't mean triple the number of items that you buy. I am asking you to think about investing in something that will be great for two parties at once.

Fair trade products are commodities made in emerging world countries whose profits increase the producer's income. When you purchase fair trade you are helping someone attain a higher standard of living. That is no small feat when you con-

sider the often shockingly low living standards in which many producers live and work. All too often, the people who actually put their sweat into the goods we buy end up with the lowest financial returns. Most profits go to the large corporations that they export through. With small profits it is sometimes very difficult even for the hardest workers to make enough to support their families.

Buying fairly traded gifts for your friends and loved ones can really make a positive difference in the world. Fairly traded craft work is a fantastic gift to give; the items are handmade and are produced largely by women. It is likely that any fair trade craft gift you buy was made by a woman in a developing country. A fair trade handcrafted piece of jewelry or clothing purchase could support and empower low-income women in developing countries. Fair trade gifts have the potential to put a smile on someone's face, and support efforts to promote economic stability and gender equality. Talk about a bang your buck! If you haven't already discovered it, Delaware's fair trade store is the Global Village Collection, located at 37 N. Sandusky Street.

There are, of course, many other ways to adopt the holiday spirit of giving without shopping at all. You can make a donation to a worthy cause that is close to your heart. And, you can also give the gift of your time. Consider the many service-learning and volunteer opportunities in the pages of this newsletter and on the OWU service learning website: <http://service.owu.edu/agencies>. Why not give your loved ones a home-made card that says something like this:

***"Instead of buying you a gift, I volunteered my time at the People In Need  
Holiday Clearing House so that others could have a happier holiday this year."***  
(Or, worked a shift at the Common Ground Free Store, mentored a child all semester,  
dorm-stormed for a cause, circulated an environmental petition...you get the idea.)

Believe me, this is a gift worth giving and receiving and, unlike that traditional tie or box of chocolates, a gift of your time is a gift that will warm your heart long into the coming new year.

Wishing you a warm and meaningful holiday season,  
~ Ben Goodrum, Editor

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## “Once in Afghanistan”

7:00 pm Tuesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Strand Theatre

28 Winter Street Delaware, Ohio

**You Are Invited** to a free public screening of this compelling new documentary, and the opportunity to participate in a discussion with one of the filmmakers and some of the Peace Corps Volunteers following the film.

“Returned Peace Corps Volunteers recall their experiences as female members of Afghan male vaccinator teams in the late 60s. The women vividly recall trying to convince the women to be vaccinated and their dependence on the Afghan counterparts and the people in the villages. Their stories and photographs go behind the walls where people of completely different backgrounds could recognize one another in spite of their differences.”



**“In a world in which messages of hate travel faster than ever before, this is a message of understanding.”**

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## OWU Hunger Banquet Part of Human Rights Week Events

What on earth is a ‘hunger banquet’? For those of you who haven’t had the experience, it’s a real-life simulation of the disparity that exists every day between economic and social classes. The objective of the simulation is to better educate people about the scope and severity of world hunger. The Hunger Banquet is based on Oxfam America’s role-playing dramatization designed to raise awareness through experiential learning surrounding a community meal. Upon entering the door of the “banquet”, individuals are randomly assigned to a socio/economic class. The food they receive and the manner in which it is served are reflective of their class. The meal is accompanied by an informative program, and is open to all.

This year’s event is sponsored by ProgressOWU, a student forum/activist collective for those interested in and motivated by progressive social reform. The hunger banquet will be held as a part of OWU Human Rights Week:



**Wednesday, December 3rd at 6 pm in the  
Benes Room of the Hamilton Williams Campus Center  
Admission is \$5 or 3 canned goods**

Other Human Rights Week Events are as follows:

**December 2nd - Noon - Performance Art Piece on Women’s Rights - Ham-Will Campus Center**

**7:00 pm - “Once In Afghanistan” - Strand Theatre (see story above)**

**December 4th - 7 pm - “Live from Death Row” - Presentation by Julien Ball of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty  
Ham-Will Campus Center Benes Rooms**

**December 6th and 7th - 3:00 pm both days - “The Shape of Water” - A documentary of five women from 4 countries and their heroic responses to environmental, cultural, economic and war issues. - Benes Rooms**

**December 9th - 7:30 pm - “Small Fortunes”- film about big impact of micro-credit - Sponsored by SIID - Beeghly Library  
AV Center (lower level)**

**December 10 - 6:30 pm - “Human Trafficking Teach-In” - Kathleen Davis, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center,  
And Yvonne Zimmerman, METHESCO - Ham-Will Benes Rooms**



## HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE 2008

presented in accordance with the

### PEOPLE IN NEED, INC.



#### HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE CITY/COUNTY FOOD DRIVE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th - HOURS: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Delaware County Fairgrounds Coliseum - 236 Pennsylvania Ave. – Delaware, Ohio

(Food, Taxables, NEW toys and NEW clothing donations accepted)

#### HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE 2008 BEGINS - Monday, December 8th thru Sunday, December 14th

Delaware County Fairgrounds Coliseum (740) 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. 10th**

**HOURS: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**FAMILY FOOD PACKS PACKING DAY- Saturday, DEC. 13th**

**HOURS: 9:00 am - 12 noon**

**DECORATE COLISEUM and TOYLAND SETUP - Saturday, DEC. 13th**

**HOURS: 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm**

**DISTRIBUTION DAY for FAMILIES - \*\*\* Sunday, DEC. 14th**

**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 (740) 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.

**HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE  
P.O. BOX 962  
DELAWARE, OHIO 43015  
(740) 363-6284**

Supported by the

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**Due to the current economic downturn, we are experiencing a dramatic increase in the numbers of people seeking assistance for their most basic daily needs. Please consider donating canned goods, new toys and clothing, as well as financially to help those in need, this Holiday Season, and beyond  
PEOPLE IN NEED ~ 274 N. Sandusky Street ~ (740) 363-6284**

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



Working with the Victim Services Unit is a great opportunity to learn about the criminal justice system and the role of victim services, network with several important organizations, and to learn and use practical professional skills. We offer internships and volunteer opportunities year round, and students from a variety of academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

For volunteer information, contact Adrienne Bruce at (740) 833-2710 or [ABruce@co.delaware.oh.us](mailto:ABruce@co.delaware.oh.us)

## Live United!

Please support the United Way of Delaware County. Your pledge helps to underwrite the work of many of the agencies and programs featured in this newsletter.

Without all of us working together, the quality of life in Delaware County would rapidly decline. And now, more than ever, we need to dig deep to help meet critical needs and to support Delaware area families and senior citizens. To learn more about the vital work of the United Way, visit their website at: <http://www.uwaydelaware.org/>

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**GLOBAL VILLAGE**  
COLLECTION

## Global Village Adopt-A-Shift Program

37 N. Sandusky Street

If you are not familiar with us, we are a non-profit, volunteer-staffed retail store filled to overflowing with amazing and unique hand-crafted Fair Trade items. Our main goal is to promote Fair Trade practices and to improve the economic welfare of Third World artisans and farmers by marketing their handicrafts. Purchases made at our store help provide a sustainable and fair economic system for the artisans and farmers who would not otherwise have access to our marketplace. Fair trade is not about charity. It is a holistic approach to trade and development that aims to alter the ways in which commerce is conducted, so that trade can empower the poorest of the poor. Fair Trade Organizations seek to create sustainable and positive change in developing and developed countries.

As we are volunteer staffed, we are looking to fill some of our shifts with members of service organizations such as yours. This typically works for weekend shifts—Saturday shifts are 11-1 p.m., 1-4 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Sunday shifts are 12-2 and 2-4 p.m. In the past, we have had organizations “adopt” a shift—say Sundays from 2-4—and commit to filling it with two of their members on a rotating basis. This could also be done in conjunction with another organization.

I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you!

e-mail: [volunteers@globalvillagecollection.org](mailto:volunteers@globalvillagecollection.org)  
website: [www.globalvillagecollection.org](http://www.globalvillagecollection.org)



This Holiday Season, give a gift that also makes a difference for others. Shop at the Global Village Collection where every purchase supports the livelihood of artisans working to make a fair living wage in developing countries. There are tons of unique and beautiful items to choose from which are sure to please your loved ones.



Andrews House invites you to our

# CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD

- \* **Huge Christmas Cookie Sale**
- \* **Silent Auction, 20+ items:**  
Behind the scenes Zoo Tour  
Spa day at Charles Penzone  
OSU memorabilia
- \* **Raffle:** Beautiful stained glass  
nativity, Colorful quilt, Painting
- \* **Baked Goods:** breads, jellies,  
desserts and more
- \* **Stained Glass:** sun catchers,  
wine bottle cheese plates
- \* **And more!**

*Supporters include:*  
Emerson Network Power, PPG, JEGS,  
Oberfield's, Haller Financial Services,  
Oakland Nursery, Liberty Castings

**Saturday,  
December 6, 2008  
9am-4pm**

**Andrews House  
39 W Winter St, Delaware**

Additional  
information available online at  
[www.andrewshouse.org](http://www.andrewshouse.org)



***Andrews House Want COOKIES! Andrews House NEED Cookies!***

Please consider donating your delicious home-made cookies to our annual holiday fund raiser. Simply deliver your cookies to 39 W. Winter Street on December 5th so they can be sold at the "Christmas Cupboard" bake sale. ***Cookies! Yum!***

## You Can Still Be A Willis Big Brother!!

The Willis Big Brothers program is recruiting males who can be friends and role models for 5th & 6th grade boys for next semester. The Willis Big Brothers program doesn't require much. All you need is to be free on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 to 5:15. A typical day starts with homework and snacks, followed by games in the gymnasium. Willis Intermediate School, is within easy walking distance of campus on W. William Street, adjacent to Dominoes Pizza, across from Tim Horton's.

Applications are available in the Community Service Learning Office in Ham-Will room 407, or via e-mail. For obvious reasons, there is a required background check and program orientation session.

~ Interested? Want to learn more? Contact Kerri Robe at BBBS at 740-369-2447; or Sue Pasters at Ohio Wesleyan 740-368-3084, <[smpaster@owu.edu](mailto:smpaster@owu.edu)>



***Willis Big Brothers is fun!***

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***Big Brothers Big Sisters is a United Way Agency***

**Council for  
Older Adults**  
OF DELAWARE COUNTY

## Delaware Senior Nutrition Program & Council for Older Adults Need Help

The Senior Nutrition program provides hot meals daily to older adults in their homes. The program delivers about 160,000 meals per year throughout the county 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, as well as Café kitchen assistants, meal labelers, etc.

**The Council for Older Adults** is also always in need of people who can provide help for small household chores and yard work. Also, you can design an **internship** with the Council.

To get more information contact Amy Brown at [amyb@growingolder.org](mailto:amyb@growingolder.org) or call (740) 363-6677.

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## Stratford Ecological Center ~ 3083 Liberty Road

Stratford is an organic working farm devoted to environmental awareness and appreciation. Among its many goals is the implementation of an environmental education program.

To volunteer contact Jane Walsh at 363-2548 or email [SECVolunteer@aol.com](mailto:SECVolunteer@aol.com)

To learn more about classes & events visit [www.StratfordEcologicalCenter.org](http://www.StratfordEcologicalCenter.org)



**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** is offering a free workshop for the **Stewards of Children** program – a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and motivates them to courageous action. (*\*three CEU's provided for counselors and social workers*)

**When:** January 12, 2009

**Where:** Delaware Hayes County Building  
140 N. Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH

**Time:** 9:30 am. To 12:30 p.m. ~ **Cost:** FREE

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*The Common Ground Free Store Ministries is a partnership between Delaware churches, businesses, civic organizations and caring citizens. We believe God's mercy doesn't come with a price tag. Together we have established a warm and welcoming store run by volunteers where everything is available to everyone free of charge—from clothing, shoes, diapers and linens, to small appliances, books and toys. There are no income requirements, no questions and no scrutiny—only the support of people who care. Everyone is on common ground.*

There are many immediate and on-going volunteer opportunities for Ohio Wesleyan Students at Common Ground, **especially on Mondays** – helping to run the store, sorting clothing, re-stocking racks and shelves, and providing hospitality by greeting shoppers or helping to serve food. Students interested in getting involved with the Free Store should contact Bonnie Ristau at [bonniefs@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bonniefs@columbus.rr.com) or call the store and leave a message at (740) 369-3733. The store is located at 193 E. Central Avenue here in Delaware.

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



“(WS) Squared” is a collaborative partnership between William Street United Methodist Church, Willis Intermediate School and The Literacy Coalition of Delaware County. Volunteer Tutor/Mentors are needed Mondays and/or Thursdays from 3:15 to 5:00 pm to work with 5th and 6th graders in the after school program held at the church, 28 W. William Street.

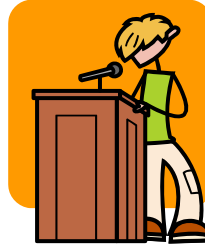
Responsibilities include supervising students through snacks, games, homework and clean up...as well as developing lasting friendships.

Interested parties should contact Abby Ward at (740) 816-1898, or <ws2help@yahoo.com>

**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.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance  
(VITA)**

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), provided by the Delaware County EITC Coalition, offers free income tax preparation services for low to moderate income individuals and families with combined income of \$54,000 or less. As a volunteer for this program, you will receive training in a classroom or online and become IRS certified to prepare tax returns. This free service provides Delaware County tax payers the opportunity to bring more money back into their household budgets by maximizing available tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Additional Child Credit. Enhance your resume with tax preparation certification and volunteer experience. It also allows you to apply your tax and accounting training to real world situations and to provide a free service to eligible tax filers in need of your help. The tax preparation site is located at the Woodward Family Resource Center at 200 S. Washington St. in Delaware. Services will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm from January 15, 2009 to April 15, 2009. To volunteer please contact Diana Rice at 740-369-3184 or vitamanager@caodmu.org

**BE A VITA VOLUNTEER**

**One hour of your time  
could help a single mother of two get an  
Earned Income Tax Credit of up to  
\$4,824.00!**

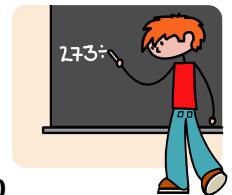
**21st Century After School Learning  
Centers**

Do you have a free afternoon any day of the week? You could make a significant contribution to a child's academic success by becoming an after school tutor at:

- Conger Elementary (3:30 to 5:30 pm)

- Woodward Elementary, (3:30 to 5:30 pm), or

- Dempsey Middle School, (2:30 to 5:30 pm)



Volunteer Applications are available in the Community Service Learning Office, (Ham-Will 407).

Or contact Program Coordinator, Cathy Silver at (740) 833-1850; or e-mail <silverca@dc.k12.oh.us>

(background checks required for this service site)

**Turning Point**

**Domestic Violence Shelter**

[www.turningpoint6.com/](http://www.turningpoint6.com/)

*Help Increase Awareness ~ Help Save Lives*

Contact Joyce Johnston 740-382-8988,

[jjohnston@turningpoint.com](mailto:jjohnston@turningpoint.com)

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### November

11/22 - 11/30

OWU Thanksgiving Break

### December

12/2

"Once in Afghanistan"

7 pm - Strand Theatre (pg.2)

12/2-12/10

OWU Human Rights Week (pg.2)

12/3

OWU Hunger Banquet

Ham-Will Campus Center Benes

Room - 6pm - \$5 or 3 canned

goods (pg. 2)

12/6-14

PIN Food Drive and Holiday

Clearing House Event (pg. 3)

12/12 OWU Last Day of Classes

12/13 - 12/18

OWU Exams & End of Term

### January, 2009

1/12 OWU Classes Resume

1/12

"Stewards of Children"

Hayes County Building

9:30 am-12:30 pm (page 6)

1/19

Martin Luther King Day

1/21

Community Service RoundTable

Noon - Ham-Will Benes Room A

### February

2/26 Habitat for Humanity

"Soups For Shelter"

St. Mary's School - 66 E. William

4:30 - 7:30 pm

### March

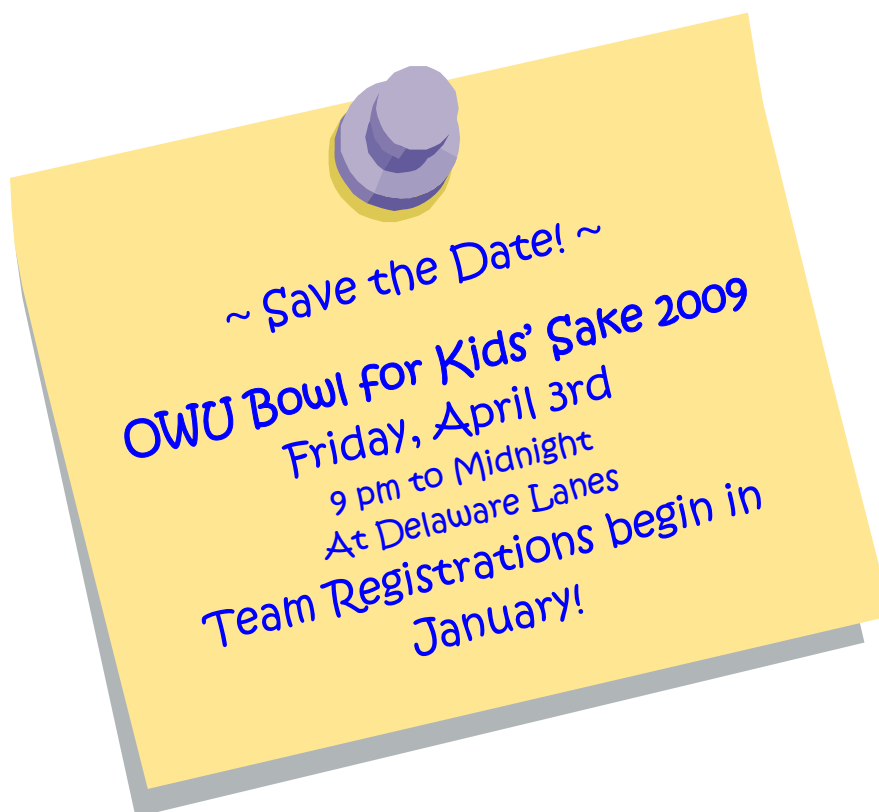
3/7-15

OWU Spring Break

3/27-28

OWU "Relay for Life" 2009

Gordon Field House



Dear Editor,

Often community service provides instant gratification for those dedicating their time. The nature of environmental service however is limited in its short-term rewards. After your decision to ride a bike instead of driving an SUV, you will merely have sore thighs, with no obvious reward for your workout. It is difficult to even fathom how your simple carbon reduction can positively affect the world. After all, there is a 30-year time lag between our carbon emissions and the effects we feel from them. It takes detailed knowledge of the atmosphere to have faith that your efforts are not in vain. That is why it is the role of institutes of higher education to be at the front of climate change issues. It is OWU's duty to lead the world by example.

OWU is currently taking this step. The Environment & Wildlife Club and Tree House are circulating a petition entitled "OWU Students for Environmental Responsibility." It calls on the OWU Board of Trustees and administration to create environmental policy that addresses the myriad problems our environment is facing. After 800+ students have signed the petition in 6 days, the group has decided to expand it to faculty, staff, administration, and community members. E-mail [bandw.owu@gmail.com](mailto:bandw.owu@gmail.com) to request a full electronic copy of the petition or to voice your support.



Jack Stenger

Jack Stenger '10, Moderator  
Tree House - Small Living Unit

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