

# Opportunity Knocks

Reporting on OWU Community Service Learning & Opportunities in Delaware and Beyond  
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## Kappa Phi Grows Through Faith and Service



From left to right: Sarah Murphey, Emily Esker, and Cara Donisi at their Fall Retreat.

You may have seen them selling duct tape roses in Ham-Will last year to raise money for a cause, or registering participants at the annual Crop Walk, or maybe even showing support for Colleges Against Cancer by dressing to the theme of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" for the 2009 *Relay for Life*. They are the members of Ohio Wesleyan's Kappa Phi!

Kappa Phi is a national women's Christian organization dedicated to service, worship, fellowship, and study. The Ohio Wesleyan chapter has existed since 1988 and currently has 26 members. Junior Sarah Murphey, Vice-President/Pledge Educator, says, "My favorite part of Kappa Phi is that it is a place where I feel I can be the Christian that I'm called to be. I can express my love for others through service, I am supported and encouraged by my sisters, and I can explore my relationship with God alongside my peers." The group meets weekly and alternates between worship, socials, and

service. They have dedicated time to serving the OWU and Delaware communities through a variety of projects. They have volunteered with Preservation Parks at the annual Trick-or-Treat Trail since 2006, during which the members dress up in kid-friendly Halloween costumes and pass out candy to visitors along the trail. "I think Trick-or-Treat Trail is a favorite for Kappa Phi. Everyone really enjoys dressing up in fun costumes and being a part of the nature trail," says Service Chair Erin Gursky. A new favorite is making warm sleeping bags from old blankets, which they started this year at their fall retreat. They donated the bags to Share, an organization that goes out into the streets to distribute the bags to those in need. During Good Samaritan Week in 2009, the group made pizzas and played games with the residents of the Willow Brook Christian Village, baked cookies for students at the OWU library, and raked leaves for Chaplain Powers. Throughout the year they volunteer to cook and serve dinner at the Andrews House for the Third Thursday free dinner program, and they raise money to donate to various charities at the end of the year.

The members of Kappa Phi strive to make a difference in their community while strengthening their faith and friendships. Senior Melody Maxwell has been a member for four years and is currently President. "The club is a great support for me and lots of fun to be involved with. When we meet there is so much laughter and yet we serve in many different ways and worship together in the process. I enjoy being able to attend a meeting one week to worship and the next week to do a service project." Kappa Phi maintains its commitment to service in a variety of ways, including doing service projects at weekly meetings and volunteering with Delaware organizations. Says Murphey, "Service is certainly a main pillar of Kappa Phi, and it shares that place with worship and spirituality. Service is always present in Kappa Phi. While we may not necessarily do a project at every meeting, that is always our aim. We believe that by nourishing our relationship with God, we may hone our abilities and willingness to serve those He loves."



Members sew a sleeping bag from old blankets to donate to Share.

# OWU Serves During the Season of Fright!

Members of the OWU community participated in a variety of service projects throughout October and early November.

## Chi Phi Haunted House a Success!

On October 29-31, Chi Phi hosted their 25th Annual Haunted House. The house took three weeks to set up and three days to tear down, but the event was a big success. In three days the brothers scared 635 students and community members and collected over \$3000, which will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters.



*From left to right: Abe Gustavson, Maria Fullenkamp, and Tom Hellmuth dress to scare at the Haunted House.*

## Kappa Phi Haunts Trick-or-Treat Trail

Trick or Treat Trail took place at Gallant Wood Preserve on Sunday, October 26. The day was a great success with over 400 people in attendance. Eight Ohio Wesleyan Kappa Phi members dressed in kid-friendly costumes and handed out candy along the half mile treat trail. Junior Sarah Murphey said, "It's so fun to dress up and play into your character's role; the delighted expressions on the kids' faces when they come around the corner and discover you with a bucket of candy is the best!" This was the fourth year Kappa Phi has volunteered with this event.



**Members of Kappa Phi dressed in their Halloween costumes for the 2009 Trick-or-Treat Trail.**



**Adrienne Found (right), dressed as a cat, passes out candy to Preservation Park trail-goers.**



## Trick-or-Treat Street with the SLUs

Despite modifications to the rules due to H1N1 in Delaware, the annual Trick-or-Treat Street was still a go! Although the participating SLUs could not take trick-or-treaters through their houses, most still decorated the outsides of their houses. The Inter Faith House designed a Costa Rican Rain Forest theme, with hummingbird, monkey, and butterfly decorations on their porch and front yard. The members of the Peace and Justice House dressed up in costumes and handed out candy to trick-or-treaters. Emma Edwards, moderator of the Creative Arts House, created a backyard maze as her house project. The Modern Foreign Language House and Buildings and Grounds donated materials, and the Tree House and House of Thought helped build it. SLU members hid in the maze to scare participants and gave out candy at the end. Even OWU President Rock Jones participated in the Halloween fun of Trick-or-Treat Street!

## Phi Psi Clears Out the Clutter

On November 1, the members of Phi Psi filled 28 trash bags while leaf raking at the Andrews House, a community center that provides hospitality, education, and advocacy for individuals and families in the community.



Justin Miller helps dig up a stump to clear the way for the supports for an access ramp.



The brothers of Phi Psi gather outside the Andrews House after an afternoon of leaf raking.

## Sigma Chi “Digs” Service

On Saturday, November 14th, several brothers of Sigma Chi helped dig post holes for the construction of a wheel chair ramp at a Delaware resident's home.



### OWU Winter Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 2nd ~ 10am-5pm ~ Ham-Will Benes Rooms  
Go to [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) to schedule an appointment...

Or contact OWU Circle K Service Chairs Caitlin Kelly & Heather Werling.

**People In Need, Inc.**  
**HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE 2009**  
**FOOD, New TOYS and New CLOTHING Drive**  
**DELAWARE CO. FAIRGROUNDS COLISEUM**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
Donations will be accepted at

- \*\* Delaware Co. Fairgrounds Coliseum - 236 Pennsylvania Ave.
- \*\* Delaware City and Delaware County Fire Departments
- \*\* Hayes Colony Apartment Complex – 470 McKinley Ln., Delaware
- \*\* Londontown Apartment Complex – 300 Chelsea St., Delaware

**PLEASE NOTE:**     **All children must be accompanied by and/or supervised by Troop Leaders, Organization Leaders, Parents or Guardians at all times.**

For further information call **HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE** at 363-6528 (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>) or **PEOPLE IN NEED, Inc.** at 363-6284

<b>HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE BEGINS -</b>	<b>MONDAY DEC. 7<sup>th</sup> thru</b>	<b>SUNDAY DEC. 13<sup>th</sup></b>
Delaware County Fairgrounds Coliseum** (363-6528)		<b>HOURS: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm</b>
NEW Toys, NEW Clothes, Food, Taxables and Monetary donations accepted		
<b>SENIOR/DISABLED FOOD PACKING DAY -</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY DEC. 9<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>HOURS: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm</b>
<b>FAMILY FOOD PACKS PACKING DAY -</b>	<b>SATURDAY DEC. 12<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>HOURS: 9:00 am - 12 noon</b>
<b>DECORATE COLISEUM -</b>	<b>SATURDAY DEC. 12<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>HOURS: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION DAY for FAMILIES- ***</b>	<b>SUNDAY DEC. 13<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>HOURS: <u>8:30 am – 5:30 pm</u></b>

## VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Be a part of bringing the true meaning of the Holiday Spirit to Delaware County families with children and senior/disabled shut-ins this Holiday Season.

**\*\*\*(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.)**

**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.**



People In Need Is a United Way Agency  
138 Johnson Drive  
P.O. Box 962  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

**United Way  
of Delaware County**



## Volunteer with Preservation Parks!

**Nature Center Attendants** wanted at Deer Haven Preserve and Hogback Ridge Preserves. Greet visitors, answer questions, and distribute information about Preservation Parks while enjoying quality time relaxing with nature. Each shift is from noon– 5:00 p.m. Attendants build their own schedules using an on-line scheduling system.

Contact Sandra McBrearty at (740) 524-8600, ext. 6, e-mail [saundras@preservationparks.com](mailto:saundras@preservationparks.com), or complete a volunteer application on-line at our website [www.preservationparks.com](http://www.preservationparks.com)



## **BASKETBALL COACHES** **NEEDED**

### **Special Olympics of Delaware County**

is in need of 2 basketball coaches for our Men's Div 4 basketball team and an assistant coach for the Women's basketball team. The commitment for this would be 2 nights a week for practice beginning the 1st week of November, off for the holidays and then games/practice twice a week January through February or end of March, depending on tournament games. All practices and most home games are at Willis Middle School in Delaware.

Please contact Sharon Taylor at 740-272-2575 if you are interested.

(WS)<sup>2</sup> is a collaboration between the William Street United Methodist Church and Willis Intermediate School. The program is facilitated by the Literacy Coalition of Delaware County, and we are looking for energetic volunteers to assist 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders with homework. (WS)<sup>2</sup> sessions occur every Monday and Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the William Street United Methodist Church.

Responsibilities include supervising students through snacks, games, homework and clean up. Educational opportunities such as teaching activities, creating and implementing your own lesson plans can be arranged! We look forward to meeting you!

Interested parties should contact Abby Ward (740) 816-1898, or [ws2help@yahoo.com](mailto:ws2help@yahoo.com)



**Global Village Collection - 37 N. Sandusky Street**  
[www.globalvillagecollection.org](http://www.globalvillagecollection.org)

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. They are usually 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—like Sundays from 2-4—and commit to filling it with two of their members on a rotating basis.

e-mail: [volunteers@globalvillagecollection.org](mailto:volunteers@globalvillagecollection.org)  
Phone: (740) 363-6267

## **The Literacy Coalition of Delaware County**

The Literacy Coalition has multiple internship opportunities for the 2009-2010 school year. Interns will work closely with a Coalition Board Member and activities will include supporting the (WS)<sup>2</sup> after school homework help program, (see ad above), assisting with book drives and distributions, promoting literacy to the community, and assistance with research and evaluation of programs.

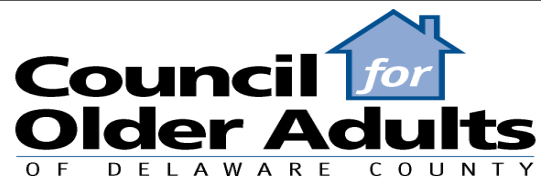
Hours are flexible and can be worked around the interns' schedules. Opportunities are ongoing. Submit a resume and one letter of recommendation to [tinayliteracy@gmail.com](mailto:tinayliteracy@gmail.com)

Tina Younoszai, Vice President  
Board of Directors  
The Literacy Coalition of Delaware County  
4565 Columbus Pike  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
740-816-3514



Let Us Help You, Help Others.....

## The Council for Older Adults will design an Internship to fit you!



The Food and Nutrition program provides hot meals daily to older adults in their homes. The program delivers over 190,000 meals per year throughout the county on 39 different routes. Volunteer drivers are needed from 11-1pm either long term any day Monday through Friday.

Volunteers are also needed as kitchen assistants to help label and get meals ready. You can volunteer one day per week between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Council for Older Adults is also in need of people or groups who can provide help for small household chores and yard work. Also, you can design an **internship** with the Council. We also have an opportunity to assist with chores at COA the first Saturday of each month.

To learn more, contact Amy Brown at [amyb@growingolder.org](mailto:amyb@growingolder.org) or (740) 203-2355.



**MEN CAN**  
CREATING CULTURES FREE FROM VIOLENCE  
**STOP RAPE** INC

**HelpLine of Delaware & Morrow Counties** is seeking college men to volunteer as facilitators and members of an organization called **MEN of STRENGTH (MOST)**. This organization is committed to ending violence against women and promoting healthy masculinity. MOST Club is a nationally recognized program established by Men Can Stop Rape. We will be working with local adolescent males serving probation in order to encourage leadership, responsibility, social action, and violence prevention.

To learn more about the MOST Club please visit the Men Can Stop Rape website at [www.mencanstoprape.org](http://www.mencanstoprape.org). To learn more about

HelpLine visit our website at [www.helplinedelmor.org](http://www.helplinedelmor.org). If you wish to join or need more info, please contact Okpara Newsum at 740-363-1835 or [ookafor-newsum@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:ookafor-newsum@helplinedelmor.org).



## Common Ground Free Store Ministries Annual Christmas Shopping Event Friday, December 4 (evening) and Saturday, December 5 (morning)

**Donations for:** infants/toddlers, elementary-age boys and girls, teen boys and teen girls, adult males and adult females

**Assemble stockings** of goodies (for children ages 4-8 years) for Santa to hand out

### Round up volunteers!

10-15 for setup on Thursday evening

25-30 volunteers Friday evening

25-30 volunteers Saturday morning

**We also need:** carolers, decorations, refreshments (dozens of cookies and bowls of punch), and elves

Located at 193 E. Central Avenue, **Common Ground Free Store Ministries** is a partnership between Delaware churches, businesses, civic organizations and caring citizens. They have established a welcoming store where everything is available to everyone free of charge, including clothing, linens, books, and toys. There are no income requirements, only the support of people who care.

**The Free Store** has shifts available to volunteer on Mondays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Thursdays 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm; and Saturdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. To sign up for a shift to work, contact Bonnie Ristau at (740) 369-3733, or [bonniefs@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bonniefs@columbus.rr.com). Tasks include helping to run the store, sorting clothing, re-stocking racks and shelves, greeting shoppers, or helping to serve food.

<http://www.commongroundfreestore.com/>

## VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

We need your help to prepare tax returns for tax payers in your County. Your contribution will help bring thousands of hard earned dollars back into the budgets of low-moderate income individuals and families.

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program was developed to assist tax filers in preparing tax returns for FREE. With the help of certified volunteers we can maximize credits to obtain the highest refund possible.

By volunteering you can enhance your resume with tax preparation and volunteer experience, and allows you to apply your tax and accounting training to real world situations. Free tax training and certification can be taken in a classroom setting or online at your convenience.

VITA is supported by The Internal Revenue Service and operated at multiple sites donated by local businesses and social service organizations.

To volunteer please contact Diana Rice @ Community Action 740-369-3184

## Fur Ball 2009

### *Tails of JOY*

Join the Humane Society of Delaware County on Saturday,  
December 5<sup>th</sup> for a spirited night of Entertainment, Auctions,  
and Food!



**Activities include:** live and silent auctions, Pet Fashion Show, local celebrities, comedians and magicians, animals from the Columbus Zoo, live music, dancing, and a gourmet dinner.

**Auction items include:** event tickets, vacation packages, autographed sports memorabilia, and gift certificates to dozens of local restaurants.

*Help support the Humane Society of Delaware County with a fun filled night of entertainment! Your friends will be there!*

Entertainment starts at 5:00pm and continues with dancing late into the evening. Register today to secure your ticket to the greatest animal welfare benefit in Ohio!

Fur Ball 2009 will be held at the Medallion Club,  
5470 Medallion Dr W Westerville, OH 43082.

To register, please call the Humane Society of Delaware County at 740/369-7387 or register on line at [www.HSDCOhio.org](http://www.HSDCOhio.org)!



## American Cancer Society ~ OWU Relay For Life

The Ohio Wesleyan Chapter of Colleges Against Cancer is seeking volunteers for the 2010 OWU Relay For Life event. Individuals interested in being a part of the volunteer planning committee should contact Jennifer Williams, <jmwillia@owu.edu> or Adrienne Found <amfound@owu.edu>. For more information please visit [www.relayforlife.org/owu](http://www.relayforlife.org/owu).

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Delaware, Ohio 43015

<http://service.owu.edu>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 21-29  
OWU Thanksgiving Break

November 26th, 12-2 pm  
Free Community Thanksgiving Meal  
William Street United Methodist

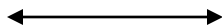
December 2nd - 10 am-5 pm  
OWU Red Cross Blood Drive  
Ham-Will Benes Rooms, (page 6)

December 5th  
People In Need Holiday Food,  
New Toys & New Clothing Drive  
(see page 5)

Humane Society Fur Ball, (page 7)

December 11th  
OWU Last Day of Classes

December 11-17  
OWU Final Exams



January 11, 2010  
OWU Classes Resume

January 18th  
Martin Luther King Day

January 27th  
OWU Blood Drive

**January 28th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
**OWU Winter Service Fair**  
Benes Room

March 6-14  
OWU Spring Break

**Friday, March 19th, 9 pm**  
**OWU BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE**  
Delaware Lanes



**Please recycle**

# OWU Winter Service Fair!

Thursday, January 28th

Noon to 1:00 pm

Hamilton Williams Campus Center - Benes Rooms

Delaware Area Agency Representatives,  
Service Organizations and Student Service Clubs  
are encouraged to reserve a table today!

Contact: Sue Pastors

(740) 368-3084

[smpaster@owu.edu](mailto:smpaster@owu.edu)

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



If you would like to advertise a service opportunity or provide a story about a project, email Kristen Lear at [opknocks@owu.edu](mailto:opknocks@owu.edu).