

# Opportunity Knocks

Reporting on OWU Community Service Learning & Opportunities in Delaware and Beyond  
Martha Park ~ Editor In Chief

## Service-Learning Spotlight on Dr. Richelle Schrock

Richelle Schrock, Ph.D. the director of the Women's and Gender Studies Department, came to Ohio Wesleyan in the Fall of 2008, and has quickly become a very active and involved member of the campus and community. Dr. Schrock says she has been "impressed with our students and their interest in social justice issues." She has been able to connect to the campus passion for community service and has brought this focus into the classroom. Dr. Schrock's research interests include Global Feminisms and Feminist Ethnography, and she is particularly interested in how women work together across cultural divides for social change. Professor Schrock taught a Sagan Course last spring called Gender and Immigrant Experience in which the class took on the responsibility of helping to resettle a Somali refugee family that had just moved to Columbus after living in a refugee camp in Kenya for almost twenty years. The students in Dr. Schrock's course collected all of the material goods the family would need for the first few months of their lives in the United States.



Dr. Schrock's Gender and Immigrant Experience class  
with the Somali family during a trip to the Columbus Zoo last Spring.

Through the course, Professor Schrock was able to combine her research interests with teaching. "My dissertation research focused on the Somali community in Columbus, so this was an excellent opportunity both for me and for the students. The Somali community is almost entirely Muslim, so the course helped students to examine the complexities of Muslim American identity in the post-9/11 era. "Gretchen Curry, a junior who took Dr. Schrock's Gender and Immigrant Experience class, was impressed by Dr. Schrock's commitment to the course, saying, "Dr. Schrock invested more personal time helping this family get established than she would ever let on. Her dedication to this family was admirable to say the least."

As the director of the Sagan National Colloquium, Dr. Schrock explains that she wanted to highlight OWU's growing focus on educating future leaders to meet the demands of a global society. Students who participate in the Fall lecture series as well as the Spring 2011 Sagan Fellows travel-learning courses will take away a more comprehensive understanding of what active citizenship means in the context of globalization. Dr. Schrock says, "I was very excited to have Gloria Steinem as one of our Sagan speakers and the response to her lecture was phenomenal. Students, staff, faculty members and Delaware community members remarked to me that they felt privileged to have her visit campus and found her lecture informative and inspiring."

Professor Schrock, though relatively new to Ohio Wesleyan, says she has found a home here, in a community with a growing emphasis on service-learning and social justice: "OWU is a place where students are engaged, motivated and passionate about addressing the multitude of challenges we face in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and that is why I am proud to call it home."

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## Agency Spotlight: The Humane Society of Delaware County

The Humane Society of Delaware County (HSDC), located just a short drive from Ohio Wesleyan, is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding homeless pets stable, permanent homes. HSDC is independent from national organizations and does not receive any government funding, but relies solely on donations.

In addition to offering care for pets in need of homes, HSDC offers a low-cost spay/neuter clinic for the community to help fight pet overpopulation. HSDC also offers a pet micro-chipping service to animals adopted from HSDC and other pets in the community. On November 13<sup>th</sup> HSDC hosted a Wellness and Rabies clinic, where people could bring their pets to have them examined by a vet, receive vaccinations for rabies and influenza, be micro-chipped, and be checked for fleas and ticks.

Pet Pals, an OWU club, has paired volunteers with HSDC for several years. Pet Pals volunteers can go to HSDC and walk the dogs or visit the cats, and can help out at adoption events and fund-raising events like the annual Fur Ball, which will take place in February. One of the recent changes someone visiting HSDC might notice is the newly fenced in front lawn, which allows so much extra space where dogs can run. Judy Orahood, who works for HSDC and for OWU says that this was a project in the works for a long time.



Junior Emily Knobbe makes a new friend at HSDC

“Because we run solely off of donations, ideas like the fenced-in front yard can take a long time to come into being. It’s important to give the dogs as much time outside as you can. It keeps them alert.”

Dogs left in too-small kennels can become neurotic or depressed and will pace or become lethargic or aggressive. At HSDC, kennels are relatively large and dogs are allowed outside for long periods of time in the pens and runs surrounding the building.

Orahood says, “Dogs are adopted pretty quickly, and kittens also have a good chance of being adopted, but adult cats often take longer. We have cats at the shelter right now that have been there over a year. Because we are a no-kill shelter and do not euthanize for space, we can’t accept new animals until others have been adopted.”

Some OWU students now work at HSDC, and volunteers from OWU have been a big help for HSDC in the past. HSDC hosts volunteer orientations on the first Saturday of every month at 10 am and the second Thursday of every month at 6pm. The Humane Society of Delaware County, 4920 State Route 37 East, is currently accepting applications for volunteer care staff positions. Individuals who demonstrate excellence will have priority consideration for available paid care staff positions.

Care staff responsibilities include, but are not limited to, all cleaning, care and enrichment tasks for the animal residents. Candidates must be able to lift 50 pounds. Submit availability with letter of interest or application to: **[managerhsrc@live.com](mailto:managerhsrc@live.com)**.

## Recent Philanthropy & Social Justice Events on Campus

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Peace and Justice House member Celeste Taylor, along with The Global Village Collection, co-sponsored a screening of the documentary, "The Dark Side of Chocolate", which chronicled horrific, often unknown aspects of the chocolate industry. The film focused primarily on forced child labor. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Peace and Justice House Moderator, Gabe Quick, also partnered with Global Village to present "Recycled Life," a film about Guatemalans living and working in a landfill and the struggle to provide education and care for their children. Students and community members were able to discuss the films and learn about specific products sold at The Global Village which serve to benefit organizations like The Safe Passage School in Guatemala.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, OWU students attended the campus's first "Up 'til Dawn" event to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Each student brought a list of addresses and then filled out letters asking relatives and friends to donate to St. Jude. Alexa von der Embse, who helped coordinate the event, was pleased with how it turned out: "Overall, the event went incredibly well, especially for a first-year event. We had such a great turnout from the entire student body, and we got a lot of positive feedback from a lot of people who had a great time while they were there." Zach Thomson, a former St. Jude patient who lives in Delaware, gave a short speech about St. Jude's impact on his life. Alexa says, "To hear from a young patient about his experiences at the hospital was moving for everyone in the audience, and we were so grateful that Zach and the rest of his family were able to come and speak at our event."



Students write letters for "Up 'til Dawn"

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Nearly 250 students, faculty, and community members attended Rohina Malik's Performance of "Unveiled". The audience gave her a standing ovation and asked thoughtful, probing questions after her performance, in which she portrayed four Muslim women from differing backgrounds and their experiences with discrimination. Chaplain Powers said after the program, "It occurred to me, 'Yes, our world is exploding with religious bigotry and hatred. But here at Ohio Wesleyan University, we offer a distinctly different worldview. Here at OWU, Jews, Christians, Muslims, and people of other world religious traditions live in respectful harmony. We do not do that by accident, but by deliberate intention. It has been a core of our religious heritage as Wesleyan Methodists since our beginning in 1842. Indeed, this open-hearted Wesleyan spirit is imprinted as our middle name.'"



On November 4<sup>th</sup>, students held a vigil in remembrance of the recent suicides of LGBT youth. Anthony Peddle, who helped coordinate the event, said "'Holding the vigil on our campus was very important and personal to me. I have personally seen [the effects of] bullying and suicide, and I felt it was an important event to hold to raise awareness of anti-gay bullying and suicide, not only in the LGBT community but in the college community.'" President Jones and Chaplain Powers both spoke at the event, and students took turns sharing stories of their experiences with suicide, depression, bullying, and LGBT issues. Anthony says he was pleased with the vigil: "Having such a great turn out for the vigil represented the community values Ohio Wesleyan has. OWU has such an amazing staff and student body who are always here for each other."



### HelpLine of Delaware & Morrow Counties, Inc.

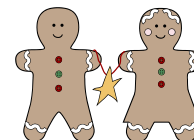
HelpLine is seeking college students to volunteer with the Sexual Assault Response Network (SARN) program and/or assist with our prevention efforts. SARN advocates assist survivors of sexual assault through immediate crisis intervention and resources. Prevention volunteers provide violence prevention programming to school age children. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at HelpLine, e-mail Shilo Gall, Volunteer Coordinator, at [sgall@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:sgall@helplinedelmor.org) or visit us online at [www.helplinedelmor.org](http://www.helplinedelmor.org).



## FOOD, NEW CLOTHING & NEW TOY DRIVE FOR HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE

The PIN Holiday Clearing House program is well underway. This annual community based program is successful because of the many, many donations that PIN receives from the community. This year, International Paper has donated boxes for the collection of food, new clothing and new toys. These boxes are easily identified as they have the PIN logo on them. If your business, civic organization, or group is interested in conducting a food, new clothing or new toy drive for the PIN Holiday Clearing House program, they would like to get boxes to you. Please contact Dorothy Spain at 740-363-6284 ext.100 for additional information.

### Holiday Clearing House 2010 Schedule of Events Delaware County Fairgrounds Coliseum - 236 Pennsylvania Avenue



**City/County Food Drive**  
**Saturday, December 4th**  
**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Holiday Clearing House Event Preparations**  
**Monday, December 6th - Friday, December 10th**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Family Food Packing Day**  
**Saturday, December 11th**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**Decorate Coliseum**  
**Saturday, December 11th**  
**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Distribution Day for Families**  
**Sunday, December 12th**  
**8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

If you are part of a group or organization which desires to be a part of a positive sharing experience, please contact PIN Executive Director, Kevin Crowley, 740-363-6284 ext.107 to schedule your service time, planned arrival, etc. Donations of new toys, new clothing, food, new toiletries and monetary gifts will be accepted through Saturday, Dec. 11th at the Fairgrounds Coliseum, or Delaware City / County Fire Departments. Thank You!



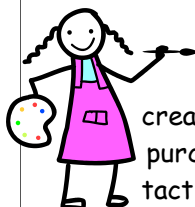
## Family Promise of Delaware County

**35 N. Washington Street**  
**740.362.7817**

**[www.familypromise-delawareohio.org](http://www.familypromise-delawareohio.org)**

Family Promise of Delaware County is an inter-faith hospitality network of local churches which provide emergency housing, meals and support services for families in need of temporary housing. Family Promise is committed to helping families achieve lasting independence. Students wishing to volunteer with this program can learn more by contacting Mery Kana-shiro, OWU's VISTA Volunteer, [mmkanash@owu.edu](mailto:mmkanash@owu.edu).

### ~ Important Fundraisers to Benefit Family Promise! ~



**1. Christmas Card Sale** - Children from the program have created beautiful holiday artwork which has been made into lovely Christmas Cards. Each card bears a short story about the child who created the artwork and information about the program. Each ribbon-tied package of 8 cards is \$10. To purchase cards, or to learn how your group/organization can sell cards to benefit Family Promise, contact Executive Director, Jennifer Dunkle at [jenniferdunkle@familypromise-delawareohio.org](mailto:jenniferdunkle@familypromise-delawareohio.org).

**2. "Strike Out Homelessness" Bowl-a-thon** - Friday, December 3rd at 9:00 pm at Delaware Lanes - Each bowler is asked to register in advance, and to collect a minimum of \$20 in pledges. Information/Pledge forms are available in the OWU Community Service Learning Office, (Ham-Will 407). For more details, call the Family Promise Office, (740) 362-7817, or e-mail Jennifer Dunkle.



## VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), provided Community Action Org., offers free income tax preparation services for low to moderate income individuals and families with combined income of \$52,000 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. To volunteer please contact Diana Rice at 740-369-3184 or [vitamanager@caodmu.org](mailto:vitamanager@caodmu.org).



## The Literacy Coalition of Delaware County Has Multiple Volunteer and Internship Opportunities

- Become a Homework Helper for (WS)2 After School Homework Help Program.
- Volunteer to help with a book drive and help get books into the hands of families and children in need.
- Become a Volunteer Tutor and help an adult with reading or English as a Second Language.
- Become a Literacy Advocate and help promote literacy in the community.

Hours are flexible. Specific responsibilities can be targeted to your interests and background. Depending on responsibilities, a background check may be required.

To learn more, contact Tina Younoszai, PhD,  
Vice President, Board of Directors, (740) 816-3514

E-mail: [info@delaware-reads.org](mailto:info@delaware-reads.org)

Web Page: <http://www.delaware-reads.org>

**Like** us at <http://www.facebook.com/LiteracyCoalitionOfDelawareCounty>




**A PLACE AT THE TABLE**

Delaware's Free Community Thanksgiving Meal

**Thursday, November 25  
12:00-2:00 p.m.**  
**William Street United  
Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
28 West William Street**

**For more details or to  
volunteer please call  
363-4741**

If you need transportation or would like take-out or delivery service, please call by November 12th.

## All Are Welcome at This Table.

Join us for a **FREE**  
Thanksgiving Meal

You are cordially invited to share a feast prepared just for you at Delaware's sixth annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner—A Place At The Table.

The dinner is hosted at William Street United Methodist Church, so bring your family and friends. Everyone's welcome. If you need a ride, please call the church by November 12th and we'll gladly arrange it for you.

If you'd be willing to set up, cook or serve, please call the church for more information.

We look forward to sharing the blessings of the season together!



## Stratford Ecological Center 3083 Liberty Road

**Farm & Nature Guides – (Weekday)** Stratford is dedicated to educating children and adults toward understanding the relationships between living things and their environment, thereby fostering an appreciation of the land and all life that depends on it. One of the volunteer opportunities that speak to this vision and mission is being a Farm & Nature Guide. We will train you.

**Farmer's Helper** - Being a Farmer's Helper may include animal chores, carpentry, fence building, preparing and maintaining the fields, and other farm maintenance and upkeep tasks.

**Receptionist - Weekdays & Saturdays** - This volunteer answers the phone, directs visitors to activities, trails & u-pick areas, and sells farm products. We are looking for volunteers to cover this area Monday—Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am-1pm.

**Trail Maintenance** - We are looking for volunteers who would like to help keep our trails clear of debris and easy to follow.

**Get Involved** - Stratford now has an active and involved volunteer-led group that works behind the scenes to make Stratford the best education center it can be. The purpose of the Volunteer Get-together is to offer an informal bi-monthly opportunity to all Stratford volunteers to build community, share expertise and work as a team to ensure the future of Stratford. All are invited to come and join in the discussions. Please call for dates and times.

Contact Jane Walsh at [SECVolunteer@aol.com](mailto:SECVolunteer@aol.com)  
or call 740-363-2548



**193 E. Central Avenue**  
**Delaware, OH 43015 - 740-369-FREE**  
**[www.commongroundfreestore.com/](http://www.commongroundfreestore.com/)**

## Common Ground Free Store Annual Christmas Shopping Event

In early December, William Street United Methodist Church will be the site of Common Ground's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Shopping Event. On Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> (5:30-7:30pm) and Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> (9:30am-12:00noon), we will be offering our registered shoppers the opportunity to shop for one brand-new item for each member of their family. The little ones will have the chance to sit on Santa's lap and receive a stocking full of goodies/ gift bag of treats. Refreshments will

be served and gift wrapping will be offered. Through this event, over 100 families will have a merrier Christmas!

It takes a village to pull off this event and make it a success, and there are a variety of ways that you can get involved:

### 1. Volunteer

#### A. On Thursday, December 2nd

1) We'll need people with trucks, large cars, from 4-5:30 – at least 6 - to pick up bins of Christmas items that we've been collecting and storing since last Christmas! ( there will probably be at least 60 bins!)

2) We'll need people – at least 15-20 – to set up for the event (5:30-7:30)

#### B. On Friday, December 3rd

1) We'll need 20-25 people to arrive at 4:30 – to allow time to assign jobs/ prepare for the event – to man the jobs needed to run the event. We'll serve our last shoppers at 7:15. Then we'll clean up and be able to head upstairs for the concert..

#### C. On Saturday, December 4th

1) We'll need 20-25 people to arrive at 8:30 – to allow time to assign jobs/ prepare for the event – to man the jobs for the event. We'll serve our last shopper at 11:45.

2) We'll need a clean-up crew of 8-10 to pack up items left over and take back to the store – or to Job and Family Services. We'll need 3-5 trucks to help us with this effort.



### 2. Donate NEW Items

- A. A huge need we have is for new Adult Men's gift items and/or Teen Boys and Teen Girls
- B. Gift Items for Infants/Toddlers
- C. Cookies and/or Punch for refreshments

**Contact Bonnie Ristau – [bonniefs@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bonniefs@columbus.rr.com) – if you/your group would like to lend a hand!**



**GLOBAL VILLAGE**  
COLLECTION



## The Global Village Collection

37 N. Sandusky Street

***Shop Locally, Think Globally!***

[www.globalvillagecollection.org](http://www.globalvillagecollection.org)

The Global Village Collection is the perfect place to do your holiday gift shopping. Not only is the store stocked with unique and beautiful hand-crafted items, but your purchase helps to provide a fair living wage to the artisans who create the items for sale, most of whom live and work in developing countries. The Global Village also stocks delicious fair trade coffees, teas, chocolate and other food items. The store is staffed by friendly volunteers who donate their time in support of this most worthy cause. If you haven't visited the Global Village Collection, you're in for a real treat.

To learn how you can become a Global Village Volunteer, e-mail [volunteers@globalvillagecollection.org](mailto:volunteers@globalvillagecollection.org), visit their website, or...better yet, drop by the store in person. You'll be glad you did!

**Volunteer in the parks and help Preservation Parks protect and preserve Delaware County's natural areas! Here are just a few ways:**

- **Take photos in the parks**, for use in brochures and other park media. You can do this on your own, or through the Preservation Parks Photo Club, which meets the second Sunday of each month, 1 p.m., at Deer Haven Preserve. Check the web site, under "Programs," for date and time updates.
- **Be a Nature Center Attendant** on weekday or weekend afternoons. You'll greet visitors and answer questions — AND you'll have time to do school work. There are 2-1/2 hour shifts available noon-5 p.m. every day at Deer Haven Preserve, and noon-5 p.m. weekends at Hogback Ridge Preserve.
- **Lead Hound Hikes**. Upcoming dates are Dec. 5 & 19, and Jan. 9 & 23. Hikes are Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. in various parks.

For more information or to learn about other opportunities, contact Sandra McBrearty at 740-524-8600, ext. 6, or at [saundras@preservationparks.com](mailto:saundras@preservationparks.com). Visit [www.preservationparks.com](http://www.preservationparks.com) for information on parks, programs and events.



If you have the heart to serve the homebound older adults in Delaware County, please come to the Council for Older Adults Open House to learn more about our volunteer opportunities. We have many ways volunteers can help out, whether it's one or two individuals, families or even small groups! Refreshments and tours available.

**When:** Thursday, November 18  
**Time:** 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Council for Older Adults -  
800 Cheshire Road - Delaware, Ohio

Call Amy Brown at (740) 363-6677 or e-mail her at [amyb@growingolder.org](mailto:amyb@growingolder.org) for more information or to RSVP.

~ *"Winter At William Street" ~ A Christmas CD like no other...*

Available for sale - \$12 - at William Street United Methodist Church, 28 W. William Street  
~Hear the music performed live! Free Concert on Friday, December 3rd at 8:00 pm at the Church~  
All proceeds from the sale of the CD benefit the community outreach work of Andrews House and William Street UM Church. Call 740-363-4741 for concert details, or to order a CD.



**American Red Cross**

Sponsored by Circle K and  
Alpha Sigma Phi

**OWU Blood Drive - Wednesday, December 1st - 10 am to 4 pm  
Hamilton Williams Campus Center - Benes Rooms A & B**

Did you know that one pint of blood can save up to three lives? Give the gift of life by donating blood! You can schedule your time to donate by calling 1-800-RED CROSS, or on-line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or by dropping by the Ham-Will atrium at noon when members of OWU's Circle K and Alpha Sigma Phi are tabling.



## The Salvation Army is looking for Holiday Bell Ringers!

The money raised through this service provides about 75% of the total budget for food pantry, clothing vouchers, church and family programs. There are 11 bell-ringing locations throughout Delaware County. Hours begin from 10 a.m. and end at 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. To learn more, contact Suzanne Pingry at Connections, 740-363-5000, or [spingry@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:spingry@helplinedelmor.org).

Ohio Wesleyan University  
Community Service Learning  
40 Rowland Avenue  
Ham-Will Room 407  
Delaware, OH 43015

<http://service.owu.edu>

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### November 18th

Council for Older Adults Open-House  
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#### November 20-28th - OWU

Thanksgiving Break

#### November 25th - Thanksgiving

Free Community Dinner, (page 5)

#### December 1st - OWU

Blood Drive (page 7)

#### December 3rd

"Winter at William Street" (page 7)

#### "Strike Out Homelessness"

(see Family Promise, page 4)

#### December 4th

-PIN City/County Food Drive, (page 4)

- Andrews House Christmas Cupboard

- Women's City Club Festival of Trees

#### December 6th-12th

PIN Holiday Clearing House, (page 4)

#### December 10th - OWU

Fall Semester Last Day of Classes

#### December 13-16 - OWU

Fall Semester Final Exams

#### January 10, 2011 - OWU

Classes Resume

## Andrews House CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD

*100% of proceeds benefit Andrews House*

**Saturday, December 4, 2010**

**9am-3pm**

**Andrews House**

**39 W Winter St, Delaware**

### Huge Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale

#### Silent Auction

*including:*

- \* Blue jackets tickets & parking
- \* Flat screen TV
- \* Gift Certificates: Mad River Mountain, Ohio Outdoor World, Laptop Guy and more!
- \* OSU memorabilia & game tickets

#### Raffle Tickets

- \* Arizona condo, one week
- \* "A Night at the Museum" - overnight for 6 kids, 2 adults at Ross Art Museum. Movie, pizza and donuts included.
- \* Stained glass eagle 22.5x27"
- \* Stained glass nativity

#### Stained Glass Sale

- \* Beautiful sun catchers including birds, dogs, angels
- \* Yard art
- \* Wine bottle cheese plates
- \* jewelry

*Also on December 4th...*

#### The Festival of Trees

**12:00 - 9:00 pm**

**The Women's City Club**

**135 N. Franklin Street**

A silent Auction featuring Christmas Trees decorated by local artists, families, businesses and organizations. Proceeds will benefit Andrews House & The Women's City Club

To advertise a service opportunity, or to provide a service-related story or picture, email Editor, Martha Park at [opknocks@owu.edu](mailto:opknocks@owu.edu).