

Opportunity Knocks

A Newsletter of the Ohio Wesleyan University Chaplaincy and Community Service Learning Office

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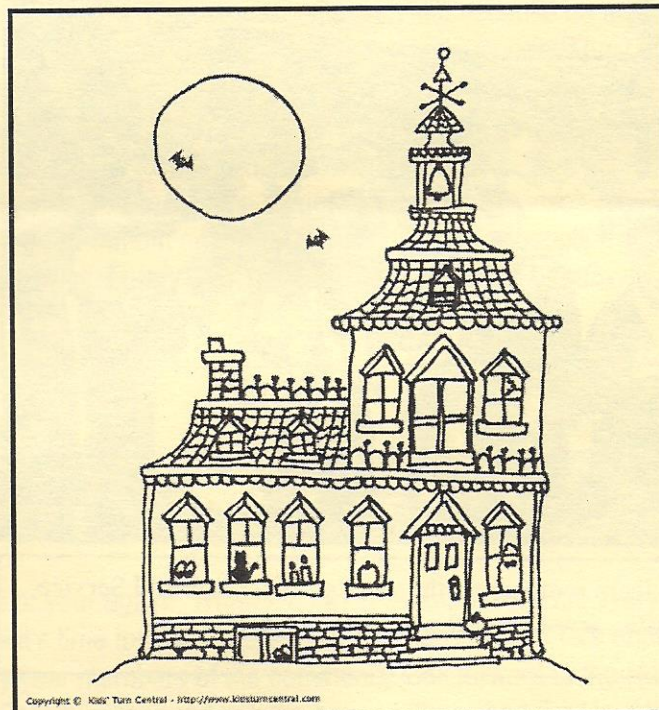
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Chi Phi's 19th Annual Haunted House



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THURSDAY
OCTOBER 30th
8 PM - 11 PM

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 31ST
8 PM - 1 AM

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST
8 PM - 1 AM

ADMISSION: \$6 ADULT, \$4 FOR KIDS 12 & UNDER

BRING A CANNED GOOD AND SAVE \$2

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO Delaware County *BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS*

CANNED GOODS WILL GO TO PEOPLE IN NEED

Chi Phi is Located at 216. N. Franklin Street

(Across from Asbury United Methodist Church)



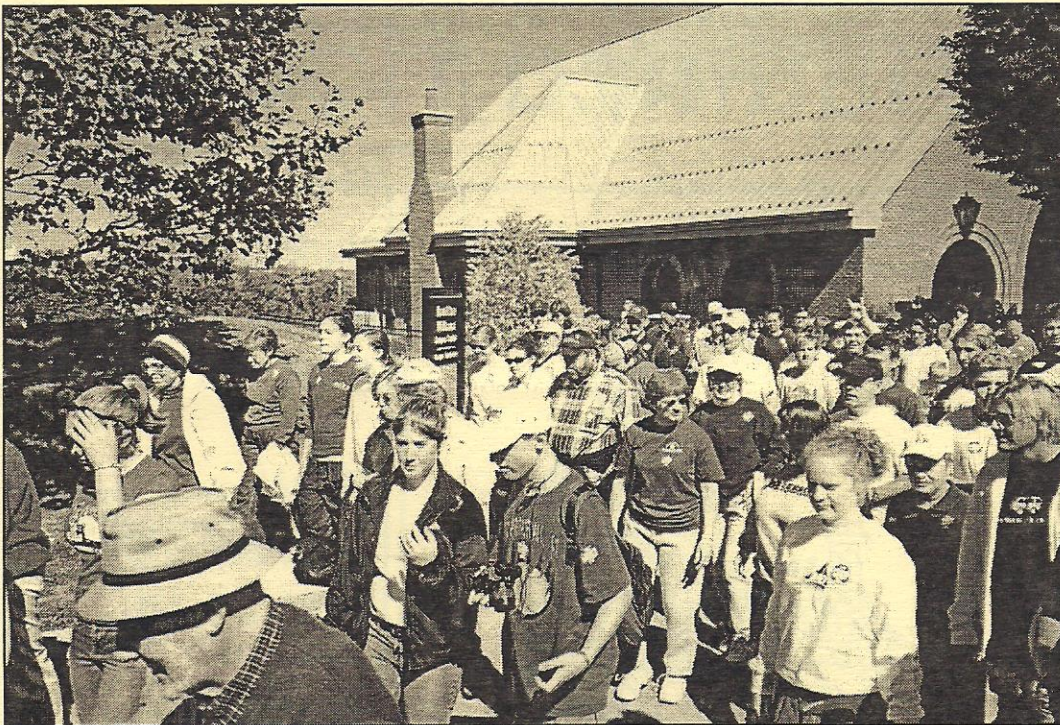
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CROP WALK 2003 A SUCCESS

Sunday, October 5th couldn't have been a more beautiful day for the 9th Annual Delaware County Crop Walk. Approximately 160 people of literally all ages walked 6.2 miles around the city of Delaware to raise money and awareness for the plight of people in developing countries all over the world. (The average distance that people walk to meet their basic daily needs of food and water in developing countries is 10k or 6.2 miles.) This year's event raised approximately \$9,208 in pledges. That amount is expected to rise as other pledges are turned in. The money will be sent to Church World Service, which is an ecumenical, non-profit relief and self-help organization with over 50 years of experience in 80 countries of the world. Once all of the money has been collected and sent to CWS, twenty-five percent will be returned to Delaware to benefit **People In Need**, the local food pantry and hunger-fighting agency.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the 2003 Delaware County Crop Walk can turn in donations to Sue Pastors (HWCC-407) or mail them directly to Rev. Pete Snook, the Crop Walk Treasurer, at 346 N. Franklin Street – Delaware, Ohio, 43015. All checks should be made payable to Church World Service.

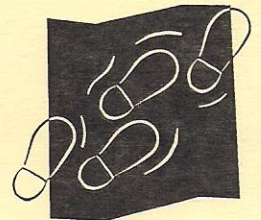


The Crop Walk Begins! To learn more about the work of Church World Service, visit their website: www.churchworldservice.org

Why Walk 10k?

The average distance that people walk to meet their basic daily needs of food and water in developing countries is 10k or 6.2 miles.

*We Walk
Because
They Walk*



Unity Through Music Celebrates Diversity and More...

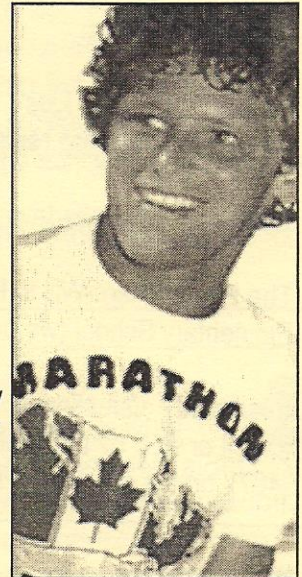
OWU's annual celebration of diversity through music, *Unity Through Music* was a huge success raising 811 food points, 1 box full of canned goods and \$82 all of which will be donated to People In Need. Among the evening's many great activities, students could make their own music video, get a Henna tattoo, dance in one of the many theme rooms or listen to "That One Guy" play *Somewhere over the Rainbow* on the saw. All in all, it was a night filled with music, dancing, laughter and a rockin' good time. *Unity Through Music* is an annual event sponsored by the Campus Programming Board.

OWU Holds First Ever Terry Fox Run

They stood milling about waiting for the race to begin. Some were drinking water, others stretched. The music that had been playing was turned off and Colin Kelly took the microphone. After a short introduction the 25 runners took their places on the starting line. "On your mark, get set, Go!" And so began the first annual **Terry Fox Run** at Ohio Wesleyan. The course was just over a mile, beginning in front of Ham-Will, wrapping around the Hill and ending at Ham-Will. Anyone could participate in the walk/run as long as they gave a donation or turned in a pledge sheet.

Terry Fox was 18 when he was diagnosed with cancer and soon had his right leg amputated 6" above the knee. Fox was overcome by the suffering of cancer patients and on April 12, 1980 he began his Marathon of Hope, a run from the Atlantic to Pacific, in order to raise money for cancer research. After running 5,373 km of the 8500 km journey he was forced to stop because the cancer had spread to his lungs. He died at the age of 22 on June 28, 1981. Every year more than 50 countries and more than 1.5 million people participate in the Terry Fox Run. This was the first year it was brought to Ohio Wesleyan and Junior, Shihab Azhar was the man in charge.

In 1997 and 1998 he participated in the run in Bangladesh just because he thought it was a good cause. Then in 1998 his mother was diagnosed with cancer. The Terry Fox Foundation helped out by sending his family information on the disease and what treatment was available as well as helping them with any questions they might have. Shihab thought the Foundation helped out a lot and therefor when he came to school he decided to help raise money for the Foundation by getting the campus involved. The run raised \$567 and overall Shihab was pleased with the turnout but next year hopes to get more people from the campus and the community involved. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Terry Fox Run can go to <http://www.terryfoxrun.org> for an online donation form.



"If you've given a dollar,
you are part of the
Marathon of Hope"
— Terry Fox

Chi Phi House is Haunted... Again!

Well, it's that time of year again. When the moon seems like it's full every night and you can hear the bats flying overhead, you know it's time for Chi Phi's annual Haunted House. This annual spook-a-thon has become a staple in Delaware. Every year members of the community look forward to the Haunted House. Some have even been known to knock on Chi Phi's door and ask the house father when the Haunted House is going to be opening.

Although members of the House hold the event to have a good time and enjoy the spirit of Halloween, their main goal is to raise money for a non-profit organization and food for People In Need. This year's event will donate money to the Delaware County Chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Chi Phi has not set goal amount, but they hope to beat the success of last year which brought in over \$1,000.

Volunteers are always needed to help "haunt" the house, as well as for building the spooky "sets" and decorating beforehand. To learn more, call 368-2925. Volunteers are also needed during the run of the event to hand out hot cocoa or to help maintain safety issues with the groups coming through. As James Scotland IV, Chi Phi brother and Community Service chair, says, "Even if people can't help out they should still come through because it's a lot of fun. But, it's more fun to be involved."



**Buckeye Valley Reads
Tutoring Program**



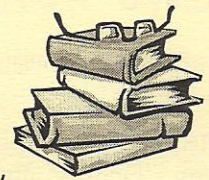
Do **you** like to help kids?
Do **you** want a more **rewarding** work study job?

The Time: Wednesdays 9AM-12PM

The Place: Ham-Will to Buckeye Valley East Elementary School (we provide transportation)

Interested? Questions? Call **Elizabeth Catlin** x3084 or stop by the Community Service Office (407), on the 4th floor of Ham-Will

Teach for America



Is looking for recent college Graduates to teach in inner city schools for a minimum of two years.

The movement hopes to end educational inequity in the United States.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in call **Kelly Pesce** at **362-5780** for more information.

S.A.S.S. Continues!

A big *Thank You* to all of you who have continued to donate items over the Summer and Fall months. And for those of you who are new to *SASS*, (Soap And Something Special): We accept donations of all your un-opened soaps, shampoos, lotions, and other complimentary items from your hotel stays. These are then re-gifted to the **Turning Point** domestic violence shelter in Marion, and the **Andrews House** Transitional Housing program here in Delaware. We also accept donations of used cell phones to be reconditioned for 911 calls. Where should you send your items? The Community Service Learning Office, Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, room 407. And, again...Thank you very much!

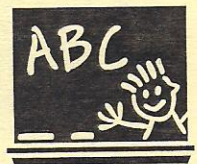


Woodward Elementary School – After School Tutoring Program, and more...

There are several opportunities for OWU students to get involved at Woodward Elementary School, which is only 2 blocks from campus at 200 S. Washington Street. **You can:**

- Provide tutoring for children in the newly established *Woodward Learning Center* any week day from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Be a *Homework Buddy* for kids in the After School Child Care program every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.
- Be an *Ohio Reads* tutor during any school day. Contact the school at 833-1600 and ask for Heather Kuhn, the Woodward *Ohio Reads* Coordinator.
- Be an ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor. Call 833-1600 and ask for Liz Diemer.

For questions about any of the After School Tutoring Programs, contact Rachel Sheasby at **363-2317** or via e-mail at sheasby44@yahoo.com. For any other questions, contact Sue Pasters at x3084.





It's Not Too Soon to think about...
~ Christmas Clearing House 2003 ~
 sponsored by **People In Need, Inc.**
DO Keep December 6th In Mind!

The City/County Annual Food Drive will be collecting donations of Food, Taxables, NEW toys and NEW clothing for the Christmas Clearing House. Check next month's newsletter for more information, or call People In Need at **363-6284**.

Delaware County Office of Victim Services

Internships and Volunteer opportunities are available for **Politics and Government**

(Pre-Law), Psychology and Sociology majors.

Interns and Volunteers provide assistance and support to crime victims and survivors throughout the criminal justice system.

Interested? Call Tabitha Wolford at **833-2710** for more information.

Delaware Cooperative Parenting



Is seeking playful and Creative volunteers for finger-painting, beading, doing puzzles, playing games, reading, and make believe. Join our preschool classes on weekday mornings as teacher aides. DCP is a non-profit, parent-owned and operated organization that provides early childhood education. Your participation as a teacher aide helps us to maintain a reasonable cost for our children and their families. If you are interested in joining us in the classroom, please leave a message at 369-6841 or e-mail Sarah Etheridge, <looselucy67@hotmail.com>. Our 3 & 4 years meet Tuesday & Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Our 4 & 5 yers meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

We are located at 290 N. Sandusky Street in the Unitarian Church.

Helpline

Is looking for volunteers for two of their programs:

Child Assault Prevention Program – (CAP)

Volunteers teach 1st – 3rd graders about their rights to be safe and strong through the use of narrative and role-playing. Each volunteer is expected to do a minimum of four workshops throughout the year and day-time availability is necessary. For more information contact **Stacy Collins** at **363-1835**.

Sexual Assault Response Network – (SARN)

Volunteers provide emotional support and information to survivors of sexual assault. Volunteers meet with survivors at hospitals and law enforcement offices throughout the county. Volunteers **must have their own transportation** and commit to 5 shifts on-call each month including one weekend. For more information contact **Suzanne Pingry** at **363-1835**.

Individual training for both programs will be held at the end of the month so call as soon as possible to schedule an interview.

3 Ways to get involved through Recovery and Prevention Resources:

Babes

Looking for volunteers to help put on puppet shows for pre-school and kindergartners that teach lessons on self-image, feelings, peer pressure, etc.

Prevention Players

Looking for volunteers with experience in acting and drama to train high school students who will promote abstinence from tobacco, alcohol and other drugs through the use of drama, song and dance.

PALS, HUGS, GRUVE

Looking for volunteers to be on staff during yearly retreats held for 5th – 8th graders to train students in leadership, healthy lifestyles and self confidence.

To be a part of any of these programs call **369-6811** and ask for **Julie Krupp**



PRESERVATION PARKS

Do you love nature and working outdoors? How about a nice hike in the afternoon? If so, you should consider working with Preservation Parks at their Nature Center. OR, you could help with clearing hiking trails and controlling the weeds that seem to sprout up everywhere. There are also opportunities for Highway cleanup on the newly adopted section of Route 42. There are three parks currently in development and this gives you the opportunity to get in on the ground floor helping maintain the parks. If this sounds like an awesome experience let Naturalist David Paris know you're interested by sending an email to dparis@preservationparks.com

Connections ~ The Delaware County Volunteer Center

Whether with your fraternity, sorority, service club, organization or on your own, the Delaware County Volunteer Center can "connect" you with service opportunities. You can help out with a fundraiser, answer a crisis hotline, become a literacy tutor or choose from any of the countless other volunteer opportunities. Coming up in October and November are the annual flu clinics. Volunteers are needed to help register people and collect paperwork. For more information contact Rekha Ramani at 363-5000 or email Connections@midohio.net

Make A Difference Day Ohio ~ October 25, 2003 ~ Connections & Big Brothers/Big Sisters are partnering to involve volunteers in making tray favors for home-bound seniors through the Council for Older Adults. If you are interested in helping with this project for Make A Difference Day, call Rekha Ramani at 363-5000 or Nancy Duffee at 369-2447 for more information.

Health Department Flu Clinic – October & November – Six different sessions will be held in October and November. Volunteers are needed to help these clinics run smoothly. Interested parties should call the Health Department at 368-1700 and ask for Debbie Sparks.

Polaris "Magical Night of Giving" - Sunday, November 23rd – Approximately 90 volunteers are needed to greet people, handle registration and all the other details that will make this night a success. Hosted by the Polaris Fashion Place, proceeds from the event will benefit Delaware Area Social Service Agencies. To learn more contact Connections at 363-5000, or Judy Domire at the Delaware County Chapter of the American Red Cross at 362-2021.

Andrews House has Volunteer Opportunities

General Maintenance Volunteers are needed with the upkeep of the house. Lawn and grounds maintenance, as well as general house-keeping tasks!

The Computer Learning Center at Andrews House needs volunteers to teach introductory computer classes as well as monitor during our open access computer times.

The Transitional Housing Volunteer Position would help provide hot meals to homeless families and make their stay at Andrews House comfortable. The position would also head donation dives for needed program items!

OR...Serve Delaware's Hungry on the Second Friday of every month! The second Friday of every month Andrews House serves a hot, sit-down dinner to Delaware's hungry. Come join partner churches to serve these meals!

Andrews House is located within easy walking distance of campus at 30 W. Winter Street on the corner of W. Winter and N. Franklin. For more information contact Jill Lee at 369-4520.



The Delaware County Literacy Coalition



If you are interested in:

- helping an adult learn to read or prepare for their GED, or
- helping those with learning challenges, or
- assisting with programs for area elementary students and their families, or
- participating in a training workshop to learn the Stevenson Reading System on October 29th and November 1st, OR
- developing a Literacy Coalition Newsletter...

All you have to do is call **363-1993, x2217...**
 OR, email dentonb@delawareareaacc.org.
 Of course there are many other volunteer opportunities as well.

T.E.A.M. Mentor Program

“Together Everyone Achieves More”

The T.E.A.M. Mentor Program pairs adults with at-risk youth between the ages of 10-14. Having a stable caring adult in a child’s life for a minimum of 2 hours a week can prevent them from court-involvement, make them less likely to use drugs and enable them to have greater confidence in themselves. Mentors are always needed and if you want to make a difference in a child’s life call Patty Cram, Program Coordinator, at 833-2678.

There are also paid mentoring opportunities for OWU students who wish to work with court-involved youth. To learn more, contact Joe Palmer at 833-2642.

Open Arms is an organization that provides goods, such as food, clothing, shoes, bedding, dishes, etc., and service to those less fortunate is looking for volunteers to pass out food and to sort and organize donated clothes. For more information contact **Angie West at 368-2698**

The Council for Older Adults is looking for those who like to paint, do minor home repairs, yard work, deliver meals or just spend some good old fashioned quality time with an older adult in Delaware County. For more information call **363-6677** and ask for **Donna Meyer** or **Stacy Oyster**.

A Taste of Delaware



The Arthritis Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser and not-to-be-missed gala event at the Strand Movie Theatre, (28 E. Winter Street), on Saturday, December 6th.

Throughout the evening there will be wine, samples of fine cuisine from area restaurants and live music. The event will also include a movie!

The Arthritis Foundation office is located in Andrew’s House and volunteers are needed to help organize the event.

If interested, please call Cathy Amato at **362-8400**.

Grady Memorial Hospital

Offers many volunteer opportunities working with their:

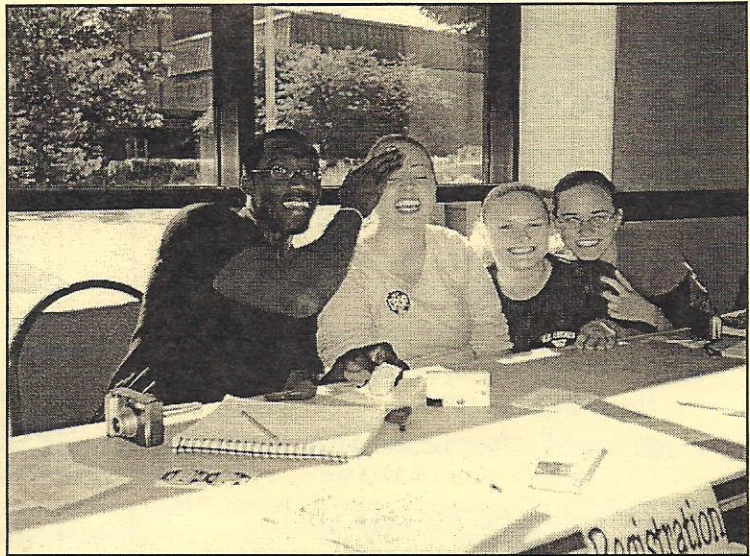
- Gift shop
- Information Desk
- Coffee Shop
- Front Escort Service
- Patient Registration and
- *Office Mates*.



If you are interested in any of these positions or curious as to what exactly the job entails, please call Shari Furay at **368-5155**.

OWU Calendar

- October 13-19 – Homecoming**
- November 6 – Community Service RoundTable – Noon – Benes “A”**
- November 22-30 – Thanksgiving Break**
- December 11– Last Day of Classes**
- December 13-18 – Exams**
- December 19-January 11 – Break**
- January 12, 2004 – Classes Resume**
- January 22, 2004 – Community Service RoundTable – Noon – Benes “A”**



Eugene Oteng, Marian Homan, Sarah Yerian and Ellen Stedtefeld help with registration at the 2003 Delaware County Crop Walk which was held on Sunday, October 5th.
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