



WITH DISTINCTION FOR GENERAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hunger

California Polytechnic State University

Education, Homelessness, Hunger, Fundraiser

Students in Action

Students in Action is grant program that gives funds to student leaders to be spent on a service project in their community; at Cal Poly Homelessness Awareness Week was created from the Students in Action grant. On Sunday, April 23, 2006, approximately 55 students including students from Greek Life, the Week of Welcome orientation program, and Student Community Services organized a food fundraiser. Over 1000 pounds of food were donated to the Aids Support Network Food Pantry. On Tuesday, April 25, 2006, an open microphone was held from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm wherein students, staff, and community members could speak about homelessness in the community. Following the open microphone, there was an event that involved people eating soup while learning of different community programs they could volunteer with in order to help the hunger and homelessness in San Luis Obispo. That evening, students gathered in the University Union Plaza to discuss homelessness with a gentleman who is homeless and a sleep out followed. The sleep-out garnered about 15 people, including the homeless gentleman who shared stories and songs and gave students an idea of what it was like to be homeless. On Saturday, April 29, 2006, a fundraising walk was held. Over \$1400 was raised and donated to the local day shelter and overnight shelters. Overall, the total participation in Homelessness Awareness Week was about 250 people. The Students in Action program is funded by the CSU Chancellors office and Learn and Serve America.

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Hamline University

At-Risk Youth, Hunger, Literacy, Day of Service, Fundraiser

30-Hour Famine

The 30 Hour Famine takes place on Hamline University's campus and in the surrounding communities in February. During the Famine all participants fast for 30 hours while learning about hunger and homelessness and while participating in various local community service projects. Participants also raise money by finding sponsors for their fast. Each year a planning committee organizes and plans the events that will take place during the 30 hours that all participants are together fasting. In 2006 there were about 50 participants including high school students and Hamline students and faculty. Over five thousand dollars was raised and distributed by World Vision to feed hungry children in the US, Africa, and Asia. Some of the community service projects included helping Habitat for Humanity build a set of houses, sorting books for Books for Africa, baking cookies for a senior home, and data entry for Housing Minnesota, among other activities. Some of the other activities that occur during the 30 hours of fasting include a benefit concert open to the public involving Hamline student and faculty groups. All attendees participate in a game that focuses on an aspect of hunger; in 2006, the topic was what homelessness and hunger looked like in Kenya and different things that a young person living in that area of the world might deal with on a daily basis. The goal is for every participant to come away from the 30 hours having a greater understanding of hunger and advocacy.

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Kalamazoo College

Culture/Arts/Performance, Education, Hunger, Day of Service, Fundraiser, Service Learning

Empty Bowls

On March 4, 2006, over 450 people from Kalamazoo gathered on Kalamazoo College's campus for a common purpose: to raise awareness of local and global hunger and to raise funds to feed the hungry in Kalamazoo and abroad. Twenty-four percent of people in Kalamazoo live in poverty. Our Empty Bowls event was patterned on a national model in which people make clay bowls together, and then hold a simple meal at which they share soup and bread. Afterwards, they take home a bowl as a reminder of the hunger in our world. The guests included our Kalamazoo Public Schools partners (children and families); Kalamazoo College students ("K"), faculty, and staff; many community members. Donations and a silent auction of pottery raised \$5500 for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes (a food bank) and Heifer International. Moreover, Empty Bowls demonstrated the power of art and the joy of community building, as the people of Kalamazoo embraced this simple idea and found unique ways to participate.

Art major and service-learning and Americorps scholar Breigh Montgomery coordinated Empty Bowls for her Senior Project. Two service-learning classes participated: the Classics class, "Cool Cities: Carthage and Kalamazoo," researched hunger; 16 students in "Ceramics: Handbuilding I" assisted with 12 ceramics workshops where over 125 homeless people, "K" students and public school kids made over 500 bowls. The community's generosity was apparent in donations from local restaurants and Sodexo Food Services, a kiln supplied by Pfizer, and a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. In the future Empty Bowls at Kalamazoo College will continue to be an important event.

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Hunger

The University of Alabama

Community & Economic Development, Hunger

Beat Auburn, Beat Hunger Food Fight

Beat Auburn, Beat Hunger Food Fight at The University of Alabama captures the excitement and energy from the fierce on-field football rivalry between The University of Alabama and Auburn University to encourage another rivalry that serves to feed the hungry in Alabama. The annual kick-off of the Beat Auburn, Beat Hunger Food Fight drive is one month prior to the Iron Bowl (Alabama-Auburn football game) and culminates with the game.

Last year, student coordinators from the Community Service Center organized the food drive to benefit the West Alabama Food Bank by obtaining support and donations from all student organizations, faculty, staff, UA departments, and local businesses. The result was over 62,000 pounds of food donated to the food bank. An estimated 3,000 students participated to achieve this total. Each year, the West Alabama Food Bank heavily relies on the Community Service Center to organize this campus-wide effort to stock its warehouse during the holiday season.

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