

# Spencerian College-Louisville Service Learning Projects

## **Middle School Connection**

A total of 11 staff members volunteered to be a part of the Jefferson County Public Schools Middle School Connection. Throughout the month each staff member will spend 2 hours talking to middle school kids about the importance of attending College, and how to make good career choices.

## **Shively Area Ministries**

Over the past year we have donated \$1,650 and over 900 food items to this non-profit organization. Several of our College Success and Psychology classes have volunteered their time to help sort food in the pantry. Over Christmas we adopted 2 families and they received tons of Christmas gifts that were donated from students, staff, and faculty! One family did not have a Christmas tree so we donated that and some food as well. The close working relationship between Spencerian and Shively Area Ministries has been a great learning tool for students.

## **Wayside Mission**

Students from the Nursing Department spend a lot of time working with the residents of Wayside Mission. Over the past year there has been free health screenings, hygiene seminars, monetary donations, and children's books passed out around the Christmas Holiday. The students who work with these residents get a real sense of what it means to give back to the community.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

As a service learning project students, staff, and faculty participated in building a home for a family. The volunteers had the opportunity to hear the family's story and help build the home that family would live in.

## **Mayor's Give a Day**

Students, staff, and faculty volunteered to sign up for a day of giving, through Metro United Way. Some of the places we attended was the Kentucky Science Center, Louisville Orchestra, and Indian Trail Elementary School.

## **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**

A group of students, staff, faculty members, and friends walked with the Spencerian team. A total of \$680 was raised to the foundation through various campus activities such as dress down days, food sales, and collecting donations.

### **Makenzie's Coat Closet**

This non-profit organization collects winter coats for the homeless, this past year Spencerian donated 43 coats.

### **Bowl for Kids' Sake**

Through various campus activities \$600 was raised for this annual Boys and Girls Club fundraiser. A group of staff members attending the bowling event and had a great time!

### **American Lung Association**

The respiratory therapy department is preparing for the upcoming lung walk. In an effort to raise money they are selling t-shirts, and had a dress down day. To date proceeds collected are \$75.

### **American Heart Association**

Through various campus activities such as dress down days, food sales, raffle baskets, and donations proceeds of \$2,001 was raised for this organization.

### **Choices Inc.**

Julie Ryan's Medical Assistant Technique class is raising money and hygiene products for a local homeless shelter. Through a dress down day they raised \$90, they also have a donations back that already has over 50 products in it. The students in this class have done all the work and are truly enjoying giving back to the community!

### **Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)**

Spencerian's Health Occupation Student Association (HOSA) members swept the Kentucky State HOSA competition this year! Spencerian students took first place in EVERY event in which they competed! They competed against 133 other collegiate competitors for state competition and brought home the gold. Adrienne Wolf took first place in medical math, Schatzi Fry took first place in medical law and ethics, Christa Fry took first place in medical terminology, and Samantha Nation, Spencerian's HOSA President, took first place in nutrition. Spencerian also won a second place award for outstanding attendance and the largest secondary chapter in the state!

Spencerian's winners will soon travel to California to represent Kentucky at the national HOSA competition. We congratulate them on the recent wins and wish them well in California

### **Honduras Mission Trip**

Students, staff and faculty donated toothbrushes for a dress down sticker. We collected 76 toothbrushes and they were donated to a local church that will be going on a mission trip to Honduras.