

University of Indianapolis

UIndy United: Changing Lives Through Service

64 UIndy Students Present Their Service Projects

The Community Programs Center hosted its bi-annual Service-Learning Expo and Celebration on Wednesday, December 5 on UIndy's Campus.

64 UIndy students showcased their service-learning projects reflecting upon their impactful experiences.

The event also featured a presentation from Big Brothers Big Sisters addressing the impact that UIndy students have through the organization. Speakers from the organization in-

cluded BBBS CEO Darcy Palmer-Schultz and Director of Volunteer Engagement Laura Halt.

The presentation also featured UIndy student **Alison Resnick**, a Big Sister from UIndy who was able to share her story about serving through BBBS and how her Little Sister has impacted her life.



***Pictured Above :** UIndy students Elizabeth Phillips and Mackenzie Cain worked with several agencies for their service-learning project.*

Griffaw & Salyer Receive YMCA Character & Values Award



Faith Griffaw



Kristen Salyer

A special congratulations to UIndy students, **Faith Griffaw** and **Kristen Salyer** for earning the 2012 YMCA Character and Values Award.

This award honors the young people serving their community through their involvement with the YMCA. They were recognized for demonstrating their good character as well as representing the YMCA's four core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility in their

daily lives.

Griffaw volunteered in the Centralized Membership department, maintaining membership database and other office duties. She also was a camp counselor for preschoolers.

Salyer served with the Laurelwood Summer Camp. She planned new and engaging activities. She mentored campers, one-on-one, about their goals and dreams for the future.

UIndy students report 4,055 Volunteer Hours for Semester I

With a week left to submit Volunteer Hours, UIndy students have reported a total of 4,055 hours of volunteer time for Semester I. This number increases substantially by Semester II as most students submit hours for year-long volunteer projects. Through the "Request for Transcript Notation of Student Volunteer Hours" (the "Blue Form"), students are able to submit their volunteer hours for transcript notation. "Blue Form" submission is voluntary and many actual student volunteer hours go unreported. According to Indiana's Independent Sector rate of volunteer time, the estimated monetary value of UIndy Students' service is \$84,546.75.

CPC Events Coming Next Semester

- **Community Partners Fair**

January 15, 17, 23, & 24 from 11:30am to 1pm, Schwitzer Lobby (just outside cafeteria)

Each day, students will be able to network and interact with representatives from numerous non-profit organizations with which they will be able to volunteer and/or complete service-learning projects.

- **Community Campus Forum**

April 22, from Noon –2 pm, Wheeler Art Community, 1035 Sanders St. 46203

At this forum, students, faculty and staff meet and network with residents and organization leaders from the surround communities. Time is provided for networking and partnership development as well as a short program on service initiatives in the area. This event is held at Wheeler Arts Community. RSVP to sachss@uindy.edu

- **Service-Learning Expo and Celebration**

April 24, at 11:30 am to 1pm, Schwitzer Lower Level and Room 010

This event provides an opportunity for students to showcase their service-learning projects and to celebrate how UIndy students are changing lives through service.

- **Faculty Development Workshop Series in partnership with Faculty Development**

February 12, Noon to 1pm Schwitzer Room 013

April 3, Noon to 1pm, Schwitzer Room 013

We will continue our Faculty Development Workshop Series throughout the next semester. Continue checking our newsletters and our website (<http://cpc.uindy.edu>) for determined topics and RSVP information.

Student Volunteer Spotlight: Michelle Natalie



Pictured Above: UIndy student Michelle Natalie gives back during an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Coburn Place during her reign.

Q. How did you become interested in spending your time as a volunteer?

“I am a huge fan of the Indy 500 , and after two interviews and evaluation of my past volunteering, academics, and personality I was chosen to be one of the 33 Indy 500 Princesses. We were only required to do two outreaches, but I did much more.”

Q. What type of service did you perform during your volunteer experiences?

“My favorite [projects] were visiting children at Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital, putting together and Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Coburn Place (place for women and children of domestic abuse), and Education Days for 4th graders at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.”

Q. What is one way that your volunteer experience has impacted you personally?

“I met inspirational people, both volunteers and the people I worked with. The children at Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital have left great impressions on me. I also found that while at the hospital there are great inpatient pediatric therapy opportunities. I am in Doctor of Physical Therapy School, so this was exciting!”

“Since at UIndy I have volunteered for many different organizations. My favorites have been with Peace Gardens and the 500 Festival Organization.”

Michelle Natalie is a UIndy doctoral student working towards a degree in Physical Therapy.

Wheeler Arts Community News

First Friday Features UIndy Student Artist and Curator

On Friday, December 7th, the tradition of First Friday continued at the Wheeler Arts Community. UIndy student curator **Emma Converse** coordinated a show that featured the art of UIndy student **Erin Coatney**. Visitors to WAC admired the art displayed by local and residential artist while also perusing the selections of the Foun-

tain Square Arts Council annual Holiday Art Mart. There will not be First Friday Festivities held in January. The next First Friday will be February 1, from 6pm to 9pm. Beech Grove Middle School will be the featured artist and the Montessori Garden Academy will be hosting an art auction fundraiser.



Erin Coatney



Emma Converse

WAC Student Leader Positions

UIndy at the WAC is looking for student interns! We have openings for a UIndy Student Curator and three Wheeler Arts Community Programming Fellows.

The Student Curator will develop themes for 5 First Fridays (February-May). The Curator chooses the artist and hangs artwork in the Wheeler Atrium in a creative way. Help is provided by the WAC Coordinator. 2-3 Hours per week.

Programming Fellows will help carry out our programming for Semester II. Programming includes Visual Art, Photography, Theater, Dance, Philosophy, Music, and more. Fellows will assist the WAC Coordinator with preparation and set-up of WAC programs. Fellows may be called upon to assist teaching classes. Previous experience in one of the fields above preferred, but not required. 2-3 Hours per week.

For more information about all WAC events, whether to attend, participate or volunteer, please contact **Matt Williams**, WAC Outreach coordinator at williamsma@uindy.edu or check out the Wheeler Arts Community online at <http://uindy.edu/arts/WAC>

BBBS Recognizes UIndy: Partner Award

In honor of the upcoming National Mentoring Month in January, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBS) is recognizing agencies and organizations that have shown a commitment to mentoring through their partnership and collaborations with BBBS.

UIndy will be one of several organizations to be recognized by the non-profit organization. UIndy will accept the award on behalf of all of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters from UIndy in January

In 2012 there were 15 Bigs from UIndy:

Katie Rumpf
Michael Agyemang
Alyssa Hoffman
Caycie Rance
Courtney Patterson
Hima Chennamaraju
Chelsea Parsey
Danielle Lawson
Alison Resnick (pictured right with her Little Sister)
Tal Radaker
Amanda Artese
Paul Barnett
Andrea Newkirk
Andrea Bonner
Whitney Carson



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Community Programs Center, located in Esch Hall 155, is UIndy's on-campus resource center for service-learning and volunteer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. The University encourages "Education for Service" among all of its students and employees. To learn more about service-learning and volunteerism, stop by our office or give us a call at 788-3557. CPC can help you find ways to be engaged in your community through volunteer and service-learning opportunities.

**UIndy on YouTube—Check out UIndy
“Changing Lives Through Service”
videos on Youtube.com**

86 College Mentors Serve 1,200 Hours and Raise More Than \$4,300 Through Letters Campaign



Each Tuesday and Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm, 86 UIndy students serve as mentors and Big Buddies to at-risk youth from IPS Schools #114 and #65 as part of the College Mentors for Kids initiative. In addition to the mentors, 14 UIndy students serve as volunteer staff members, putting in additional hours of planning and coordinating.



In November, College Mentors for Kids hosted their annual Friends and Family Letter Campaign when CMFK members write letters to their families and friends asking them to support the UIndy Chapter of CMFK. This year's campaign has raised a total of \$4,310. All of this money directly funds the UIndy Chapter's expenses including supplies, snacks and transportation.