

University of Indianapolis

## UIndy United: Changing Lives Through Service

### 22 Organizations Participate in Campus Wide Partners Fair to Engage Student Interest in Service

Early in the semester, local service organizations participated in CPC's bi-annual Community Partners Fair.

The event created an opportunity for students to network with representatives from the nonprofit organizations where they could volunteer to complete their service-learning projects.

UIndy faculty connected directly with community partners to coordinate projects for academic credit.

Joy's House was in attendance at the event. Joy's House is an adult day service that provides day time aid to clients that can no longer stay at home alone safely due to basic aging, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, autism, multiple sclerosis, etc. Additional organizations that attended the fair included, but were not limited to: Exodus Refugee, Global Peace Initiatives, Indy Reads, St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Center,

Pink Ribbon Connection, People for Urban Progress, Rehab Hospital of Indiana Sports Program, and Westminister Neighborhood Ministries.

Community Relations Manager, Lynne Burns of Westminister Neighborhood Ministries is a recurring sponsor of the Partner Fair. "We enjoy coming to the [Community Partners Fair] because it is an easy way for us to connect with students and hopefully get them interested in volunteering with our organization," said Burns. "If we can get at least one student from this event that is interested in volunteering then it was a success."

The ultimate goal for the Community Partners Fair is to provide an opportunity for conversation in order for new relationships to begin. partnerships between UIndy's community the students, the faculty, and our community in order to fulfill the university



**Pictured Above:** Tiffany Boyd from Southeast Community Services talks about service opportunities with UIndy Senior Shelby Prince. **Pictured Below:** Brenda Adams-Turk from AIM recruits students.



### Dr. Meigs Receives \$2,250 ICC Grant

We would like to congratulate Dr. Samantha Meigs for her recent grant award through Indiana Campus Compact. The scholarship of engagement application titled "The Imagination Emporium at the University of Indianapolis" has been approved by ICC for the amount of \$2,250.

A peer review noted this about the proposal, "The idea behind this proposal is very creative...this project could have significant impact on student learning."

## Nominate Students for Outstanding Volunteer and Service Learning Recognition

Each year we have hundreds of students out in our communities doing volunteer work and Service Learning projects putting into action UIndy's motto, "Education for Service." It is that time of year again to recognize the students who make a difference in our communities.

The Community Programs Center is currently accepting nominations for the following awards:

- \* OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD
- \* OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD
- \*OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING AWARD
- \* OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING AWARD

Service Learning Award recipients will be recognized at the Honor's Convocation. Volunteer Award recipients will be recognized during the Student Leadership Banquet. All award recipients will be honored at the Community Campus Forum on April 22, 2013, at the Wheeler Arts Community.

This is a great opportunity to acknowledge our students and recognize the efforts they are providing to our community.

You can find nomination forms and guidelines on our website at [cpc.uindy.edu](http://cpc.uindy.edu). Please turn in your nomination form to the Community Programs Center Office, Esch Hall 155, or email submissions to Stephanie Sachs at [sachss@uindy.edu](mailto:sachss@uindy.edu) by **Friday, March 1, 2013!**

## Student Volunteer Spotlight: Ashlee Fishburn



**Pictured Above:** Ashlee Fishburn is a UIndy OT student who hopes to work with kids when she graduates.

### Q. Where did you volunteer?

"I volunteered at the Answers for Autism walk in Carmel, IN. The event was held at Coxhall Gardens."

### Q. What did you do there?

"I helped with the bounce houses. Basically we made sure that there were only a certain amount of kids using the bounce house at a time. Our main goal was to keep the children safe while also letting them have a good time."

### Q. Why did you choose to volunteer there?

"Being in OT school, I am going to be working with kids with all kinds of disabilities and disorders and what

better way to experience those types of diagnoses than to dive in head first and experience them first hand. The day of the event was pretty cold. The kids didn't mind at all. Seeing them having a blast and coming out of the bounce house with the biggest smile was rewarding in itself. It made all of the volunteers forget how cold they were."

### Q. What was memorable about your experience?

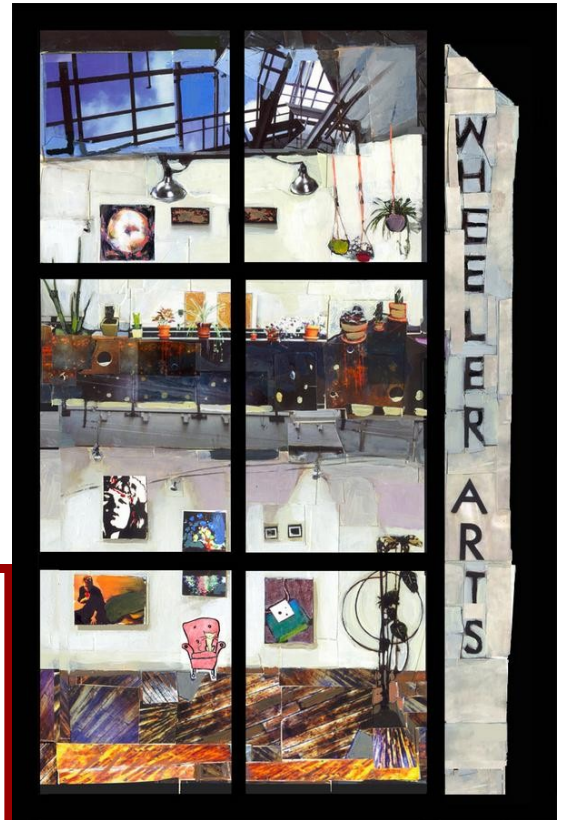
The best activity was the sensory test. "They had a shaving cream table where the children could paint pictures using shaving cream. Well, the children had seen their parents use shaving cream and wanted to mimic their actions. One little boy kept chasing this other little boy because he wanted to put the shaving cream on the

## Wheeler Arts Community News

### February Events at Wheeler Arts Community

- **February 1st:** First Friday with Montessori Garden Academy and their Art Auction; Beech Grove Clay Works Exhibition
- **February 6th:** Philosophy Lecture—Philosophy and Fiction with Dr. Peter Murphy. 7pm in WAC Classroom
- **February 8th:** Awareness of Mental Health through the Performing Arts Movie Screening. 7pm in WAC Theatre
- **February 9th:** Free Youth Art Classes 10am-12pm
- **February 11th:** Fountain Square Chamber Series Music Concert. 7:30 pm in WAC Theatre
- **February 18th:** Philosophy Lecture—Philosophy and Economic Inequality with Dr. Peter Murphy. 7pm in WAC Classroom
- **February 23rd:** Free Youth Art Classes 10am-12pm

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



### BBBS Recognizes UIndy: Partner Award



In celebration of National Mentoring Month, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBSCI) recognized 25 corporate partners across Central Indiana for their commitment to youth mentoring.

“Our mentors change kids’ lives for the better, forever—improving academic achievement, helping them avoid risky behaviors, and building their self-confidence and vision for their own positive futures,” said Darcey Palmer-Shultz, CEO, BBBSCI.

The University provided 15 “Bigs” in 2012: Katie Rumpf, Michael Agyemang, Alyssa Hoffman, Caycie Rance, Courtney Patterson, Hima Chennamaraju, Chelsea Parsey, Danielle Lawson, Alison Resnick, Tal Radaker, Amanda Artese, Paul Barnett, Andrea Newkirk, Andrea Bonner, and Whitney Carson.

**Pictured Left:** Dr. Mary Moore-VP of Planning & International Partnerships, Marianna Foulkrod-Director of Community Programs Center, Dr. Robert Manuel-UIndy President, and Darcey Palmer-Schultz-CEO of BBBSCI.

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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**

## **Do you want to make a difference in the life of a young woman?**

IPS School #51 is seeking women to provide a mentoring experience for sixth grade girls starting in February and continuing through May. Mentors will work with small group of 10 or fewer students, utilizing the “Talk My Mother Never Had With Me” curriculum. Mentoring is scheduled weekly on Thursdays, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, at



James Russell Lowell #51 school. Mentors should plan to arrive by 12:50 for material review and program preparation.

This is a structured mentoring, with training and support available to all who volunteer. The immediate goal of the mentoring is to prepare students for the transition to middle school.

For more info and to volunteer, contact: Principal Jennifer Pearson, phone: 317.226.4251 email: [pearsonj@ips.k12.in.us](mailto:pearsonj@ips.k12.in.us)

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