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Social Work Organizations Participate in Fundraiser

On September 17, 2011 the **WKU Social Work Department, Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, and the WKU Graduate Student Social Work Organization** participated in the 3rd Annual Cardboard Nation event held in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. This event raised over \$16, 0000 for the Warm Blessings Soup Kitchen in Elizabethtown and publicized the plight of the poor and homeless in the local media. Warm Blessings is a charity that provides meals and emergency services to those in need in the Elizabethtown and surrounding areas. Participants raised money via pledges by renting and spending the night in a cardboard box, in order to simulate being homeless. WKU BSW and MSW students were joined by several social work faculty and their family members in this dynamic charity event. If you are interested in participating next year, please contact Dr. Jay Gabbard at 745-8749.



AHEC Assists in “What’s in a Doctor’s Bag” Program

Jay Patel, a 3rd year medical student at the University of Louisville, is helping to present “What’s in a Doctor’s Bag?”, a pilot program created by UK and Humana. Jay is completing his Family Practice Clinical Rotation with Dr. Brian Macy at the Graves Gilbert Clinic, coordinated by the **South Central AHEC**.

The “What’s in a Doctor’s Bag?” program is a pilot program developed by the University of Kentucky with funding from Humana to improve Health Literacy. It is being piloted in KY first and then, after being evaluated in June, may be marketed nationwide. The 10 week curriculum targeting preschoolers covers “what’s in a doctor’s bag”/the tools a doctor might use, what to expect at a doctor’s visit, and also goes more in depth about germs, the eyes, heart, bones, etc.

Two WKU/AHEC HOSA students, Adrienne Beck and DeAnn Wright are presenting the program at WKU Head Start in Jones Jagers every Tuesday.

For more information about WKU/AHEC HOSA, please contact amy.wininger@wku.edu.



South Central AHEC & CHHS Host "HOSA on the Hill"

The South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and WKU College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) hosted "HOSA on the Hill" on Friday, November 18th, 2011 in Downing University Center.

412 high school HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) students from 16 regional high schools attended this annual event, which is a practice competition preparing students for the KY State Competition in March. We offered 13 health-related competitive events, mostly judged by CHHS faculty and staff. Also offered were campus tours, advisor networking, and presentations on professionalism and the importance of being examples of healthy living as health professionals.



Annual Communication Disorders Alumni Event held in NYC

The annual event for alumni of the Distance Education Communication Departments Cohort was held at Copias, NYC on November 28th. Over 35 Alumni Cohorts and faculty attended the reception hosted by Dr. John Bonaguro. A representative from each of the 6 cohorts was present at the event. They had an opportunity to catch up with friends and share stories of success and inspiration. Many graduates expressed sincere appreciation to the faculty for the learning experience they were afforded through the program.

For more information on the Communication Disorders department and the cohort programs, please visit <http://www.wku.edu/communicationdisorders/index.php>.



Front Row (Left to Right): Carole Bonhomme , Sasha Lopez, Dr. Bonaguro, Tia Walker, Dora Alvarez

Second Row (Left to Right) : Gale Majowka, Mary Epley, Michael Lennan, Ed Sweeney, Daniel Barnett