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# PROGRESSION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

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## WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY WELCOMES BONNER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

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## Alumni return to help The \$100 Solution™

By Wendy Pons and Nadia De Leon



The \$100 Solution™ program at WKU is proud to announce the first cohort of \$100 Solution Leaders. Twelve students who took \$100 Solution courses in the past joined the program and successfully completed training. Now they will pass along their knowledge to this year's students by assisting with courses and leading student groups. The leaders come from many different backgrounds but all have the same goal in their leadership roles – to mentor The \$100 Solution students and ensure their success with their projects. The leaders feel they learned so much from their experiences that they want to continue their involvement and aid in the growth of the program. Lauren Haynes is one of the Service-Learning Leaders, and she explained how the program had such a profound effect on her that she even changed majors in order to “pay it forward.”

Another leader, Candace Barbee, feels her experience opened her eyes to a new world, “When I saw what a difference I could make and the knowledge I gained, I dove head first into all I could do to continue my connection to the people I partnered with during our \$100 Solution project.”

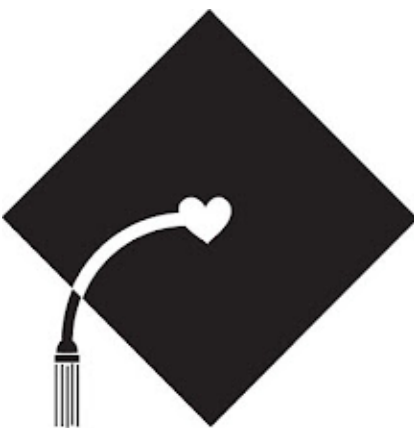
This semester, leaders will be helping in women's studies and folk studies cultural diversity courses at WKU, as well as an entrepreneurship course at Warren Central High School. The \$100 Solution™ leaders will also serve as liaisons to community organizations as varied as Parker Bennett Community Center and CEDARS. The program will continue to recruit \$100 Solution Alumni in hopes of providing leaders to assist all faculty, student groups, and community organizations that participate in \$100 Solution™.

## WKU welcomes Bonner Leadership Scholars

By Leah Ashwill

Western Kentucky University recently selected its inaugural class of Bonner Leadership Scholars, and the ALIVE Center is proud to have a role in coordinating this very important service scholarship program. The Bonner program at WKU affords students with the opportunity to serve the community while earning money to go to school.

Through a four-year developmental service-learning model, Bonner students perform 10 hours a week of community service, in training and enrichment, and receive a partial tuition scholarship as well as an additional AmeriCorps education award. Bonner students also become a part of the national Bonner Network, engaging with Bonner students from colleges and universities across the nation. Bonner students have the opportunity to engage in regional, national, and international service trips during their time at WKU.



WKU and the ALIVE Center welcome the first cohort of Bonner Leadership Scholars. These four students have elected to work with The \$100 Solution™ program and Public Achievement, as well as nonprofits in the community including HOTEL INC, American Red Cross, and The Center for Courageous Kids.

For more information on how to apply to become a Bonner Leadership Scholar, contact Lee Calvert at [lee.calvert562@topper.wku.edu](mailto:lee.calvert562@topper.wku.edu) or visit [wku.edu/alive](http://wku.edu/alive).

The national Bonner Scholar program was created in 1990-91 by The Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation utilizing Berea College as their pilot school. The program was designed to provide access to higher education and an opportunity for students to serve. Today the Bonner Foundation is based out of Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey and includes over 80 different colleges and universities in its network.

# Faculty serve as examples of public scholars

By Nadia De Leon and Evangelia Madias

*If faculty in your department participate in service-learning or community-based research, please contact Nadia De Leon, Community Engagement Coordinator, at [nadia.deleon@wku.edu](mailto:nadia.deleon@wku.edu) for information on being featured in one of our publications.*



## Dr. Leslie North

It has only been two years since Dr. Leslie North moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky and started her job at WKU. In North's favor, this area is known for its caves and karst landscapes, which relate to her primary area of research: evaluating karst landscapes, how humans impact those environments, and uncovering the best approaches to educating about these unique environments. Prior to her move, North had earned her undergraduate and doctorate degrees at the University of South Florida where she studied anthropology, environmental science and policy, and geography. Once North's dissertation was complete, she became a full-time faculty member for the Department of Geology and Geography at WKU. During this same time, North became the Associate Director of Education for the Hoffman Environmental Research Institute also housed in the Department. Here, North's roles focus on educational outreach through various communication activities. A current project is Karst Ground-Water Awareness in Bowling Green. Partnering with the Bowling Green Public Works Department, they work to educate the community about its environment and how it affects its water. Also, North is currently working with the local Habitat for Humanity neighborhood, Durbin Estates, to create educational materials for display in the community. Another role North holds at the Institute is Director of the Karst Fields Studies Program. This study program consists of a series of educational courses and workshops that are offered to both students and non-students, for credit or non-credit. "We have students from the age of 17 to 60, and not just from the Bowling Green area. There is large amount of international students as well," North

reported. This unique program partners with Mammoth Cave National Park where the week-long classes and workshops take place. North works to find skilled field researchers to instruct the courses in order to best benefit the program, "learning first-hand from pioneer researchers in this field is an appealing factor of this program." This program is only offered during the summer but has the potential to be offered during the winter season as well. Lastly, a personal project North participates in is part of the WKU Office of Sustainability. She helps create interpretive signs for the Green Tour, and she is currently in the process of helping coordinate the development of an i-book to communicate the messages.

## Dr. Lacreitia Dye

This year, Dr. Dye joined the WKU Department of Counseling and Student Affairs. For 15 years, after completing a Master's in Community Agency Counseling, she worked as a school counselor and with families on addiction issues. "While being a practitioner," Dye said, "I learned how you can touch people's lives." That is why she went on to complete a Ph.D. in Counselor Education from Western Michigan University. She decided she wanted to broaden her impact by inspiring in others the passion, care, and love for people that guides her own work.

"I want to be in academia; however, I have to be involved in the community too, to find ways to serve," she emphasized. Since coming to Bowling Green, Dye has begun volunteering at the Housing Authority. Dye and her husband have long been involved in mentoring initiatives and run Urban Heart, Mind, & Body. Service is also an important aspect of her teaching, she is always encouraging her students to apply their knowledge to create change.

"I explain to students that the best education they can get is to be connected to the community." Her students are required to volunteer in a setting that will require them to engage with people different from themselves; a population they have never worked with before. She encourages research proposals that shed light on real campus and community challenges. "Instead of just talking about these topics, you have to make a difference where you are," Dye tells her students.



## Hill House begins new graduate student cohort

By Nadia De Leon

Four new WKU graduate students have received graduate assistantships to participate in the Hill House program. Collin Steiner is a graduate student in the in Applied Economics program and is beginning thesis research on economic and employment opportunities for refugees in Bowling Green. Kyle O'Donnell recently moved to Bowling Green to complete an MBA. He has been actively working with the Community Threads Weaving Cooperative, a group of Burmese refugee women who make hand-woven items for local sale. Their recent debut at Community Farmers Market was quite a success! Meanwhile, Samantha Burnett, who is pursuing a Master's in Social Work, has been working with CEDARS on providing direct services to refugee families. She is also a volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club and is excited to have found another population she is passionate about. Finally, Usonwanne Nwosu is a physician who joins us from Nigeria to complete a Master's degree in Public Health. She will be working with the Healthy Weight Kids Coalition on a research and intervention project with local schools to combat childhood obesity. The interdisciplinary cohort will also be working on voter education this fall in the Hill House neighborhood. In partnership with the WKU Department of Political Science, they are currently developing a survey to assess the critical areas of interest, and they will host a town hall meeting with experts on the selected topics. As they work in partnership with community organizations, they expect the research and community development projects they are leading to generate useful knowledge and tangible impact in Bowling Green.



## Deadline approaches for Partnership Funds

By Nadia De Leon



The ALIVE Center's Community Partnership Funds are intended to incentivize collaboration among campus and community members. Applications are accepted in three categories (community development, service-learning, and applied/community-based research) three times a year.

This summer, four projects received funding. The WKU Department of Folk Studies & Anthropology, in partnership with multiple community organizations, received financial support for the Art of Community Workshop aimed to create and expand efforts that merge the arts and social services to achieve community development and integration through cultural sustainability. Court Appointed Special Advocates and the WKU Social Work Department received funding for a five-week Kids' Art Workshop which promotes community awareness of CASA and provides an educational/therapeutic experience for the children and caretakers it serves. Students from the Phight Club in the WKU Department of Philosophy & Religion received funds to continue working with the Boys & Girls club to encourage critical thinking skills. Finally, the WKU Libraries received funding for the SOKY Reads! event focused on the memoir, *In the Sanctuary*

of *Outcasts*. Free copies of the book and a presentation by the author were given to members of the community at the Warren County Juvenile Detention Center.

The next deadline for applications is November 1<sup>ST</sup>.

Potential applicants should have a project that generates a significant positive impact in our campus and community. Campus partners are encouraged to draft applications in collaboration with their community partners. Applications in the community-development track should have community benefit as their main goal, while service-learning applications focus on student learning and engagement opportunities. Applications for research projects that engage and benefit the community are encouraged. The main goal of research projects should not be to solely conduct program evaluations or case studies, but to generate publishable knowledge that can be applied to benefit the community. For more information, email [nadia.deleon@wku.edu](mailto:nadia.deleon@wku.edu).

## American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Friday, October 26th, 2012 through  
Saturday, October 27th, 2012

7:00pm – 6:00am

WKU Smith Stadium

This fall, Western Kentucky University is hosting the American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay for Life, right in WKU's backyard. Relay for Life is an overnight community fundraising walk to raise awareness about cancer and generate funds for cancer research with the goal of "creating more birthdays." Relay for Life will be held Friday, October 26th from 7pm till 6am Saturday October 27th in the WKU Smith Stadium. Students, faculty, and staff of WKU have planned the event along with an American Cancer Society representative. Relay for Life has been an event on the WKU calendar for at least 10 years now and this next relay is much anticipated. The WKU community is passionate about this cause and invites the community to join in their fight against cancer.



There are multiple ways to get involved with this event: participants can create a team and walk, fundraise, or simply attend the free event to play games and listen to live music. This is a family-friendly event and all are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Colby Osbourne at [colby.osbourne278@topper.wku.edu](mailto:colby.osbourne278@topper.wku.edu) or visit the Relay for Life website: [www.relayforlife.org/wku](http://www.relayforlife.org/wku).

## WKU Shantytown

Wednesday, November 14th, 2012

WKU Campus

With cooler weather heading this way, the community is going to be taking the last opportunities to enjoy nature's beauty: walking dogs, picnics in the park, relaxing on the back porch... how about spending the whole night outside? Well, this is exactly what WKU students will do Wednesday, November 14th on WKU's campus as a part of Shantytown. Shantytown is a homelessness awareness program planned and coordinated by the WKU Residence Hall Association, Housing & Residence Life, the ALIVE Center, ICSR, and Habitat for Humanity. The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual event raises awareness about homelessness in Bowling Green and the country as a whole. Students are given the opportunity to spend a night in the life of the homeless in order to better understand this serious problem. Participants will build cardboard structures to spend the night in, compete in a canned food drive building contest, collect clothing to distribute to various groups, and listen to community leaders speak on this topic. As this event falls in the middle of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness, participants will learn how to engage in positive action toward a solution for homelessness and hunger and gain better understanding. Community members are encouraged to join in the event as well. For more information, please contact Blair Silliman at [blair.silliman@wku.edu](mailto:blair.silliman@wku.edu).



## Student continues with relief efforts to Joplin

### Chris Storath

By Anastasia Williams

For Chris Storath, a junior from Hendersonville, Tennessee, his passion and dedication to service began with a Facebook post. When his honor fraternity, Phi Sigma Pi, approached their chapter via Facebook about organizing a service trip to Joplin, Missouri immediately following the devastating tornado that passed through the town on May 22, 2011, Storath eagerly agreed to participate.

"When we first arrived [in Joplin], you didn't see anything but destruction," Storath recounted.

For Storath, the most powerful part of that first disaster relief trip, now known as the Beta Phi Joplin Run, was hearing the stories of the people that he met in the Joplin community, especially the owner of the house that the group helped tear down in order to later rebuild.

"Actually getting to meet one of the witnesses to the tornado was really powerful," Storath said. "He told us what it was like for that 22 minutes...He had to hold his daughter down in the bathtub to keep her safe from the storm."

Since that first trip, WKU's chapter of Phi Sigma Pi continues to see a need to go back to Joplin, returning three more times since their first trip in June 2011, and they went back during Fall Break this semester. In fact, after this last Joplin Run, the Beta Phi Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi (and WKU by association) will be the organization that has visited Joplin the most out of any other disaster relief organization, and Storath is one of the only students who has gone each time.

"I want to go back as long as it takes to help rebuild the city," Storath said.



## Find Trew Friends now at WKU

### Ty Lindsey

By Aurelia Spaulding

Working at Steamers Seafood during the summer of 2010 turned out to be the start of something great in Ty Lindsey's life. Lindsey, a WKU senior from Bowling Green, worked at Steamers Seafood in South Carolina where he met Judy Trew, the founder of the Heather Trew Foundation.

Lindsey, along with some of his fraternity brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, talked to Trew about starting a college chapter of Trew Friends. Trew and husband Dwight started the Heather Trew Foundation for Organ Donation and Research when their daughter Heather died at age 19 after a life of health-related issues. According to their website, "She passionately spoke about the need for people to register as donors and discuss their intentions with family and friends."

The foundation was three years old when Judy Trew met Lindsey. "She was interested in reaching out to colleges, and we [Sigma Alpha Epsilon] took on the responsibility to be the first organization at a college," Lindsey said. After their continued communication, the college organization called Trew Friends started the second week of September 2012 at Western Kentucky University.

Lindsay said they set up booths at the blood drives to hand out information about organ donation, "Last year we had 300 in the spring and 300 in the fall to sign up to be organ donors."

Lindsey is looking for a number of students to get involved in the program. "We are starting off, but eventually we want involvement from all sides of the university and throughout all ages."

"Trew Friends is about the support and awareness of organ donation, we want everyone involved," Lindsey said. If someone is interested learning more about Trew Friends, they can visit the group on Facebook. They can also learn more about the foundation at [theheathertrewfoundation.org](http://theheathertrewfoundation.org). "The important thing is talking to your friends about organ donation. That is the one thing that can bring peace to the whole situation," Lindsey said.

## Bowling Green hosts first ever Food Day



By Brittany Ryan

Food Day is a nationwide celebration and movement toward healthier, affordable, and sustainable food. This year, Bowling Green and south central Kentucky will celebrate Food Day to address issues as varied as health and nutrition, hunger, agricultural policy, animal welfare, and farm worker justice. The ultimate goals of Food Day are to strengthen and unify the food movement in order to improve our nation's food policies and transform the American diet. All Americans—regardless of age, race, income, or geographic location—should be able to have healthy diets and avoid obesity, heart disease, and other diet-related conditions.

The partners for this event are the WKU Office of Sustainability, Community Farmers Market, the Southern Kentucky Get Fit Coalition, and the WKU Department of Agriculture. The conference will include speakers from the Bowling Green Medical Center, Barren River District Health Department, Kentucky Department of Health, Kentucky Department of

Agriculture, Western Kentucky University, Community Farm Alliance, Kentucky Agribusiness Grant Facilitation Program, and many more!

"The diverse partners that are working to make the Bowling Green Food Day happen is a model for the rest of the state...the Bowling Green Food Day will showcase the stories and powerful messages of a community that is looking for change in their food system." - Heather Hyden, Community Farm Alliance organizer.

"I hope that Food Day will make people aware of the importance of eating healthy food and give them practical ideas for how they can recognize and obtain 'real' food. In the long term, I hope that Food Day will open up community-wide discussions that will lead to better access to healthy food for everyone in south central Kentucky," said Diane Sprowl, Barren River District Health Department.

"Sustainability food issues are consistently identified by our students as their most urgent sustainability concern, so promoting local, healthy, affordable, and sustainably-produce food is a key focus for the WKU sustainability program. Bowling Green Food Day appeals to so many different types of people that I believe new partnerships will continue to develop. This event is not the culmination of a movement, but rather the beginning of one," said Christian Ryan-Downing, Sustainability Coordinator, Western Kentucky University

For more information on BG Food Day, please visit the Facebook page – Food Day BG.



### Food Day Conference & Expo – Schedule of Events

Wednesday, October 24, 2012  
WKU L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center  
406 Elrod Road · Bowling Green, KY

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (\$10 includes a local lunch)

Select sessions from three tracks focusing on Nutrition, Business for Farmers, and Community Outreach.

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Meet Your Farmer (night market & hayrides)

This event is free and open to everyone! There will be farmers selling milk, cheese, eggs, bread, pastured meat, fruits, and vegetables as well as ice cream, granola, BBQ, and much more! So come out, meet your farmers, enjoy samples of local food, take a hayride, and learn how you can buy local foods year round in south central Kentucky!



## Army veteran's mission continues in civilian life

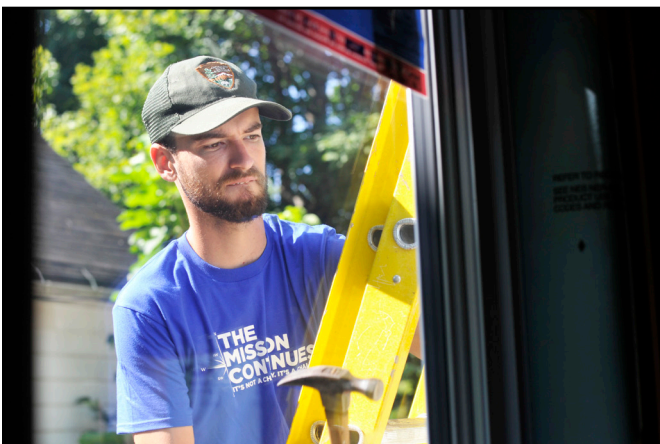


Danielle Adams is a 27-year-old Army veteran who spent seven years active duty and deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa. She is now a full time student at Western Kentucky University studying Political Science. Originally from upstate New York, she came to Bowling Green after her family retired here while she was overseas. The transition from military to civilian life was intense and especially difficult considering she was in a completely new location. Adams got involved with WKU's Student Veterans of America campus chapter to stay connected with fellow service members that were going through the same thing. Through this group she learned about The Mission Continues.

The Mission Continues is a veteran nonprofit with a twist. They do not give hand outs they give hand ups by challenging veterans to get involved in their communities and use the leadership skills they gained during service. In April 2012, Adams was awarded a community service fellowship and joined the Bravo class. The similarity of the program to the military was comforting and made her nostalgic for the days of her military service

when there was a clear purpose and feeling of pride and accomplishment. The Mission Continues fellows serve for six months at a local nonprofit organizations addressing key educational, environmental, or social issues. After fostering her passion for student veterans on WKU's campus and as part of the National Leadership Council for Student Veterans of America, she chose to continue to work to help her fellow veterans transition into higher education within the Kentucky/Tennessee region by providing outreach and support to the Student Veteran of America chapters on campuses in the area.

At the end of the fellowship, each fellow leads a service project that brings veterans and civilians together in days of service nationwide. These projects are bridging the military-civilian divide, allowing veterans to feel more connected to their communities, and helping civilians gain a better understanding of and appreciation for men and women in uniform. Coming from a family that never owned their own home, Adams was drawn to the work that Habitat for Humanity did in the community. It was a natural way for veterans to use their skills and their hands to give back. In honor of the 5th anniversary of The Mission Continues she hosted a mini service project where they helped put the siding on a house. Matt Listey, a Marine, left that day on a good note, "I have to say, I really get the point of The Mission Continues now. I haven't felt this positive in a long time."



For the official capstone she recruited volunteers to take part in World Habitat Day at the Habitat Restore. They built a shed that was auctioned off with the profits going towards building more houses in the area as well as helping out in the store during the day.

There are many ways to get involved with this organization: become a fellow, serve alongside fellows in your area, host a fellow at your nonprofit, donate to this innovative nonprofit, host a fundraising event that goes towards funding fellowships for veterans.

For more information go to [www.missioncontinues.org](http://www.missioncontinues.org)

## The Hispanic GED & ESL programs expand

By James Stovall and Nadia De Leon



Thanks to generous financial support provided by the City of Bowling Green Community Development Block Grant and the Dollar General Foundation, the WKU ALIVE Center has recently restarted providing classes to the Hispanic community in English as a Second Language as well as General Education Development classes in Spanish. The ESL classes help Spanish speakers learn basic English skills so they can communicate better. In fact, for the first time this year, two levels of ESL classes are being offered near full capacity. The GED course also prepares individuals to take the GED test in Spanish and earn a high-school equivalent diploma. The Foundry, located at the end of W 11<sup>th</sup> Street, has graciously donated use of their facilities for the classe, as well as space to provide free childcare to parents while they are hard at work improving their language and academic abilities.

Nearly every day of the week, motivated learners of all ages come to The Foundry to better themselves, augment their professional potential, and advance their successful integration into the Bowling Green community. With over 50 enrolled members and counting, the classes, offered

weeknights and Saturdays, are a lively and busy time. Spanish speaking and non-Spanish speaking volunteers are welcome to come and assist the dedicated professors in teaching the students as well as helping to take care of the children. It is a wonderful opportunity for all involved to learn from one another, exchange language and culture, develop new skills, and fulfill the desire to give back to the community and serve others. For more information on becoming a volunteer, email [natalia.bradley@wku.edu](mailto:natalia.bradley@wku.edu) or call 270-782-0653.

## Services offered to help refugees with lifeskills

By Mia Jackson and Nadia De Leon

What do workshops on parenting, financial success, home maintenance, auto care, American government, and driver's education have in common? They are all teaching fundamental skills necessary in the long and challenging transition from refugee status to successful resettlement. Workshops exploring these skills and more are the center of the Refugee Empowerment Services program, a joint effort between the WKU ALIVE Center and CEDARS, funded by the Kentucky Office of Refugee's Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG). However, the refugees who live in Bowling Green neighborhoods have limited resources and support in integrating to the Bowling Green community.

One of the most immediate concerns is access to safe and convenient transportation. Due to regional limitations in public transportation, it is a necessity for many to have a driver's license in order to work, seek medical treatment, and become independent. There are many barriers to attaining the privilege to drive. For example, translated written exams are very helpful, but some refugees have come from pre-literate societies. To address this issue, a driver's education course was held this past July and another will take place in October. Hundreds of students have already taken advantage of these opportunities.

The course showed immediate results: after 10 previous attempts since coming to America, Bu Reh, a Burmese refugee, was able to successfully pass the Warren County driver's exam and came another step closer to successful resettlement. We exult and support these achievements as we strive to celebrate Bowling Green's diversity and build a more inclusive community for all.



# WKU SIFE program opens Crafts of Hope Store

By Evangelia Madias



WKU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an organization with a head for business and a heart for the world. The team works together to create economic empowerment around the world by creating change through entrepreneurship. The team's latest venture that meets this mission is running a store called Crafts of Hope, which has allowed for two of the five SIFE projects to grow. Crafts of Hope is located on Bowling Green's Fountain Square and is funded by the Gordon Ford College of Business and the WKU Research Foundation. The store sells fashion textiles, such as scarves and handbags, which are hand-made by refugees from Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. These refugees are currently residing in Bowling Green (the Community Threads project). Crafts of Hope also sells baskets hand-woven by women from Kenya (the Kenya Basket Project).

SIFE launched the Community Threads project at the beginning of 2012 after partnering with the Community Threads Weaving Cooperative of Bowling Green. This group aims to empower local refugee and immigrant artisans through self-sufficient craft enterprise as well as foster community building and connections, value community fiber traditions, and foster cultural sustainability for newcomer and refugee communities. The opening of the store has furthered the opportunity for more products to be sold to help empower this group. MBA student and CEO of SIFE, Zach Mattingly, expressed that 90% of the sales made from the group's products will be returned to the individuals who made them.

As for the Kenya Basket Project, this is the fifth year the team has taken on the task of helping seven villages in Kasigau, Kenya, promote and sell the baskets. Each year, one team member visits Kenya for three weeks to help the women produce baskets that will sell better in foreign markets. Mattingly noted that 70% of the sales made from the baskets are returned to the Kenyan weavers to support school fees and the purchase of seed, grain, and medicine. SIFE keeps 30% of the profits to help support the team projects, such as advertising and marketing expenses and costs of shipping for the baskets. Since the start of the project five years ago, there have been more than \$25,000 in total sales.



The grand opening of Crafts of Hope was on September 8th, 2012 and has already sold \$1,600 worth of merchandise. WKU Hill House graduate assistant, Kyle O'Donnell said, "Opening this store downtown has taught me how difficult and rewarding it is to start a new business. It is our hope that Crafts of Hope will grow to further benefit the Kenyan and Burmese women." O'Donnell was introduced to SIFE by fellow MBA classmate Zach Mattingly.

SIFE, however, is not the only vendor in Crafts of Hope. WKU graduate student, Jonathon Randolph, who is not affiliated with SIFE, will be selling handmade furniture made by WKU students and local members of the Bowling Green community. The furniture consists of crafted items such as chairs, tables, and bed frames. The store's hours are Friday 12-5; Saturday 11-4; and Sunday 12-4. Additionally, these handcrafted products are being sold at Community Farmers' Market and the annual Bowling Green International Festival.

## Nonprofit Events Calendar

- 10/13 *New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding* The Mane Event
- 10/13 *Lost River Cave* Great American Camp Out
- 10/13 *The Medical Center* 10k Classic
- 10/15 *SkyPAC* Death on the Downbeat Orchestra Performance
- 10/16 *Riverview at Hobson Grove* Victorian Skills for Young Ladies and Gentlemen Workshop
- 10/16 *Warren County Public Library* Paranormal Researcher Jeff Yeckering
- 10/18 *ALIVE Center* Campus and Community Network
- 10/18 *Public Theatre of Kentucky* Blood Money Performance (Runs through 11/04)
- 10/20 *The Eat Up A Toe Foundation* Brain Freeze Bike Challenge
- 10/24 *WKU Ag Expo Center* Food Day
- 10/25 *Circus Square* Pumpkin Palooza
- 10/25 *SkyPAC* Fiddler on the Roof
- 10/27 *Joseph's Hope Foundation* Monster Dash 5k
- 10/31 *F.O. Moxley Community Center* Halloween Party
- 11/03 *Community Farmers' Market* begins (Runs every Saturday)
- 11/03 *Shaker Tavern* A Shaker Breakfast
- 11/03 *SkyPAC* The Music of James Taylor
- 11/09 *Mammoth Cave National Park* Free Mammoth Passage Tours (Runs through 11/11)
- 11/10 *SkyPAC* Shrek the Musical
- 11/15 *F.O. Moxley Community Center* Youth Dodge Ball League (Runs 11/15, 11/19, 11/29, 12/06, 12/13)
- 11/17 *Lost River Cave* Junior Naturalist Program
- 11/17 *SkyPAC* America: A Perennial Classic Rock Band
- 11/26 *SkyPAC* Home for the Holidays
- 11/28 *SkyPAC* Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker
- 11/30 *Historic Railpark and Train Museum* Festival of Trains and the Great Chocolate Train Wreck (12/2)
- 12/01 *South Union Shaker Village* Shakertown Holiday Market
- 12/06 *Public Theatre of Kentucky* The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

12/08 *Riverview at Hobson Grove* Candlelight Christmas Celebration

12/14 *SkyPAC* Mannheim Steamroller Christmas

12/18 *SkyPAC* Miracle on 34th Street the Musical

12/21 *F.O. Moxley Community Center* Breakfast with Santa



### Monster Dash 5k Benefitting

### Joseph's Hope Foundation

October 27, 2012

7pm

Joseph's Hope Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money to assist families with adoption expenses. Their annual fundraiser, Monster Dash 5k, will be held on October 27th. The run/walk starts at 7pm at Kereiakes Park in Bowling Green. There will also be a one mile trick-or-treat fun walk. For more information, please visit [www.joeshope.org](http://www.joeshope.org).



### The Great Chocolate Train Wreck at the Historic RailPark and Train Museum

December 1, 2012

10am

Create something chocolate that is train-related: Train, coal, tracks, signals. The options are endless! Bring it to the Historic RailPark between 10:00-11:30am, December 1, 2012. Judging will begin at noon. Winners will be announced at 1pm. Then at 7:00pm the train creations will be "wrecked" by eating them.

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