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Partnership set to create ecovillage



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Progression Through Partnerships

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\$100 Solution used in 35 service-learning projects last year

By Nadia De Leon

WKU is the international headquarters for The \$100 Solution™, a program that inspires individuals to utilize their skills and resources to address a community need with minimal funding. In the past year, WKU faculty have utilized this program as a service-learning tool that allows students to make a difference. Those who want to complete a \$100 Solution must receive training and submit applications in order to be awarded funds from the WKU ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships or the Bowling Green Noon Rotary Club. In the 2010-2011 academic year, 127 students and faculty conducted a total of 35 \$100 Solution projects in partnership with dozens of community members and organizations.

In the fall of 2010, students in the Honors Colloquium: Community Development through Service-Learning, taught by Dr. Bernard Strennecky, conducted \$100 Solution projects in the former Enterprise Zone. One group of students wanted to help renters in the area with neighborhood and rental problems. They found community partners and learned about housing issues and renters' rights, gathered information, and created printed materials. They partnered with a local church to answer questions, give out flyers and prizes, and lead neighborhood beautification activities with the children. During the winter, a group of students and faculty visited the village of Gales Point as part of a long-standing program, IMPACT Belize. Many children there cannot afford the school lunch and sit outside while the others eat. WKU faculty, led by Molly Kerby of the Gender and Women's Studies Program, purchased crafts from 17 villagers to be sold in the U.S. to support their school lunch program.

In the spring of 2011, Terry Shoemaker, Program Coordinator at WKU's Institute for Citizenship & Social Responsibility, led a group of high school students and parents at The Presbyterian Church in their own \$100 Solution project--they developed a new program called 20 Loaves. Approximately 20 families made bread together and sold it to raise \$100 to support the church's food bank.



Meanwhile, students in two sections of Group Problem-Solving taught by Dr. Jennifer Mize Smith of the Department of Communication, as well as a Public Problem-Solving class at ICSR, applied course content while planning and implementing \$100 Solutions. Students completed projects in partnership with a local high school, the Boys & Girls Club, First Security Bank, the Bowling Green Housing Authority, and Potter Children's Home. Two other groups worked in partnership with Holy Spirit Catholic Church to create materials to teach recently-arrived Burmese refugees how to utilize the public bus system and how to operate household items such as dishwashers. A third group led a soccer social with Burmese youth and a local high school soccer coach as a way to help the youth better integrate into our community.

Finally, students from two sections of Cultural Diversity in the U.S., taught by Dr. Tim Evans and Nadia De Leon of the Department of Folklore and Anthropology, partnered with refugee families through the Bowling Green International Center. Their goal was to learn about each others' cultures and complete a \$100 Solution to help the family in their integration process. Transportation was a pressing issue, so one group of students donated bicycles for their partner family and provided them with helmets, locks, pumps, and baskets so they could use the bikes for grocery shopping. Another group helped two parents become computer literate, while another coordinated a financial literacy workshop in partnership with Service One Credit Union. Another group helped a woman to sell some of her embroidery work and got the ball rolling on a program that may help create a crafts cooperative for local refugees. In his final report, one of the students confessed, "This project made each of us feel uncomfortable at times, and it made each of us feel frustrated, but most importantly, by the end of it all, it made each of us feel like we had made a difference."



Faculty encourage innovation and new ideas

By Nadia De Leon

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 for information on being featured in one of our publications.

J. Krist Schell

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J. Krist Schell, MBA, is the Director of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at WKU. Working to create outstanding entrepreneurship experiences for the WKU community, he leads courses in organizational and strategic management. In addition, he is actively researching emotional intelligence to bring examples of exceptional leadership and management to the classroom. He is a successful entrepreneur with international experience. He has twice been awarded the Ford College's Student Advising award and received a Sam Walton fellowship for work with WKU's Students in Free Enterprise team. He has been involved with SIFE since 2005. "I went to a training conference and quickly felt that this was the kind of dynamic group on campus I want be a part of," he explains. As WKU SIFE's co-advisor, Mr. Schell provides leadership and guidance for an active team that amasses thousands of student-community contact hours per academic year. Because SIFE's mission is creating economic empowerment around the world through the positive power of business, WKU SIFE became involved in 2008 with the Kasigau Weavers in Kasigau, Kenya, to promote and market the weavers' baskets and textiles. WKU SIFE assists with promotion, sales, quality control, and inventory management. Sales go back to the weavers, and the funds allow the villages to purchase everyday necessities such as farming supplies, children's school books, and uniforms. Funds are also used to improve the accessibility of electricity to the area's more developed villages and provide support for women and children whose lives have been affected by AIDS.



Elizabeth Gish

Elizabeth Gish
Assistant Professor
Honors College

Elizabeth Gish is a new faculty member in the Honors College, where she will be co-teaching a new course titled Citizen and Self. A central part of the course is the development of group public work projects. She comes to WKU with a wide range of community involvement experience: she has led students in community engagement projects in New York, Kentucky, Mexico, and Jamaica. She notes that one of the key features that makes student civic engagement successful is not framing it in terms of service. "Too often, the idea of service gives the impression that 'we are here to help you,'" she explains and adds that that instead it should be about saying, "'Hey, we are all in this together – learning, struggling, trying to make a world that we want to live in and we want our children to live in. How can we work together toward this end?'" She lived in the Dayton, Ohio area for many years where she worked with community-based nonprofits, churches, and educational organizations. Her emphasis has been on working with organizations that have ongoing, trusting, long-term relationships with the community where the work is taking place. "We've always tried to never do anything 'to' a community but work with a community so that they can become the sort of community that they want," she explains. She has also done international work in Nicaragua, and conducted research deeply informed by her community work with the The Kettering Foundation and The Cedar Tree Foundation.



Hill House welcomes new students to the neighborhood

By Nadia De Leon



WKU's Hill House on East 11th Street has been filled with the voices of new graduate assistants. Jacquelyn Skaggs, a social work student; John Roberts, who is studying counseling and student affairs; Amelia Harshfield, pursuing a degree in applied economics; and Elçin Celik, a student from the sociology department, have moved into the house to begin a new year of community development and applied research work.

After completing an internship and working on a faculty-assisted research project on substance abuse prevention during her time as an undergraduate student, Jacquelyn Skaggs found she wanted to gain more research experience. She is also interested in working at the community level, rather than one-on-one, and the Hill House program will provide a context for both of those goals. She is from Louisville, KY and obtained her Bachelor's degree in social work at Murray State University. She is interested in a number of community issues, including challenges faced by low-income families, sustainability, gardening, and farmer markets.

John Roberts obtained his undergraduate degree in psychology at Georgetown College. His hometown is Scottsville, KY. He holds high hopes for his time at the Hill House and is inspired to be productive and make a difference. "For me, it is just a great opportunity to conduct research, and to do some good for the community," he says of the Hill House. He hopes to learn more about the relationship between universities and communities and how community engagement affects aspects of student life, including retention.

Amelia Harshfield is from Wichita, Kansas. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in business from Baker University located in Northeast Kansas. Harshfield is planning on

continuing her education by applying to PhD schools in Economics for fall 2012. She would like to take advantage of the time spent in the Hill House by becoming more acquainted with Bowling Green and its community, and applying economics to better understand the western region of Kentucky.

Elçin Celik's main interests are ethnic conflict, genocide, multiculturalism, ethnic minorities, social inequality, and social movements. Celik earned a Bachelor of Science in sociology from Hacettepe University in Turkey. During her undergraduate studies, she served as a volunteer in many community organizations. She will be working on a thesis project focused on religion as an element of violence, war trauma, and relocation, specifically as it relates to the local Bosnian refugee population.

The Institute for Citizenship & Social Responsibility and ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships staff and the four students recently returned from an inspiring beginning of the year retreat at the Highlander Research and Education Center, a historical location and an epicenter for social justice work from labor justice to the civil rights movement. This semester, students will be learning about community development and community-based research, planning their group and individual projects, and hosting a series of community events open to the public. Students will report their progress through a blog, which can be found at wkuhillhouse.posterous.com.

Hill House Fall 2011 Calendar of Events:

Sunday, September 25th – Block Party
 Sunday, October 30th – Halloween Celebration
 Sunday, November 13th – Thanksgiving at the Hill House

WKU joins Habitat and other partners to create ecovillage

By Leah Ashwill



said, "The city has been very supportive and welcome of changes that will need to occur in order to make this project a success. This is an excellent opportunity for the City of Bowling Green to showcase progressive approaches to manage run-off through such bio retention efforts."

Goodman continued, "For me, the idea of this project is more than just a green housing development. It's the idea of a shared living community...we want to be a place where people are connected to each other."

Nancy Givens, Sustainability Program Development Coordinator at WKU and principal investigator for the grant, said, "One of the things that a community like this offers is the possibility to put less of our focus and energy into material gain, and to develop some of the other aspects of life: family, community, sharing with one another. Everybody doesn't have to have so much."

"Living green" will take on a whole new meaning for a select group of families in Bowling Green, thanks to the combined efforts of multiple organizations and individuals concerned with environmental sustainability in the region. WKU's Center for Environmental Education & Sustainability (CEES) has been awarded a three-year, \$655,000 grant from the Kentucky Division of Water to develop a mixed-income, mixed-use, affordable housing project called Durbin Estates.

A partnership project between WKU, Habitat for Humanity, and other regional partners, this ecovillage project is in its first phase of a plan that will eventually consist of approximately 50 green housing units, as well as a community center, an outdoor amphitheater, and walking trails. In addition, the new ecovillage will have community gardens, rain gardens (which are areas with plants that are highly absorbent of run-off), and other features such as edible landscaping, native plant species, and increased tree cover.

Located directly across from the LC Curry building on the west side of Bowling Green, the 14.6 acre area will be the first housing community of its kind in this region and will serve as a demonstration that models a more sustainable, environmentally-responsible way to live for communities across the globe.

While the Durbin Estates ecovillage project will be a multi-year endeavor, the initial funding provided by the Kentucky Division of Water will support an innovative green infrastructure to demonstrate a better way to manage and clean storm water run-off. Such efforts will include permeable pavement in the parking areas, bio swells, and many other innovative bio retention activities.

Planners are currently working with the City of Bowling Green's planning and zoning and storm water departments on some aspects of code that will need to be revised citywide as this project moves forward. Rodney Goodman, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity,

Goodman added, "A project like this gives people the opportunity to learn from each other. People who have learned to live with less have a lot to teach those of us who have not learned that yet."

While the finished ecovillage is still years away, the initial three-year infrastructure phase is well underway, and project coordinators report that there is an overwhelming interest in the concept and often speak to groups and organizations about their plans. WKYU is developing a documentary about the project, which will also increase the visibility of the Durbin Estate development. For more information, contact Rodney Goodman at rgoodman@fhfbgwc.org or Nancy Givens at nancy.givens@wku.edu.



Student engagement fair set to encourage 'A Civic Mind'

By Aurelia Spaulding

Twenty-eight campus and community organizations held booths and 1,000 students participated in Project Affect, a student engagement fair last September. The ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships and Institute for Citizenship & Social Responsibility (ICSR) look forward to a great turn out again this year.

On Thursday, September 15th from 11:00am-2:00pm, participating organizations will offer information on how students can get involved through service, as well as engage them in hands-on activities reflective of their cause. The overriding purpose for the event is to show students the many ways they can get involved on campus and in the community through service.

Last year, students were able to talk with representatives from each organization and ask questions about their volunteer program opportunities, requirements, and availability.

This year's Project Affect takes place during Constitution Week at WKU and the event will follow the theme *A Civic Mind*. This theme will be implemented into the event by challenging students to think beyond service of ways to become lifelong learners and engaged citizens. "We want students to recognize and harness the power they hold as public problem-solvers and co-creators of a better world," said Terry Shoemaker, ICSR Program Coordinator.



Any campus or community organization interested in participating can contact Aurelia Spaulding at 270-782-0082 or email Aurelia.spaulding@wku.edu. Groups can continue to register to participate until Friday, September 9th. Learn more about Project Affect by visiting www.wku.edu/alive.

Volunteer fair set to take place at International Festival

By Brittany Ryan

At this year's International Festival, there will be a special area set up for a volunteer fair geared toward diverse communities. The fair, organized by the WKU ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships, will feature at least 10 local organizations that use volunteers on a regular basis.

"The purpose of the volunteer fair is to get the community involved with our diverse communities beyond the day of the festival," said Nadia De Leon, ALIVE CCP Community Engagement Coordinator. Those attending the festival will be able to get acquainted with these organizations and will be encouraged to sign up to volunteer.

"At a minimum, I would like community members to gain awareness of groups that work with diverse communities and their ongoing efforts," De Leon said. While the organizations participating will work with diverse communities, the volunteer fair will provide beneficial information on community groups, resources, and opportunities available to anyone in the Bowling Green/Warren County area.

De Leon said, "It will also be a chance for people to give back to our community."

Since the volunteer fair may only feature ten organization, De Leon stresses the importance of the



participants being organizations that work with diverse audiences. If your organization would like to sign up to have a table, free-of-charge, at this year's volunteer fair at the International Festival, please contact Nadia De Leon at 782-0966 or email nadia.deleon@wku.edu. Participants are expected to be at the International Festival from 9:00am - 7:00pm on September 24th.

WKU social work students inspired to serve youth

By Aurelia Spaulding

If students in your department participate in meaningful service, please contact Aurelia Spaulding, Communications & Marketing Coordinator, at aurelia.spaulding@wku.edu for information on being featured in one of our publications or the Spirit of Engagement blog.

Samantha Burnett

Samantha Burnett looks forward to working one-on-one and leading small groups of children at a local youth-serving agency this fall.

"This is the first time I think they have taken on a social work student to do that," Burnett said. "I am really excited about working with the kids."

Burnett recently coordinated the kid's camp activities for the Women & Kids Learning Together (WKLT) camp, a week-long program of Women's and Gender Studies at WKU. During the WKLT camp, Burnett planned the activities, interviewed volunteer counselors, and made sure that all the youth enjoyed the educational activities.

Burnett became actively involved in service while attending Presentation Academy in Louisville, KY. She went on a retreat in high school that was focused on poverty in Louisville, and the retreat ignited her desire to continue serving others. From that point, Burnett began volunteering with Active Day, an organization that provides services to elderly and disabled adults and their caregivers.

"[Active Day] is the reason I became a social work major. It showed you can help people in your own area."

While at WKU, Burnett continues to serve in the local area. Burnett currently serves on the Relay for Life and Up Till Dawn committees, as a College of Health and Human Services Ambassador, Pan Hellenic Council delegate, Student Social Worker Club Secretary, and ALIVE Center Student Advisory Board member. Burnett is also paired with another student in Best Buddies, an organization for students who commit to a one-to-one friendship with a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities.



Eric Wills

Eric Wills began volunteering regularly in Nashville, TN before he came to college at the age of 18. One of his notable memories was with a Fit to Serve retreat in Nashville. The Fit to Serve retreat took a group of children from at-risk neighborhoods and showed them how to take care of their bodies through better nutrition and physical fitness.

Since then, he continues to work with youth during countless weekends volunteering at The Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, KY. According to their website, The Center for Courageous Kids serves children with life-threatening illnesses by providing them with a traditional camp experience in a fun, physically safe, and medically-sound environment.

Wills has volunteered at the camp in different capacities during his time at Western Kentucky University, and he spent most of his summer working with their summer camps.

"I love it. It's infectious," Wills said. "It feels good to give back."

In the past, Wills volunteered with the International Festival in Bowling Green, KY and Second Harvest Food bank in Nashville. At WKU, Wills has participated in the Dynamic Leadership Institute ALIVE Center Student Advisory Board, Black Men at Western, and worked with the Language and Gender Conference.



MentorKids program encouraging youth in Owensboro

By Aurelia Spaulding



Cliff Boswell became a mentor at MentorKids Kentucky because it was an opportunity to get involved with a child that may not have a father and show them a positive influence.

"Many youth have difficult challenges and need positive people and encouragement in their lives," Boswell said.

MentorKids serves as a place to match at-risk children, who are without one or both parents, with a positive role model. Youth are matched with volunteers that serve as mentors for their program. As a Christian organization, MentorKids works with churches and also maintains a relationship with their local schools.

Matt Woodfall, MentorKids Director, said, "The idea is to give someone a person." MentorKids provides youth with a person that spends time with them at least one hour a week for a minimum of one year in addition to monthly activities that MentorKids coordinates for all the youth. The mentor may help the mentee with homework, go to the movies, or play basketball and other recreation sports. To help guide things along, MentorKids encourages activities that focus on five areas: spiritual, character, academic, relational, and life skills.

MentorKids serves Daviess County with three additional programs from their general mentoring program. These programs include: Bridge Teams, MentorMoms, and Troopers.

Bridge Teams is MentorKids within the church. MentorKids partners with area churches to start their own mentoring ministry. MentorKids will train and supervise mentors as well as direct children to their Bridge Team.

"We are committed to partnering with other community organizations that have the people and the resources. This allows us to have a more holistic approach to ministering to the youth and serve the families as well." Woodfall said regarding Bridge Teams.

Currently, Bridge Teams exist at Heritage Baptist Church, Pleasant Valley Community Church, and Utica Baptist Church in Daviess County.

Woodfall said there are 6,000 single parent households in Daviess County, and 95 percent of their matches are from homes with single mothers. For this reason, Mentor Kids started the program MentorMoms to work with mothers. MentorMoms helps moms by providing quarterly activities for single mothers like a spa night to help them relax or presentations on handling their finances.

MentorKids also provides activities for youth in their Troopers program. Troopers consist of the youth on the waiting list for a mentor. It provides monthly activities for the youth as a group until they get a mentor.

Eighty current matches are overseen through MentorKids, and the organization can use individuals interested in volunteering as a mentor or with monthly activities. MentorKids is a United Way agency. To contact MentorKids, call the office at 270-926-6893 or visit their website at www.mentorkidsky.org.



Community member leads way to support MS Walk locally

By Emily Ulber



On March 10, 2010, doctors told Tim Allen he had a brain stem tumor and six months to live.

"That's what they told me," he said. "I didn't have a lot of faith in doctors, so I put my faith in God. I asked Him, 'Please leave me on the earth so I can help my children grow up.'"

Then things started to change.

Three months later, Allen was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis — more commonly known as MS, an unpredictable and often disabling disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information within the brain and between the brain and body. Symptoms include numbness, tingling, blindness, and paralysis.

But Allen took the news as a blessing.

"I took it as a sign of what I needed to do, so I started getting involved," he said.

Allen will be participating in his second National Multiple Sclerosis Society WalkMS on September 17th at Preston Miller Park. As of late August, he and his team, dubbed "Tim Allen N Friends," were among 87 registered participants in the walk, which aims to support MS research and help people with the disease move forward.

In 2010, the local WalkMS raised \$12,774, an increase of \$2,350 from the year before, chair Laura Houchens said.

"If we increased our amount that much again, we would raise over \$13,000, which I would be thrilled with," she said.

Houchens is the captain of her family's team, "The El Bees," a shortened version of her name — Laura Beth.

"For me, it's a really neat day, because I know all these people who love me are setting aside whatever

else it is they like to do on a Saturday to be there and support me," Houchens said. "It's hard to describe the support I feel from them, especially on Walk Day, because they show me love and support throughout the year."

Houchens, who was diagnosed with MS in 2001, said there are about 500 people in Warren County and the surrounding area with the disease. She and her husband, Chris, participated in Columbia, KY's WalkMS before helping get the walk started in Bowling Green in 2005.

"By showing up on September 17th, the community says, 'We might not understand what you're going through, but we will stand behind you and help you anyway,'" she said.

Shortly after his own diagnosis, Allen started looking for ways to help others affected by MS. He found that the MS help group at Southern Kentucky Rehabilitation Hospital had disbanded, so he got the proper training to get it up and running again. The group brings in specialists once a month to speak on MS-related topics, including nutrition, exercise and massage therapy.

Group attendance ranges from six to about 30.

"We have people with MS, we have their caregivers, we have the children of the people with MS," Allen said. "Not only is the person experiencing MS having the mood swings, the depression, and all the things associated with it — the caregiver goes through the same thing. It's just in a different way."

The MS Connection Exercise Program, which Allen started in partnership with Total Fitness Connection, was born out of support group attendees looking for a place to work out. Participants sign up for a gym membership at Total Fitness Connection. Allen fundraises or tries to find sponsors for those who cannot afford the membership fees.

"Everyone who has MS is different," Allen said. "It depends on when exacerbations hit...whether it's in the brain or the spinal cord. It can affect your arms, it can affect your leg, it can affect your ability to think."

Experts now think that aerobic exercise can fight MS fatigue, according to information from the National MS Society. Nearly 80 percent of the money raised at events like WalkMS go toward programs, education, and research to help those affected by the disease.

There currently is not a cure for MS — something Allen would like to see change. And he is not giving up on the walk any time soon, either.

"As long as I can walk or be pushed in a wheelchair, I'll participate," he said.

For more information on MS, visit www.walkmsky.org or call (502) 451-0014.



International Festival celebrates 50th year of Peace Corps

September 24, 2011
Circus Square Park
9:00am to 7:00pm

The last Saturday every September, Circus Square Park in Bowling Green, KY becomes a place where nationalities come together to proudly share their unique cultures. The festival is a traditional celebration that honors the heritage and diversity among our residents through music, dance, demonstrations, authentic foreign foods, education and entertainment activities, cultural displays, and an international bazaar.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. To celebrate, this year's International Festival theme is "People Helping People." The festival will be celebrating not only the Peace Corps organization but also numerous local organizations that promote volunteerism.

There will be booths set up that feature authentic foods from different cultures, internationally-themed merchandise, cultural information and free activities, country passport tables, special interest tables, festival merchandise and information, and free children's activities. There will also be an hourly piñata burst near the children's activity area, a tent for volunteers, and a beer garden.



There will be numerous performances throughout the day, including a Celtic open-mic area for informal jam sessions with the High Cross Society. Other performances will highlight diversity, heritage, and world music and arts.

Volunteers are a necessity at the International Festival and are greatly appreciated. It is very easy to sign up on the International Festival's website, and volunteers can usually find something they are actually interested in doing: for example, people who like to play with kids can volunteer for the children's activities area and help them with crafts.

Admission is \$3 for people 13 and over.

For more information about this year's International Festival: "People Helping People" please visit their website at www.bginternationalfestival.com. You can sign up to volunteer via the website, as well.

Riverview at Hobson Grove presents workshop for youth

Riverview at Hobson Grove
Saturdays in October
1:00pm-3:00pm

Riverview at Hobson Grove is pleased to present "Victorian Skills For Young Ladies and Gentlemen," a series of workshops for children ages 8 to 12. Nancy Baird, past Kentucky History Specialist of the Kentucky Library at WKU, will lead each of the workshops to be held at the historic house museum. Participants will learn a traditional Victorian hand craft and create a memento to take home. Each of these two and one half hour workshops is limited to a specific age and number of participants so reservations are required. All tools and materials will be provided for each workshop.

Saturday, October 15 at 1:00pm -- Knit a Scarf. A knitting workshop for girls ages 8 and older who will learn to make a scarf using knitting needles. Knitting was originally a male-only hand craft occupation and derived from the word knot. A variety of different knitting stitches will be taught. Just in time to make a warm scarf for the cool weather!

Saturday, October 22 at 1:00pm -- An "unCivil War" Workshop for boys and girls to learn a little about a soldier's life during the war. Kids will learn about Kentucky's status and the causes of the Civil War and then make "soldiers" out of wooden clothespins, also known as clothes pegs. The "soldiers" will stand up



or "sit" on cardboard horses and will be able to camp, march, and do maneuvers on a big Civil War map of Bowling Green. And of course there will be refreshments for these hardworking soldiers---hard tack and "swamp water!"

Reservations are required and individual fees do apply. Class size is limited. For further information, please call Riverview at 843-5565. Riverview is located at 1100 West Main Avenue in Bowling Green's Hobson Grove Park.

Medical Center 10K Classic



L.T. Smith Football Stadium
October 15, 2011
6:00am-11:00am

The 10K Classic was started in 1979 and was nationally known as the Wendy's 10K Classic. In 1988, the race name was changed to The Bowling Green 10K Classic and continued to draw thousands of people around the world to race in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Over the years, events have been added to this race such as the 10K wheelchair race, 5K run/walk, 1.5 mile fun walk, and the Children's Classic. In 2000, The Medical Center became the title sponsor of the events. Now, in its 32nd year, The Medical Center 10K Classic is known by all as "The Race for Everyone". This event captures every age and athletic ability and encourages the true mission of this race, health for all ages.

In the three decades of the 10K Classic, there have been countless economic dollars spent in the region, thousands of dollars given away to participants, thousands of awards given for notable achievements, but all is for naught when compared to a joyful participant crossing a finish line.

"We Remember" 9/11 Day

September 10, 2011
WKU South Lawn
2:00pm-6:00pm

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the ALIVE Center is coordinating "We Remember" day at WKU on September 10th. A tent will be set up on South Lawn where the ALIVE Center will take volunteers to write letters and cards to soldiers. They will also have a banner set up for people to write down their memories and words of appreciation for all who served the country on 9/11. In addition, the staff at the ALIVE Center will also be partnering with Community Action of Southern Kentucky to accept donations for disaster preparedness kits. Items accepted include: first aid kits, manual can openers, N95 masks, small hand towels and wash cloths, whistles, work gloves, duct tape, flashlights, multipurpose tools, and emergency blankets.

For more information, please contact the ALIVE Center at 270.782.0082 or via email at alivebg@wku.edu. You can also visit their website at www.wku.edu/alive.

September – November Nonprofit Events

- 09/01 SkyPAC *Hard Hat Tours* (every Tuesday and Thursday in September)
- 09/02 American Red Cross *blood drive* (every Friday)
- 09/10 Special Olympics *Kentucky State Softball Tournament*
- 09/10 ALIVE Center *We Remember 9/11*
- 09/15 ALIVE Center *Project Affect*
- 09/16 Vision Multi-Agency Council *monthly meeting*
- 09/17 Multiple Sclerosis Society *Walk MS*
- 09/17 South Central Kentucky *Kids on the Block Festival of Sand*
- 09/23 Warren County Public Library *Used Book Sale* (runs through 9/25)
- 09/24 *International Festival*
- 09/24 Alzheimer's Association *Walk to End Alzheimer's*
- 09/29 ALIVE Center *Steps to a \$100 Solution*
- 10/15 Riverview at Hobson Grove *Victorian Skills for Young Ladies & Gentleman – Knitting a Scarf*
- 10/15 The Medical Center *10k Classic*
- 10/15 New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding *The Mane Event Horse Show and Extravaganza*
- 10/21 Vision Multi-Agency Council *monthly meeting*
- 10/22 WKU Homecoming
- 10/22 Riverview at Hobson Grove *Victorian Skills for Young Ladies & Gentleman – An "unCivil War" Workshop*
- 10/29 NAACP *Freedom Fund Gala*
- 11/05 Riverview at Hobson Grove *Victorian Skills for Young Ladies & Gentleman – Flowery Slumbers*
- 11/05 Area 5 Special Olympics *Bowling Tournament*
- 11/11 Mammoth Cave *Fee-Free Day*
- 11/18 Vision Multi-Agency Council *monthly meeting*

For a full listing of community events, visit www.wku.edu/alive

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