Boys & Girls Club Mission to Mentor Project

Team Members: Derek Louderbaugh, Caleb Smith, Alex Schrader, Taylor Bennett, Kay Gieseke, Kelly Macejewski, Jessica Kjeldgaard
Faculty Advisor: Jarrod Smith
Community Contact: Debbie Herren

This year our Summit Group is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club Mission to Mentor program. The program pairs each individual at the club with a mentor in order to help the children with their daily lives. The mission of our community partner is to enhance the quality of life for youth with a special concern for the disadvantaged. The mentoring program focuses on helping the youth realize potential for growth and development, teaching values of life, strengthening self-esteem, and to making better citizens. Our goal is to aid this program and create a positive impact on the children’s future by giving one-on-one attention to areas such as academics, extra curricular activities, building self-esteem, and life-skills.

Website: http://www.bgclubspringfield.org/get-involved/mission-to-mentor/

Champion Athletes of the Ozarks

Team Members: Weston Buchanan, Claire Hubert, Courtney Jones, Dayton Karr, Jordan Klaus, Eriq Kristek, Elena Sharp, Bryan Williams
Faculty Advisor: Ioana Popescu
Community Contact: Susan Miles

Our group has chosen to work with Champion Athletes of the Ozarks. Champion Athletes is a nonprofit organization that works with kids and adults with disabilities. They use sports and weekly reading and math classes to help their members gain skills and abilities that will help them in everyday life. Champion Athletes’ mission is “To build self-esteem, self-confidence and everyday life skills, therefore enhancing the lives of children and adults with disabilities through education, sports competition and new opportunities.” Our group will be directly working with the members of Champion Athletes. We will be attending sporting events, as well as the weekly reading and math lessons. We hope to get the members of Champion Athletes involved at Drury’s campus by bringing them to a basketball game and letting them interact with college students. As a group, we hope to touch the lives of all the people we come in contact with through our project. We want to provide the members of Champion Athletes with support and encourage them to strive to be the best they can be.

Website: http://www.championathletes.org.
Harmony House

BLOG
Team Members: Megan Ortmeyer, Stephanie Mazzoni, Karis Kononiuk, Leslie Harper
Faculty/Staff Advisor: Emily Givens
Community Contact: Lisa Keene

This year will be working with Harmony House, a shelter for abused women and children. They have 110 beds that are rarely empty. Their mission is “to provide shelter, advocacy and education to survivors of domestic violence and promote the principle that all individuals have the right to a life free of abuse.” In order to help promote education we will be organizing their library, collecting new books through a book drive, and making book packets for the children. Each child’s book packet will include one children’s book that was collected through the book drive, a coloring book and crayons. The book packets will be given to each child when he/she enters the facility, and it will be his/hers to keep. We will also be working hands-on in the shelter by cleaning and doing other work around the shelter.

Website: http://www.myharmonyhouse.org/

Lost and Found

BLOG
Team Members: Abby Lang, AJ Hemingway, Ethan Kaplan, JenaLee Sanders, Paulie Intriaigo, Roman Shiff, Samantha Behen, Tanner Kirksey
Faculty/Staff Advisor: Emily Givens
Community Contact: Nannette Thomas

Our goal is to work with the Lost & Found Grief Center, the only organization that provides free, professional grief support to the people of southwest Missouri. Lost & Found’s Mission: Lost & Found Grief Center provides grief support services, at no charge, in a safe and supportive environment for children, young adults, and their families grieving the death of a loved one.

The eight of us will be working together to raise awareness of children’s and young adults’ grief on Drury’s campus through an awareness campaign; to communicate with families, volunteers, and contributors by assisting with the production and distribution of quarterly newsletters; and to engage in Lost & Found and the Springfield community by helping with fundraising and awareness events.

Website: www.lostandfoundozarks.com

OneSolePurpose
**BLOG**

**Group members:** Brooke Antenen, Megan Cunningham, Hannah Dressler, Vicki Schimank, Olivia Wheat, McKenna Poynter, and Paige Wilson  
**Faculty Advisor:** Andrea Battaglia  
**Community Contact:** Gayla Wells

“OneSolePurpose exists for the purpose of restoring hope and God-given dignity by providing basic necessities, like shoes, to those currently in need.” OneSolePurpose is a nonprofit organization that donates shoes to all of the children in the Title I schools in the Springfield area. They accomplish this by having businesses, churches, and individuals come together for one common goal: the kids! It was started in May of 2010. It all began at Weller Elementary, which is one of the many Title I schools in the area. Dan and Gayla Wells realized the needs of the kids in the school because over 90% of them were on free or reduced lunch. They saw that a lot of kids in the school were in need of the basic necessity shoes. They met their goal of providing shoes for all of the students at Weller in the 2010/2011 school year, but they soon realized there were many more schools in the area needed the same support. The organization kept growing and is now able to provide a pair of shoes to all the students in the 17 Title I schools in Springfield. The organization continues to meet their goals and provide shoes for the students every year. We started off this year by giving out the shoes. The grateful hearts and smiling faces reminds the volunteers what a difference they are making in these children’s lives. Our next step is to raise money for and volunteer to help with the annual 5k/10k that will be held in the spring.

**Website:** [http://www.onesolepurpose.com](http://www.onesolepurpose.com)

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**The Culture Club**

**BLOG**

**Team Members:** Jessie Barton, Jordyn Hoskins, Lindsey Hutchinson, Victoria Robinson  
**Community Contact:** Geoff Weinmann  
**Faculty Advisor:** Tijuana Julian

We will be working with The Culture Club. They give children from Boyd Elementary a chance to have another meal after school and receive free tutoring before they go home. Our main goal for our service project is to help the children of Boyd Elementary see what their full potential can lead to. We hope to create a good environment for them while they are learning that receiving an education is a wonderful an important part of their young life. We hope to encourage each child to start healthy habits that we believe will support a great education.

**Website:** [http://centralchristianspringfield.org/community-involvement](http://centralchristianspringfield.org/community-involvement)
Summit Park Leadership Community 2013-2014

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Each team of students maintains a blog throughout the project. Click on their blogs below to learn more about the students and their service-learning projects.

Boys and Girls Club

Read our Blog

*Jonas Gassmann, Mitchell Waters, Shane Woods*

**Faculty/Staff Advisor:** Dr. Robin Miller

**Goal:** This year we will be volunteering with the Henderson Unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield, Missouri. As athletes we feel that sports are one of the best ways to advance these objectives. Sports build confidence and leadership, and help promote social interaction and inclusion. Furthermore, sports are fun and easy to learn and play, making them one of the best ways to reach youth. Over this year of working with the Boys and Girls Club we will run several activity days based on different sports, such as soccer day. We will also do activities relating more to physical wellness in general, like healthy snack day. By working with the Boys and Girls Club we hope to use sports to achieve the mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield as well as to inspire a lifetime of healthy choices for the children we work with.

**Website:** [www.bgclubspringfield.org](http://www.bgclubspringfield.org)

**Boys & Girls Club Mission:** The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield is to enhance the quality of life for youth as participating members of a richly diverse society. With special concern for the disadvantaged, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield help youth to help themselves realize their potential for growth and development.

CARE Animal Shelter

Read our Blog

*Jamen Helton, Logan Prescott, Blake Andrews, William Daniel*

**Faculty/Staff Advisor:** Dr. Tijuana Julian

**Goal:** Our project will be to work with the Castaway Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E). This animal sanctuary is a nonprofit no-kill shelter especially for abused, injured or sick pets in the area. We will
help improve the pets’ stays at the shelter by walking them and cleaning the cages they live in. This is what we will be doing primarily when we volunteer. C.A.R.E has a lot of needs. They rely exclusively on donations and supplies from people. Our group plans on donating shredded paper to shelter. They use this paper as bedding for the pets at nighttime. Along with these donations, we plan on setting up fundraisers to raise money for the shelter. We want to use these fundraisers to help give the animals the necessities they deserve and in the process promote adoptions. Our ultimate goal at C.A.R.E is to enhance the life and the stay of the animals at the shelter.

Website: www.carerescue.org

Mission of C.A.R.E.: To rescue as many adoptable animals from “death row” as we can properly care for. To provide medical treatment to sick or injured stray animals. To combine an aggressive spay/neuter program with a high volume adoption program while providing quality lifetime care for unadopted pets. To network with and provide a rescue service for other shelters, ultimately reducing the kill-rate in Southwest Missouri.

Harmony House

Read our Blog

Kelsey Pressnall, Bridget Voda, Ann Slesinski, Karen Baltzley

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Charles Taylor

Goal: For our project, we will be working with the Springfield Harmony House. We are there to support the families and the staff with any miscellaneous help needed at the house: from helping cook dinner to cleaning the bathrooms. We see ourselves helping the women and children, and the staff that work there. We hope to do a fundraiser to get supplies needed at the house, such as cleaning supplies and personal care items. We are also considering a project with the children. Each of us has skills in the dance/theatre/music range and hope to do a workshop with the kids that will allow them to get up and perform for one another. We are looking forward to supporting the wonderful staff as well as adding our own ideas.

Website: www.harmonyhouse.org

Harmony House Mission: The mission of Harmony House is to provide shelter, advocacy and education to survivors of domestic violence and promote the principle that all individuals have the right to a life free of abuse.

Humane Society

Read our Blog

Sara Beck, Rebekah Laupp, Wan Yi Poon

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Patricia McEachern

Goal: The three of us will be volunteering at the Humane Society of Southwest Missouri in order to help those animals who have wound up in their care. While there, we will walk the dogs, clean cages and make sure both the cats and dog maintain healthy social relationships with humans. The goal is
to find homes for the animals at the humane society and educate our school that volunteering isn’t hard or time consuming, but in the will better the lives of these animals. Our plan is to fundraise as well as gather old towels, blankets, and newspapers since the Humane Society is not funded by the government. We would also like to organize a better link between the Humane Society and Drury.

Website: www.swh.org

**Mission of the Humane Society:** The mission of the Humane Society of Southwest Missouri is to aid in the alleviation of distress and suffering of animals by operating a shelter for animals in need of care, placing animals in suitable homes when possible, and offering educational programs that promote animal welfare.

**Newborns in Need**

**Read our Blog**

*Brittany Fox, Hannah Bunch, Emma Clardy, Megan Goosey*

**Faculty/Staff Advisor:** Jarrod Smith

**Goal:** Our project is Newborns in Need, a charity that helps provide necessities for newborns when their family cannot always afford it. Our group plans to contribute to this organization by knitting and crocheting blankets and hats, quilting, packaging kits full of newborn necessities, assisting in organizing contact information via email, and general organization of the fabrics and clothing items. We also plan to have potential fundraisers such as creating lists of necessities and having people through the school and the community donates to our cause. Another idea is to form a knitting club with people in the community. Goals of this project is to learn basic sewing skills, raise awareness throughout the community, and get the community involved in helping such a great cause. Our overall desired effect is to help support local families that can’t afford necessities for their newborns.

Website: newbornsinneedspringfield.org

**Mission of Newborns in Need:** To serve all God’s children by providing beginning essentials for newborns that belong to a family that can’t afford them.

**One Sole**

**Read our Blog**

*Chezney Shorthose, McKensie Hodges, Sophie Fulton, Jana Woodruff, Jenny Scoggin, Corrie Thomas, Casey Vaclavik, Aislyn Hamblett*

**Faculty/Staff Advisor:** Andrea Battaglia

**Goal:** OneSolePurpose is a nonprofit organization that raises money to provide children in Title-1 schools with new Converse shoes. Title-1 schools are those in which 85% of students qualify for free or reduced lunches. This year our team will fit children in Title-1 schools with Converse, sort shoes for efficient delivery to each school, and deliver shoes to each child within each classroom. Our team will promote OneSolePurpose by working booths at the News-Leader Races and the Greater Springfield
Farmers’ Market. In the spring OneSolePurpose holds a 5K/10K at which our team will volunteer. In addition to all of this, our team will bring the mission of OneSolePurpose to the Drury campus.

**Website:** [www.onesolepurpose.com](http://www.onesolepurpose.com)

**OneSolePurpose Mission:** OneSolePurpose exists for the purpose of restoring hope and God-given dignity by providing basic necessities, like shoes, to those currently in need.

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**Potter’s House**

**Read our Blog**

*Tori Lemmon, Abigael Weller, Megan Reed, Taylor Pemberton*

**Faculty/Staff Advisor:** Kathryn Benson

**Goal:** In the fall of 2013 and the spring of 2014, we will be working with the Potter’s House, a coffee house located on National Ave. The Potter’s House is a not-for-profit, faith-based ministry, supported entirely by the generous donations of individuals, businesses and churches. It exists as a safe place for thousands of students who come for support, encouragement, mentoring, and community every year. The Potter’s House only has two paid employees, and consequently relies almost solely on the help of volunteers. We will be using our skills in the areas of graphics, design, multimedia writing, social media, event planning, and more to assist the Potter’s House, as well as helping to organize several projects. These include: revamping the website, redesigning and writing a newsletter, and creating and maintaining an alumni database. Furthermore, we hope to strengthen the bond between Drury University and the Potter’s House, as well as increase Drury student’s visibility and engagement with other students and organizations across Springfield.

**Website:** [www.thepoho.com](http://www.thepoho.com)

**Mission of Potter’s House:** The Potter’s House exists to advance Christian influence on the university campus by introducing and reconciling students to Jesus Christ. To accomplish this purpose, it is our desire to build relationships with students, disciple them in their spiritual growth, equip them for ministry and then to send them around the world with the message of hope in Christ, to every ethnicity and culture.

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**Ronald McDonald House**

**Read our Blog**

*Madelaine Bell, Wayne Elliott, Jeffrey Robinson, Kurt Smith, Mckenzie Johnson, Emily Titus, Morgan Melton, Jeremy Womack*

**Faculty/Staff Advisor:** Emily Givens

**Goal:** The goal of the RMH summit team is to assist the Ronald McDonald house with item donation, family dinners, general lawn maintenance, and, ultimately, a complete restoration of their backyard/play area. We aim to provide the people that Ronald McDonald House helps with hot meals and companionship, any items they or their children might need, a beautiful outdoor relaxation space to help ease their troubled minds, and provide children at the House a place to play.
Website: www.rmhc.org

Ronald McDonald House Mission: RMH’s goal is to provide a place to stay for families with children in Springfield hospitals, as well as transportation to and from the hospitals that their children are in.
Summit Park Leadership Community
2012-2013

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Art Feeds - BLOG

Micha Willis, Marissa Brown, Kayleen Spear, Laura Westfall, Carlos Zambrano, Trevor Wellman, Jacob Nentrup, Brandon White

Faculty/Staff Advisor: John Taylor

Goal: For our project, we chose to help the non-profit organization Art Feeds. With our leadership efforts for Art Feeds, we hope to raise awareness about the organization on Drury’s campus and throughout the community of Springfield, MO. We also hope to increase the organization's success by volunteering at Art Feeds headquarters and its local school campuses.

Bailey Alternative High School - BLOG

Haley Jackson, Rachel Patton, Grace Lounsbury, Sarah Smith

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Gerard Nadeau

Goal: Our project is to work with Bailey Alternative High School in enhancing their performing space. This will culminate in the design and build of a collapsible stage for the school. Bailey High School currently does not currently have a stage, and the school plans on moving in a few years, so they would like a stage they can take with them.

Rivendale - BLOG

Kaleigh Jurgensmeyer, Ashley Marmouget, Samantha Williams, Mia Young

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Mark Lawley

Goal: Our project will be working with Rivendale, part of the Springfield Special School District. This school is dedicated to helping children with a wide range of learning disabilities, including
autism. Our main goal will be to lead an after school program aimed at helping some of the older students develop better social skills. Some ideas of discussion will include how to introduce yourself, how to ask someone out on a date, and even how to respectfully deal with confrontations. We want to raise awareness about autism and help get the community involved with the cause. Many only see autism as a severe social disorder—but it is actually a spectrum disorder that affects nearly 1.5 million people in the United States. Hopefully, through this project we can change people’s view on what autism actually is and increase community understanding about this disorder.

**Community Partnership of the Ozarks** - BLOG

*Emily Dicus, Alexis Dutt, Taylor Rice, Jacy Shaw, Kevin Abernathy, Matt Armstrong, Matt Lytle, Aaron Tucker*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Mr. Greg Booker

Goal: Our prospective Summit Team has chosen to work with Community Partnership of the Ozarks. They are a non-profit organization whose mission is “To facilitate and promote positive community growth through collaboration, program administration, and resource development.” We plan to work with the schools that have an established relationship with Community Partnership in the Drury area such as Boyd Elementary and Pipkin Middle School, hoping to assist in making these promises a reality. Our thought is not specific but “dynamic service,” dedicated to the purpose of the Partnership. We have presented ourselves as flexible and willing to serve. Our hope is to respond to the needs that they specifically present to us in an effective and impactful way.

**Boyd Elementary** - BLOG

*Jorge Nadal, Jandui Reyes Barreiros, Juan Esteban Matheus, Juan Fernando Calderon*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Charlyn Ingwerson

Goal: Our project will involve our community partner over at Boyd Elementary where we would be exposed to a group of 6-8 5th graders. The goal of our project is to visit the school as not only role models, but male role models. Most of the boys we will be working with don’t have a fatherly figure present in their everyday lives and we aim to become this figure. We humbly accept this is quite the task and we do realize that for this project to be successful passion is needed and can honestly say that we have this.

**Green County Botanical Center** - BLOG

*Jessica Bliss, Megan Hasenmueller, Katelyn Wojan*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Denton

Goal: The Botanical Center of Springfield was established in order to enhance people’s lives through plant demonstrations and education. We have a goal to influence members of the Drury and Springfield community in having a greater appreciation for nature’s beauty. Through our leadership efforts we hope to develop a more environmentally thoughtful community.
C.A.R.E. Animal Shelter - BLOG

Deidre Hardy, Kayla Honeycutt, Caitlin Lauer, Cathy Robinson

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Jeanie Allen

Goal: Our project is the Castaway Animal Rescue Effort animal shelter, or C.A.R.E. Our goal is to help advertise this no-kill shelter to the Springfield community and our Drury peers, and also volunteer our time at the shelter. Additionally, we hope to organize fundraisers for C.A.R.E., and perhaps hold a clothing drive in order to donate these items to the C.A.R.E. thrift store. We are also planning to assist C.A.R.E. with their mobile adoptions. Our project will be interactive not only with the animals, but with the community. Overall, we hope to help make the animals’ time at the shelter as comfortable as possible, and help many of them find loving homes.
Summit Park Leadership Community
2011-2012

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Project AWARE Foundation

*Delaney Sweeney, Heather Wharton, Shelby Zook, Stephanie Dulany*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Emily Givens

Goal: The purpose is to introduce and publicize the efforts of the Project AWARE Foundation by educating elementary aged students. The Foundation conserves underwater environments through education, advocacy, and action. Project AWARE Foundation is a registered nonprofit organization. The desired changes toward which the leadership effort is directed are bringing awareness and an educational opportunity to young people about the global importance of protecting and conserving underwater environments, and the importance of proper stewardship of the precious commodity of clean water. We will partner with the Project AWARE Foundation to combat challenges facing underwater environments.

Boys and Girls Town

*Jordan Mason, Will Stone, Pedro Rivera, Ryan Coleman*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Patrick Moser

Goal: The purpose of our project is to work with the Boys and Girls Town to create strong friendships with the kids and help prepare them for their future in ways that extend beyond simple academics. We will work with the 8-12 year old cottage because we believe that this is an important age for young kids who are beginning to mature and discover their interests in life. We hope to share the knowledge and experiences that have helped us gain academic and personal success so that they can realize their true potential.

Rare Breed Youth Outreach
Kelsey Emerson, Carly Jelinek, Chelsey Coyne, Erin Tuttle, Clayton Perkins, Eric Baldwin, Jon Nuessle, Dustin Howard

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Jennie Long

Goal: Our goal is to offer support to individuals who lack direction and a stable foundation in their current situation, helping any individual who desires the assistance to obtain their GED by working with them and helping them study for the exam as well as provide encouragement and support. In doing this, we will be able to provide opportunities for growth and change in the future to the individuals at Rare Breed. As well as providing support to individuals, we would be able to provide support to the organization, thus allowing the organization to run more efficiently, and the full time volunteers would be able to direct their attention to places that it was absolutely needed. In providing support to the organization, we can extend our reach and begin to help more individuals in the community.

Salvation Army BLOG

Erica Ramsey, Mariah Fulbright, Katie Battalia, Haleigh Brown

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. John Taylor

Goal: We have decided to volunteer in the many services that the Salvation Army offers. There are many projects that we are excited to get involved in next year. The Salvation Army is in need of the most volunteers during the holiday season. During this time, we plan on ringing bells at various locations, contributing a portion of our budget to donating toys to children, and helping serve over 1,000 families with a Christmas dinner. The Salvation Army also provides after school programs, snow day activities, summer camps, and summer day care for kids. We will assist in these areas when needed. Once a month, families are allowed to go to the Salvation Army’s office to pick up a shopping cart full of food. We will help to sort and bag the food for the families.

Special Olympics Missouri BLOG

Suzy Bartek, Shelby Hoover, Emily Stebbins, Pema Wangzome

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Lawrence Anderson

Goal: The project we have chosen is with Special Olympics Missouri. This is a fantastic organization providing opportunities for children and adults with intellectual or physical disabilities who, when given the chance, can participate and excel in sports. The major part of this project is a program through the Special Olympics called Young Athletes Program where we work with 3-7 year old children. This is the first of this program seen in Missouri. The Special Olympics in Springfield has supplied us with the lesson plans for an eight-week program. Our goal for this project is to help the Special Olympics financially also. Through our help and commitment with the Special Olympics we wish to help foster growth within the children that will be involved in the Young Athletes Program, create a successful and educational sporting event, and help reach out to more potential Special Olympic Athletes.

C.A.R.E (Castaway Animal Rescue Effort) BLOG

Carolyn Adams, Lindsay Lehmen, Sheila Haskins, Brooke Hickman

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Patricia McEachern
Goal: We are working with C.A.R.E. They are a no kill animal center located in Springfield, MO. Throughout our time working with C.A.R.E. we would like to help raise money for our organization. Our main goal is fundraising. We will be selling wristbands and calendars. Also, during midterms and finals, we will have dogs from C.A.R.E. come to Sunderland Field for people to pay to play with the dogs to relieve stress. We will also be placing a change jar at local pet oriented stores for people to donate their extra change when checking out. All the money we make goes directly to the needs of C.A.R.E.

**Harmony House Family Violence Center** [BLOG](#)

*Phoebe Hicks, Kyndahl Bertram, Megan Hasenmueller, Jessica Bliss*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Randall Fuller

Goal: Our project is the Harmony House Family Violence Center. Our goal is to help create a more welcoming environment for children and women that are victims of domestic violence and help uphold the Harmony House's principle that all individuals have the right to a life free from abuse.

**Ravenwood Assisted Living** [BLOG](#)

*Brittany Stockwell, Candace Ladd, Jessi Herndon, Katie Paul*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Charles Taylor

Goal: In our summit project, we are planning to improve the quality of life for the residents of Ravenwood Assisted Living by offering and organizing more activities, including, but not limited to, game nights and holiday parties. We would like to involve more Drury students in our activities. Through our project, we are hoping to bridge the gap between the older and younger generations.

**Pipkin Middle School** [BLOG](#)

*David D'Alia, Juan Franco, Juan Fernando Calderon, Danny Loza*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Charlyn Ingwerson

Goal: We will be working with two groups of students from Pipkin Middle School; six sixth-graders and six eighth-graders. Our main goal with this project is to give these students, who do not have good moral support at home, a new vision for life. We will be meeting with the kids twice a month. We not only will be helping with homework, but also taking them on fieldtrips to the movies or baseball games. We want to encourage them to continue their studies and go further than just a high school education. Our focus is to get them thinking about their future and what possibilities they have.
Summit Park Leadership Community
2010-2011

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Planned Parenthood - BLOG

Austin Seaborn, Kevin Rogan, Brady Nelson, Sean Banasik, Amanda Combs, Elyse Coulter, Stephanie Hayes, Laura Harmon

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Erin Kenny

Goal: This is the first time any Summit Group has partnered with an organization like Planned Parenthood. The overall goal is to promote a better understanding of the role that Planned Parenthood plays in the Springfield community. The Summit group will represent Drury and Planned Parenthood in the Springfield community at various events that will be hosted throughout the year. Planned Parenthood provides services to the Springfield area such as: pre-natal care, birth control methods, emergency contraception, the promotion and education of safe sex practices, and testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

Think Green at Boyd Elementary School - BLOG

Amy Scherrer, Anna Regan, Desiree Dixon, John Smith, Jared Kleekamp, Ethan Graham, Jim Proszek, Monica Rivera

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Wendy Anderson

Goal: This group will be partnering with the Think Green group at Boyd Elementary for the duration of the 2010-2011 academic year. The overall goal is to educate the next generation of students at Boyd Elementary about the importance of “green” living and thinking “green” in all aspects of their lives.

The Kitchen Clinic Inc. - BLOG

Benjamin Rogers, Jonathan George, Paul Hays, Jon Hays

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Don Deeds
Goal: The medical division of the Kitchen Inc. was started in 1985, since then the clinic has been offering medical services to the less fortunate in the Springfield community. This Summit group plans to aid in the services that the Kitchen Clinic provides. The time that they volunteer will increase the efficiency of the clinic, allowing more individuals to visit the doctors who volunteer.

**McGregor Elementary - BLOG**

*Morgan Atwood, Emily Johnson, Megan Taylor, Rebecca Vogt*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Charles Taylor

Goal: This group will volunteer with the McGregor Elementary School’s English Language Learners (ELL). The ELL program provides English educate to students whose first language isn’t English, or those individuals who have not mastered the language yet. The group plans to give the ELL students one-on-one attention, providing them an engaging method for building their vocabulary.

**C.A.R.E. – Castaway Animal Rescue Effort - BLOG**

*Anna Yendes, Sarah Nemeth, Josie Yost, Katrina Kim*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Scott Petrich

Goal: The group will volunteer for the local non-kill animal shelter Castaway Animal Rescue Effort (CARE). The group hopes to benefit the shelter by advertising the shelter and its non-kill philosophy, volunteering at the shelter, and facilitating fundraisers on and off Drury University’s campus.

**The Beacon Project – Lighthouse Child Development - BLOG**

*Molly Brown, Jessica Cross, Deanna Sorenson, Tiffany van Dongen*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Allin Sorenson

Goal: The Beacon is a Christian-based program that provides free childcare to families dealing with economic struggles. The group intends to volunteer their time in any areas that the program needs attention.

**Panthers for Paws – Southwest Humane Society - BLOG**

*Auturo Castro, Taylor Westby, Ryan Arabejo, Matt Maurer*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Richard Schur

Goal: This group will be volunteering at the Southwest Missouri Humane Society for a minimum of 8 hours per month. The group will be participating in activities for the Humane Society such as grooming and bathing the animals, walking the dogs, cleaning kennels, helping answer telephones, and setting up appointments. The group hopes that their time spent volunteering will lead to more animals being adopted.
Isabel’s House - BLOG

Amanda Jackson, Em Johnson, Emily Kessler, Hanna Slinker

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. John Taylor

Goal: The members of this group have had extensive previous experience working with children in: leading vacation bible schools, babysitting, being camp counselors, and tutoring. Isabel’s House is an organization which provides children under the age of 12 who are experiencing family crises a safe place to live. The members of the Summit group hope to use their experience with children to affect the children at Isabel’s in a positive way.
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**Boys and Girls Club**

*Colleen Pickett, Morgan Mathewson, Virginia Rogers, Jessica Marie Johnson*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Scott Petrich  
Community Advisor: Connie Crawford, Education Director of Stalnaker Boys & Girls Club

Goal: The Boys and Girls Club of Springfield is the local affiliate of the National Boys and Girls Club. Their mission is to serve youth primarily that are at-risk. These youth typically have a disrupted home life, live in poverty, and sometimes are foster children. The Boys and Girls Club is a place where these students can go after school to study, play, and be encouraged in an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to active learning and growing.

**Convoy of Hope**

*Heather Carrel, Jeong Min Park, Katrina Westhoff, Samantha Gripka*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Barbara Wing  
Community Advisor: David Silver

Goal: Through our project, Convoy of Hope, we will be helping people around the world who cannot meet their basic needs. Convoy of Hope is an organization that originated in Springfield, Missouri. It is dedicated to providing disaster outreach, building supply lines, and helping the poor and hurting in communities all around the world.

**Isabel’s House**

*Sarah Verdone, Julie Lewey, Bailey Greene, Kati Thompson*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Barbara Wing

Goal: For our project, we will be working with Isabel’s House, the Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks. We will become the “staff support team”, performing such administrative duties as answering phones and
organizing various data. We will also work with fundraising events, advertising said events in various ways such as posting flyers, and communicating with local news and radio stations. We would also participate in these events, carrying out set-up and clean-up and other duties that need to be filled. We will benefit Isabel’s house with our donated time and fundraising skills. Volunteers are always needed and we will give them our very best we have to offer.

**Lighthouse Child and Family Development Center**

*Kris ten Pflumm, Hilary Staab, Megan Garcia-Hynds, Kristen Keith*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. John Taylor  
Community Advisor: Erica Harris, Executive Director of Lighthouse

Goal: We will be working at the Lighthouse Child and Family Development Center to aid the families and children who are affected by economic hardships. The Lighthouse provides childcare as well as support for the guardian(s). The Lighthouse is designed to help families get out of poverty and become self-sufficient in the community.

**Maranatha Village Retirement Home**

*Ashton Williams, Monica Harmon, Maka ela Eaton, Ally Loveland*

Goal: The project is for our group to provide themed events, crafts and planned activities, and holiday parties. In addition to this, there will be opportunity to spend one-on-one time with individual residents, visiting with and/or reading to them.

**Project Camp Barnabas**

*Jaime Farquhar, Corinne McEwan, Tessa Riley, Aubree Vaughan*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Sean Terry  
Community Advisor: Paul and Cyndy Teas, the owners of Camp Barnabas

Goal: Nestled in a quiet Ozarks landscape, Camp Barnabas, named after Saint Barnabas ("son of encouragement"), is a non-denominational Christian summer camp geared toward disabled children primarily between the ages of 7 and 15. The goal of Camp Barnabas is to empower children with special needs and teach them to celebrate their unique potential through life-changing, inspiring opportunities, acceptance, and love. The staff and volunteers challenge the campers to overcome their physical limitations and translate their confidence into mental strength.

**Ronald McDonald House Comfort Crew**

*Kelsey Kennell, Ashley Holst, Jennifer Glass, Molly Bly*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Michael Hill  
Community Advisor: Celeste Justice
Goal: The Ronald McDonald House is a place for families to stay when they have children that need care at area hospitals. Our goal as a group is to create a more comfortable living environment for the families staying there in their time of need.

**Shots for Hope**

*Lindsay Johnson, Slone DeLong, Sarah Krtek, Angela Ostendorf, Alexandra Duello, Aleshia Fenimore, Lisa Hellmich, Taryn Phillips*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Erin Kenny  
Community Advisor: Jessica Hickok

Goal: Our group’s main purpose is to bring Juvenile Diabetes awareness and support to Springfield. Currently, children and families in Springfield are suffering without badly needed local support. There is not one endocrinologist in Springfield, forcing families to travel to Columbia and Kansas City to speak with educated professionals.

**Springfield Public Schools Wonder Years Program**

*Kaitlin Horner, Sarah Milholen, Bonnie Lyons, Brittany Sieg*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Charles Taylor, Dean of College  
Community Advisor: Mellissa Riley, Director of the Wonder Years Program

Goal: The project focuses on students attending Springfield Public Schools Wonder Years program. This program provides schooling for students who have scored at the lowest range on their pre-kindergarten screenings. It ensures that students leave with the social and academic skills necessary to make the transition from home to kindergarten classroom smooth.
Summit Park Leadership Community  
2008-2009

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Regional Girls Shelter

_Amber Wine, Makenna Sullinger, Amni McCabe, Spencer Prevallet_

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Rebecca Denton  
Community Advisor: Kelly Turk, Volunteer Coordinator at Regional Girls Shelter

Goal: Working with the Regional Girls Shelter, we hope to have an impact on the lives of young girls who have been victimized in their past, to ensure a positive environment where they feel inspired to become women with a purpose. With a focus on confidence, we hop to instill the idea of standing up and standing out.

Building Better Boydies

_Victor Akunyili, Dugan Corsolini, Kinjal Majumder, Zachary Webb, Toshi Ghosh, Clairese Rykbos, Jessie Bjorklund, Saemi Park_

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Mark Wood  
Community Advisor: Mr. Grandon, Principal of Boyd Elementary

Goal: The immediate goals of this project have a direct impact on the community; the students of Boyd Elementary will have a free after-school program which facilitates learning and offers physical and mental activities which help to teach students about the world around them.

"Building for a Playful Future: Developing an Eco-friendly Playground with Habitat for Humanity"

_Devin Barnes, Ethan Bozarth, Lauren Brown, Audrey Davis, Shelly Pfeifer, Jared Rademacher, Marie Trower, Kyle Myers_

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Jeanie Allen  
Community Advisor: Nancy Williams, Program Director for Habitat for Humanity
Goal: Our Project, "Building for a Playful Future: Developing an Eco-friendly Playground with Habitat for Humanity," is all about providing children living in the Legacy Hill subdivision with a currently non-existent play area. With few sidewalks, the area has little space for kids to safely play in other than the streets and cul-de-sacs. Our project will help change this by providing a safe and protected location for kids to play in, which is also specifically designed for them. Our project also will be environment friendly, using recycled materials and keeping runoff from the equipment to a minimum, as the local eco-system has to manage the water runoff.

Isabel's House

*Valerie Abbott, Katy Morrison, McKenzi Cotton, Leanne Roy*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Greg Renoff

Community Advisor: Sherri Eldred, Director of Isabel’s House

Goal: The purpose for our team is to contribute to the support, education and care giving Isabel’s House provides to children and families who are in crisis situations throughout the Ozarks. The mission of Isabel’s is to provide immediate shelter for children from ages birth to 12. This crisis nursery is vital to our community as it allows opportunities to encourage and support struggling families and inhibit future child abuse and neglect. The 2007 Springfield and Greene County Report Card red flagged child abuse and neglect as intolerable, citing local rates as higher than state averages. By volunteering at Isabel’s, we hope to serve as positive role models to children who have experienced unfortunate circumstances. Ways in which we plan to be good role models include being tutors and mentors and most importantly offering optimistic, loving and encouraging attitudes.

Tooth Truck

*Molly Hague, Nila Manandhar, Jennifer Maire, Shari Chang, Andrew Stone, Ryan Bray, Trent Moore, Dave Holland*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dr. Charles Ess

Community Advisor: Mindy Wise, Program Manager- Roanld McDonald Care Mobile

Goal: Tooth Truck is aimed at school age children who may not have access to dental care. The Tooth Truck provides dental care free of charge in a comfortable environment for the children, and also emphasizes oral hygiene education. Our leadership effort is directed towards raising awareness of the importance of oral hygiene during these crucial stages of development, and promoting dental hygiene and nutrition throughout the public school system.

Building Better East Grand Afterschoolers

*Adam Veteto, Nicholas Pallo, Philipp Richter, Klinton Koechner*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Eltjen Flikkema

Community Advisor: Director of East Grand Afterschool Program

Goal: Working one on one with East Grand students who might not otherwise have any desire to continue their education will affect a great change in the mindsets of these children. By changing the minds of the children, we will be promoting leadership for the future in a community that desperately needs figures to lead.
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2007-2008

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Golden Arches Girls: Ronald McDonald House Charities

Valerie Abbott, McKenzi Cotton, Amber Daniels, Katie Hungerford

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Greg Renoff
Community Advisor: Staci Holland, Ronald McDonald House Charities

Goal: The Golden Arches Girls plan to volunteer at the RMHC with craft sessions, meal preparations, helping with maintenance of the building, and facilitating fundraising events. Through this process, the Golden Arches Girls will seek to improve the lives of families that have been affected by illness or disease, and the stress associated with it.

Website: http://jonah.drury.edu/vabbott/

The Fine Arts Experience: Boys and Girls Town

Drew Reap, Brett Hiebert, Travis Smith, Rebecca Mathews, Chelsea Miller, Lainie Vansant, Lindy Harp

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Allin Sorenson
Community Advisor: Ashley Ramsdell, Boys and Girls Town

Goal: The Fine Arts Experience will be working in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Town of Missouri to facilitate a fine arts camp for residents. They will visit the community every other Saturday to engage the residents in fine arts activities such as theater, drawing, music, and dance.

Website: http://www2.drury.edu/dreap/Contact%20Info.html

Home Improvement: Habitat for Humanity

Craig Dunseth, Greyson Broce, Tyler Bray, Mike Fuge

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Valerie Eastman
Community Advisor: Anna Codutti, Habitat for Humanity
Goal: Home Improvement will volunteer with Drury’s Habitat for Humanity chapter to raise awareness of the organization, help with site builds of Drury’s Sustainable house, and recruit volunteers for the construction site.

Website: http://www2.drury.edu/tbray/index.htm

**Building Better Boydies: Boyd Elementary School**

*Adam Veteto, Kinjal Majumder, Dugan Corsolini, Zack Webb, James Carr, Zach Cinkosky, Victor Akunyili, Bertrand Bwashi*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Mark Wood  
Community Advisor: James Grandon, Boyd Elementary School

Goal: Building Better Boydies is fighting the growing trend of childhood obesity by offering a sports-focused after school club at Boyd Elementary School. While the group will plan and implement weekly sports activities, the focus will also include teaching youth about the value of healthy snacks as an alternative to junk food.

**Family Violence Center**

*Malorie Cashel, Brittany Crouthers, Ashley Gilchrist*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Elizabeth Nichols  
Community Advisor: Carla Trammill, Family Violence Center

Goal: This group will serve as volunteers at the Family Violence Center, a local domestic abuse shelter for women and children. The students will volunteer with maintenance of the facilities, answering the phones, and assisting with fundraising events.

Website: http://www.drury.edu/ransom/ourpage.html

**The Kitchenettes: The Kitchen/Missouri Hotel**

*Danielle Budnicki, Katie Cash, Sarah Davis, Mariana Horner, Elise Mikaloff, Amy Russell, Ashley Trantham, Katherine Wiesehan*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Regina K. Waters  
Community Advisor: Clint Thomas, The Kitchen/Missouri Hotel

Goal: The Kitchenettes plan to enrich and expand upon the services offered by The Kitchen, Inc. by volunteering with meal preparation, the Free Clinic, and the clothing resale store. The group also plans to coordinate an environmentally-friendly outdoor revitalization project.

Website: http://www2.drury.edu/kwiesehan/
B3: Boyd’s Buddy Builders – Boyd Elementary School

*Maria Rettinger, Jessica Maurer, Jannelle Engel, Sarah Fulk*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Peter Meidlinger  
Community Advisor: James Grandon, Boyd Elementary School

Goal: B3 will volunteer at Boyd Elementary School to impact the lives of children through one-on-one relationships. B3 will promote projects such as Spanish lessons, development of children with special needs, and mentoring with youth who need additional social and emotional assistance.

Website: [http://www.thefiveseasons.org/](http://www.thefiveseasons.org/)
Thank you to the 64 applicants for next year’s Summit Park Leadership Community. The competition was very tough this year, however, the selection committee chose the following projects. Please congratulate these students.

**Barker’s Beauties—Southwest Humane Society**

*Angie Weber, Becky Soto, Kari Hill, Amy Ehlers*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Scott Petrich  
Community Advisor: Linda Theiman, Southwest Humane Society

**Goal:** To raise awareness and support for the Southwest Humane Society. The group plans to volunteer in the shelter, bring animals to campus as a part of DU’s Wellness Week, as well as help facilitate the Mobile Adoption Services.

**Bingo Babes—Montclair Retirement Community**

*Sarah Davis, Marlana Homer, Elise Mikaloff, Katherine Wiesehan*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Regina Waters  
Community Advisor: Melody Rexroad, Montclair Retirement Community

**Goal:** Learning about and making an impact on the elderly individuals’ lives. The group plans to organize various social events for the retirement home.

**Cross Generations—Joy Assisted Living Center**

*Garett Brown, Charles Neiss, Kolby Kallweit, Adam Bolyard, Jessica Lacy, Sarah Stremme, Brook Long, Amy Henley*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Jeannie Allen  
Community Advisor: Kathy McCrary, Joy Assisted Living Center

**Goal:** While volunteering at the Joy Assisted Living Center the group plans to implement three projects: documenting life stories of interviewed individuals, hosting technology information sessions, as well as planning social events for the residents.

**Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks**

*Sarah DeCloux, Jessica Dial, Megan Faith, Carrie Jenkins, Erin Mackenzie, Laura Owens, Lisa Sifferman, Casey Zook*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Mark Wood  
Community Advisor: Staci Holland, Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks
Goal: To provide events and support networks for families of terminally ill children or children requiring prolonged hospitalization. The group plans on preparing families meals, organizing family activity events, and volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House.

**Joy Assisted Living Center**

*Angela Tarricone, Lindsay Szymkowicz, Tyler Bray, Craig Dunseth, Justin Wilkerson, Michael Fuge, Emily Hubbard, Megan Levermann*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Greg Renoff  
Community Advisor: Erin Smallee, Joy Assisted Living Center

Goal: To establish a relationship through volunteerism at the Joy Assisted Living Center. The group plans to organize various social activities for the residents of the assisted living center.

**Potter’s Puff Girls---Potter’s House**

*Samantha Lester, Darbi Heinlein, Hilary Horan, Rebecca Scroggins, Kathryn Thompson, Rachel Christopher, Lauren Blumenstock, Allison Sierocki*

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Ben Anderson  
Community Advisor: Courtney Dunning, Potter’s House

Goal: To volunteer as cooks and servers at Potter’s House as well as help organize major organizational fundraisers.