



## Girl Scouts Make a Difference

Paper airplanes were flying high on the evening of Tuesday, April 8, after the young ladies from **Girl Scout Troop 659** made airplanes with residents from the Young Boys Unit and Transitional Living Unit Right.

The troop wanted to come to Damar after talking about disabilities awareness and how they could make a difference in the lives

**ABOVE: Josh has a great time folding paper into airplanes with the help of one of the girl scouts volunteering that evening.**

of people who have disabilities. While their craft was simple and took very little time, the time they volunteered made an impact on the boys and offered them something fun and exciting to do for the evening.

After the airplanes were folded and colored, the girls flew them around the unit

with the boys and shared Girl Scout cookies donated by individuals who knew the cookies would be given to Damar Services.

The boys truly enjoyed the activity and the cookies. The girls did a great job interacting with the clients and we hope they will return to do activities in the future.

*"Living is the art of loving. Loving is the art of caring. Caring is the art of sharing. Sharing is the art of living."*

## Spring Flowers



April showers have brought out the May flowers around campus. The daffodils are as bright as the sun and the tulips are displaying many brilliant colors. The campus looks beautiful and we are ready for a warm summer.

The clients have all been fitted for their prom clothing, thanks to the many donors of dresses and suits and to **Audrey's Dry Cleaners** for the discount on dry cleaning costs. However, I am still looking for ladies to volunteer on May 15 at 3 p.m. to help the girls with their hair, nails, makeup and dresses for the big event.

With the end of the school year, we typically experience a shortage of groups volunteering their time. If you have a small group that would like to come and spend a day at Damar helping with landscape, cleanup, painting – or even sponsoring a recreational event for our clients – we'd love to have you and we have plenty of days available in May, June and July.

As National Volunteer Week comes to an end on May 3, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your gift of time. You are truly valued for all you do.

I'd like to end with a quote from famous rock star Bono: "When the story of these times gets written, we want it to say that we did all we could, and it was more than anyone could imagine."

Sincerely,

**Donna Stutler**

Volunteer Resources Director

## Damar Guild hosting June 7 *Shop 'Til You Drop for Damar*

Looking for a spectacular shopping opportunity with a purpose? Don't miss the Damar Guild's first Shop 'Til You Drop for Damar, a unique shopping experience and luncheon to benefit the children and adults at Damar.

**Saturday, June 7, 2008**

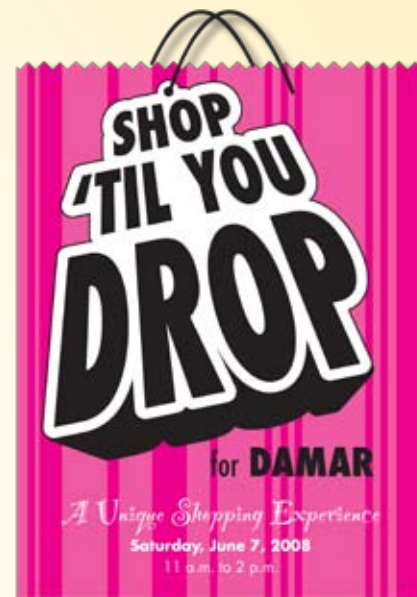
**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Damar Gymnasium & Conference Center**

The \$10 per shopper admission charge includes a free picnic-style lunch.

Limited vendor space also is available for the low cost of \$60. The Guild is also asking all vendors to donate an item or gift certificate valued at \$20 or more for an event raffle.

For more information about this spectacular shopping experience, contact Donna Stutler at 317.856.5201 ext. 235 or email her at [donnas@damar.org](mailto:donnas@damar.org)



## Special Thanks Due

**UPS** employees, through the company's charitable giving program, painted Damar's bridge and worked on a variety of landscaping projects on April 26. Damar provided the group with lunch and a campus tour. Great job, UPS employees!

The **Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)** completed its series of dance classes on April 27 for the young ladies who will attend the annual Damar Prom this month. Guest instructor **Mike Tinder** did a wonderful job choreographing a dance for the girls to learn and teach to others. Thank you!

On April 28, 25 students and faculty from **Covenant Christian High School** dedicated

a day to helping with variety of tasks on campus, including prep work for Damar's new multi-sensory stimulation garden. The visit to Damar was in conjunction with the school's annual Gone Servin' Day during which students and faculty participate in community service projects. Thanks for your hard work, CCHS!

Several young ladies with a local ward of the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** hosted Beauty Night on April 30 for more than half of the young ladies at Damar. The girls loved having their hair, nails and makeup done. Thanks for making the evening such a huge success!

# Volunteer Success Story

## Celebrating 40 years of service

Damar is fortunate to have many special volunteer groups who make a big difference in the lives of the children and adults at Damar. A group of people who consistently dedicate their time to support Damar's important mission are the members of **Alpha Phi Omega at IUPUI**.

With a mission to foster leadership development opportunities, build a diverse community of friends and selflessly serve those in need with integrity and honor, APO requires its members to engage in at least 20 hours of community service each semester. However, in spite of their busy lives as college students, many members of the IUPUI chapter dedicate more than 50 hours per semester, spending many of those hours on Damar's campus.

On April 19, in honor of the fraternity's 40th anniversary, 10 people from the chapter hosted a Damar Sports Day event during which they played kickball and basketball with more than 50 campus residents.

In addition to their chapter service projects at Damar, several APO individuals participate



in other activities, such as Damar's Birdies Toward Better Behavior introductory golf program for clients and various special events for clients.

"Volunteering at Damar is so much fun for all of us that it feels more like we're hang out with our friends," said Suzanne Dole, member of APO at IUPUI "The children are so sweet and they are always excited to see us. We enjoy

spending time with them."

Each month, at least 10 service groups host small- and large-group activities and events for those served at Damar. Any organization interested community service can make a difference at Damar. Learn more today! Contact Molly Wells at [mollyw@damar.org](mailto:mollyw@damar.org) or 317-856-5201 ext 238.

## GivingBack

Thank you to the following volunteers for "giving back" in MARCH 2008 by contributing 1345 hours.

Emily Adams  
Rebecca Anderson  
Pam Ball  
Ruther Budhi  
Breanna Burk  
Lester Burris  
Morgan Campbell  
Miriam Carpenter  
Nyla Cooper  
Crystal Cummings  
Karsor Dennis

Diana Douglas  
Dorian Dotson  
Connor Ertel  
Barry Evans  
Kevin Farley  
Shana George  
Michelle Gibbons  
Alicia Goss  
Season Groninger  
Debbie Hacker  
Barbara Hicks

Barbara Hittle  
Janet Horne  
Angie Julius  
Pete Koers  
Anne Kohrman  
Melissa Lewis  
Cara Drake-Luecking  
Eric Luecking  
Kenya McMillin  
Amanda Marine  
Nancy Mernone

Jennifer Mihm  
Aaryn Miller  
Mary Ellen Nease  
Stephanie Nicolini  
Melissa Nufrio  
Charlene O'Rea  
Rebecca Orr  
Zach Parrett  
Tara Poole  
Melissa Prokopiak  
Jennifer Rich

Sarah Richardson  
Robbie Ritter  
Amanda Rodeffer  
Judy Russell  
Ashlee Sachs  
Jeff Schabel  
Toni Schabel  
Andy Seibert  
Dominique Sexton  
Jenny Sledge  
Greg Smith

Laura Smith  
Debbie Swinney  
Greg Swinney  
Kellie Terwin  
Lindsey Tharp  
Jessica Trent  
Stephanie VanLieu  
Beth Vincent  
Diane Walke  
Nikki Warholc  
Kim Wyatt

### Groups

IUPUI Alpha Phi Omega  
IUPUI Kelley School of Business

CYO  
Krista Blubaum's class at SENSE

Heaven Sent Clown Ministry  
Jaquars in the Streets

**Remember . . .**  
Please turn in your January  
volunteer/intern hours by  
MAY 5, 2008

Damar Services, Inc.  
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Carmy, IN 46113



# Mark Your Calendar

## Upcoming Special Events

<b>Wednesday, May 14, 2008</b>	<b>6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Scrapbooking for Girls BASE and Bradford</b>
<b>Thursday, May 15, 2008</b>	<b>5 - 8 p.m.</b>	<b>Damar Prom</b>

## WALKING FOR DREAMS

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**

Downtown Canal at Buggs Temple (11th & Senate)

Registration: 1– 2 p.m.

Walk Starts: 2 p.m.

Walk Ends/Ceremony: 3:30 p.m.

**Entertainment in the works** – WISH TV newscaster, Mike Corbin to emcee, Petting Zoo, Dove Release, Clowns, Face-painting and much more!

**Walkers raising a minimum of \$25 will win a FREE t-shirt**

Register to be a member of Team Damar and print your pledge form online at [walkingfordreams.org](http://walkingfordreams.org) or contact Jim Porter at 317-856-5201 ext 215 or [jimp@damar.org](mailto:jimp@damar.org) | All proceeds benefit Damar's recreation and wellness programs.



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