

## Playing Games, Eating Food and Volunteers Create a Fun Day

Damar's gymnasium and cafeteria were transformed into a carnival of fun for hundreds of clients, staff and special guests on July 22 for the 15th annual Fair Day.

This event provides the children and adults served by Damar an opportunity to experience a traditional hometown fair-like atmosphere – including inflatable bouncers, carnival games and other attractions, elephant ears and lemon shake-ups – in the comfort of their daily surroundings.

“Fair Day could not happen without the help of the nearly 50 volunteers who help with everything from running the attractions and painting faces to handing out prizes and refreshments,” said Molly Wells, Damar's special events coordinator. “They all worked hard to make this event special for everyone.”

Sixteen volunteers from Target's summer internship program came on July 21 to help with pre-event set up activities. They returned on Fair Day and volunteered alongside employees from Gatorade and Quaker Oats divisions of Pepsi Co., and Wal-Mart.



**The “Ring-the-Bell” game was a big hit for everyone who participated.**

“It's so rewarding to see these kids' faces light up when they walk into the carnival and it's also nice to see how rewarding volunteering is for our interns,” said Jennifer Debolt, who coordinates Target's statewide college internship program. “I am already looking forward to Fair Day next year.”

*“Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place.”*  
– Rosalynn Carter, humanitarian and former First Lady of the United States

# Mission Indy Week July 8-11



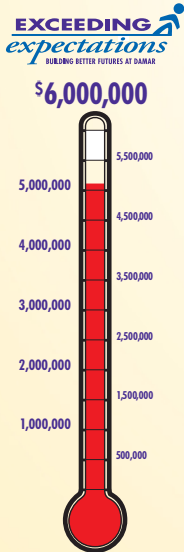
It is hard to believe that I am writing this article for the August edition of this newsletter. The summer has flown by so quickly. Classes at

Damar Academy will begin August 11; that is just around the corner!

We are anxiously awaiting our move to our new building. This should happen the first or second week of September. I look forward to not only making the move, but for you to see the recognition walls for volunteers and donors in the main lobby.

Thank you for all that you do as volunteers for the kids at Damar. But, did you also know that there are other ways that you can support Damar's mission. We are currently in an expansion to double the number of children and adults Damar serves annually. Making this expansion possible is the \$6M *Exceeding Expectations* capital campaign.

As part of the campaign, Damar is constructing a donor recognition garden and selling engraved bricks. You can help us raise the last \$1M of the campaign by purchasing an engraved brick and leaving your legacy on a piece of Damar's history.



To find out how you can help, contact Nick Parkevich at 317-856-5201 or [nickp@damar.org](mailto:nickp@damar.org).

Sincerely,

**Donna Stutler**  
Volunteer Resources Director

# Vacation Bible School July 8-11th



## Participants from Mission Indy enjoyed their time.

Mission Indy took care of the programming and implementation of activities during VBS. The mission of Mission Indy is Equipping Christians to Serve Others with Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, and Love. This is the fifth year that they have planned our VBS.

This was a fantastic week for the clients. They like meeting the new volunteers that Mission Indy welcomes to Indy to help conduct the activities of the week. This year's the group consisted of members from **Greenford Christian Church** in Greenford, Ohio. A few members of **Grace Church** in Mooresville also joined the efforts and

helped in the swimming pool area.

"It (VBS) was an amazing experience to get the opportunity to interact with such spectacular individuals. It was certainly a life changing mission trip that opened my eyes to the realities of life," said **Katie Young, Greenford Christian Church**.

This year's activities for VBS included puppets, crafts, lessons, recreation, discussion groups and pool time. The clients really enjoy the activities and love having the craft items to remember their week and the new acquaintances they made during VBS.



# IU School of Dentistry

The **Indiana University School of Dentistry**, which is located on the IUPUI campus visited us during the month of July with their mobile dental sealant program. The **SEAL Indiana** program staff provided preventative dental care examinations, sealants, and fluoride varnish treatments for approximately 25 clients. This program gives the students who are ready to graduate experience in the community doing preventative care. All work done by these students is supervised by a certified dental instructor. This program is supported by the Indiana State Department of Health.

For more information about the Seal Indiana program you can visit them at [www.sealindiana.org](http://www.sealindiana.org).



## Special Thanks Due

The **Good Shepherd Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)** sponsored two evenings of fun during July. On July 2 they played bingo with several clients and provided many fun prizes. Their last event of the month was the skating party they hosted for 80 clients and staff at Southland Skating Center. All of the clients had a

great time skating and are looking forward to their August activities.

**Southwest Indiana District of the Church of Nazarene** sent nearly 40 volunteers for an afternoon on July 1. They worked on a variety of tasks from cleaning and organizing at the pool to cleaning brush from our sensory garden. They all did a

great job and we appreciate their help.

**CB Richard Ellis** hosted a movie night on July 29 for our adolescent clients in the gymnasium. The clients enjoyed watching the movie, "Snow Buddies," and enjoyed the popcorn and juice provided.

## GivingBack

Thank you to the following volunteers for "giving back" in JUNE 2008 by contributing 1634 hours.

Becky Anderson  
Pam Ball  
Ashley Bane  
Chris Baire  
Ruther Budhi  
Breanna Burk  
Joey Cari  
Ellen Dominik  
Dorian Dotson  
Jessica Drennan

Matthew Eaton  
Barry Evans  
Stephanie Garner  
Shana George  
Rebekah Gluff  
Alicia Goss  
Mary Heisig  
Barbara Hittle  
Kim Jackson  
Angie Julius

Sofia Khan  
Lauren Kingseed  
Pete Koers  
Phil Kunkel  
Brooke Laskin  
Marty Lindgren  
Nancy Lippens  
Cara Luecking  
Eric Luecking  
Brittany Luther

Kenneth Marcum  
Kenya McMillin  
Nancy Mernone  
Jennifer Mihm  
Andrea Bobe-Napier  
Stephanie Nicolini  
Zach Parrett  
Denise Peyton  
Julia Porter  
Bernie Price

Shane Riddle  
Amanda Rodeffer  
David Roten  
Robbie Ritter  
Ray Rud  
Judy Russell  
Jeff Schabel  
Toni Schabel  
Ashley Smith  
Greg Smith

Laura Smith  
Jason Smock  
Rachel Stephen  
Debbie Swinney  
Greg Swinney  
Laura Vanover  
Denise Webb  
Kim Wyatt

### Groups

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)  
Indiana University School of Dentistry

Duke Energy  
JFNew

Heaven Sent Clown Ministries  
Wild West Day

**Remember . . .**  
 Please turn in your June  
 volunteer/intern hours by  
 AUGUST 4, 2008

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# Mark Your Calendar

## Upcoming Special Events

<b>Sunday, August 3, 2008</b>	<b>2-4 p.m.</b>	<b>CYO Craft Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 5, 2008</b>	<b>2:30-4 p.m.</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social sponsored by Allied Group Insurance</b>
<b>Sunday, August 10, 2008</b>	<b>11:30-2 p.m.</b>	<b>CYO Lunch and Dance</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 13, 2008</b>	<b>6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Scrapbooking for Bradford and GTU-L</b>



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