

Eli Lilly gets Damar ready for the move



Six Eli Lilly and Company employees who usually spend their weekdays conducting insulin research spent a day packing boxes at Damar as a part of this year's **United Way of Central Indiana Day of Caring** on Sept. 12.

This year, 2,400 individual and group volunteers chose from several worthwhile projects to benefit local charities supported by United Way. The Lilly volunteers helped Damar staff prepare to move into Damar's new Administration & Family Services Center, which opened Sept. 22. They also enjoyed a pitch-in lunch with the staff and a campus tour.

"I admired the volunteers' willingness to do everything possible to help Damar staff prepare for this important move to the new

Eli Lilly employees are all smiles, even after a hard day's work.

building," said Liz Snyder, vice president of Human Resources.

"They saved us several hours in packing, which was such a gift to us."

"The tour really touched me and opened my eyes to the need for donations and volunteers," said volunteer **Danni Barnes**. "I thought about the dedication of the Damar staff and I am very impressed with all of them."

To learn more about the rewarding individual and group volunteer opportunities at Damar, call Donna Stutler at 317.856.5201 ext. 235.

"Volunteers are love in motion!" – Author unknown

Make a difference!



Do you have at least 10 hours a month and the desire to give your time and talents to help improve the life of a child or adult? Our One-on-One Volunteer Program could provide the perfect opportunity for you.

A One-on-One volunteer establishes a unique relationship with a Damar client who has little or no other contact with family members. One-on-One volunteers are asked to commit to no less than one year of service and are expected maintain weekly contact with the client. One-on-One volunteering can be a rewarding experience for volunteers and clients alike.

To learn more about this volunteer position, call Donna Stutler, volunteer resources director, at 317-856-5201 ext. 235 or email her at donnas@damar.org.

Sincerely,

Donna Stutler

Volunteer Resources Director



Pete Koers has been a One-on-One volunteer for Damar since 2001.

UPS brings volunteers to Damar year-round



As a global leader of transportation and logistics services, UPS is largely known for delivering packages, not people. However, several times a year it's the UPS employees themselves who arrive on Damar's doorstep – ready to do whatever it takes to make the campus a little nicer and the clients' smiles a little brighter.

"We can always count on the volunteers from UPS to give 110 percent when they come out and we appreciate their dedication and support," said **Jim Porter**, recreation director.

Three years ago, **Lisa King**, a Damar parent and UPS employee, helped facilitate UPS' involvement in Damar's volunteer program and the company continues to provide much-needed support to Damar throughout the year.

"Having a nice, safe place to live enables me to function better in day-to-day life and I believe that Damar clients feel the same," Lisa said.

UPS volunteers dedicated a Saturday in April to spreading mulch over the campus flower beds and spent another Saturday in June painting clients' faces during the annual Wild West Day event. The volunteers returned to campus on Sept. 6, to repaint the bridge near Damar's pool and recreation building, eat lunch with Damar clients during the Mid-West Motorcycle Club Picnic and Ride, and help clean up after the event.

"My favorite part of the day was seeing my son ride a motorcycle because the smile on his face was awesome and irreplaceable," Lisa said. "The fact that my employer supported the activity just makes the whole experience even more special."



Volunteers from UPS work together to repaint a campus bridge.

Special Thanks Due

Giggles and laughs filled Damar's gym on Thursday, Sept. 4, when 20 puppeteers from the **Mighty Hands Puppet Team** performed their annual show at Damar for more than 50 clients.

Volunteer Success Story



What do hundreds of excited youth, 40 dedicated volunteers with motorcycles, a picnic lunch and sunny day add up to? The answer: the annual **Mid-West Motorcycle Club (MWMC) Picnic and Ride**.

MWMC members arrived on campus at 8 a.m. on Sept. 6, to begin grilling hundreds of hamburgers and hotdogs. After the picnic, clients have the rare opportunity to hop on the back of a motorcycle and ride a few laps around Damar's track.

"Our clients really look forward to this event because they get to put on a motorcycle helmet, ride a Harley and let loose a little," said Erin Trees, autism specialist.

Andrew was first in line for the Mid-West Motorcycle Club Picnic and Ride.

The MWMC has hosted the Picnic and Ride since. Many club members cherish the event as much as the kids at Damar.

"This event gets more fun for us every year and seeing the kids' excitement is an absolute joy for us," said **Bob Shackelford**, MWMC member. "Most of these kids have never ridden a motorcycle before, so we consider it a blessing for us to have the opportunity to share our bikes with them. As long as there's Damar and a Mid-West Motorcycle Club, there will be an annual Picnic and Ride."

*Giving*Back

Thank you to the following volunteers for "giving back" in AUGUST 2008 by contributing 933 hours.

Becky Anderson
Chris Baire
Pam Ball
Ruther Budhi
Joey Cari
Miriam Carpenter
Donna Clair
Meagan Dant

Ellen Dominik
Matthew Eaton
Shelley Frederick
Stephanie Garner
Barbara Hittle
Roxanna Hood
Sofia Khan
Lisa Knott

Pete Koers
Zachary Koehler
Brooke Laskin
Marty Lindgren
Cara Luecking
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Brittany Luther
Nancy Mernone

Andrea Bobe-Napier
Stephanie Nicolini
Jamie Petty
Dennis Peyton
Shane Riddle
Amanda Rodeffer
Robbie Ritter
Judy Russell

Lauren Schelle
Jeff Schabel
Toni Schabel
Greg Smith
Laura Smith
Debbie Swinney
Greg Swinney
Denise Webb

Stephanie Weber
Erik Williams
Kim Wyatt

Groups

Good Shepherd Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
Salvage Yard Christian Church Youth
Ambassadors for Change

Allied Group Insurance Services (AGIS)
IU School of Dentistry

Remember . . .
Please Remember to turn in
your September hours by
OCTOBER 6, 2008

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Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Special Events

Friday, October 3, 2008	Halloween cookies and crafts with IUPUI students	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 4, 2008	Sports activities with IUPUI students	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 8, 2008	Scrapbooking for Girls BASE, GTU-L and Bradford	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 11, 2008	Special Olympics and Wabash College Alumni Football Tournament	9 a.m.
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church kickball	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 23, 2008	Recreation activity with Eli Lilly and Company volunteers	9 a.m.
Thursday, October 23, 2008	Allied Group Insurance Services (AGIS) Halloween activity	5 p.m.
Saturday, October 25, 2008	Evan Bayh's Youth Summit Volunteer Field Day	2 p.m.
Sunday, October 26, 2008	Sertoma Hayride for group home clients	3:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 26	CYO Halloween Hayride and Dance	6 p.m.



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