

## Girl Scouts Give Back



For Girl Scout Troop #1955, the scouting experience is about much more than camping and cookie sales, and troop leader **Kathy Newton** wouldn't have it any other way.

"I want my girls to step outside their comfort zones," she said as her reason for seeking group volunteer opportunities at Damar. "When they become community leaders, hopefully they will remember the many opportunities that have been given to them and feel inspired to help the next generation of youth."

Troop #1955 has visited Damar monthly since last November. From simple games of Duck Duck Goose with the campus boys to crafting Christmas ornaments and Valentines with the girls, the

**The girls and their adult leader helped spread smiles and joy during each visit.**

troop of ten girls are making a positive difference in the lives of their peers and – in the spirit of scouting – making new friends.

"Volunteering at Damar gives our ladies a chance to discover that they share the same interests as youth from other walks of life," Kathy said. "They simply enjoy volunteering at Damar without expecting to earn a badge or getting rewarded for the good they do."

*"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." – Booker T. Washington*

## Ladies Needed



Hello volunteers and friends. Are you looking for a fun opportunity while making lasting friends and giving back to Damar?

The Damar Guild is looking for talented and energetic women of all ages to help advance its mission of providing outstanding financial and volunteer support for Damar.

The Damar Guild began its service of advocating for Damar in 1972. Through grass roots volunteer, public relations and fundraising efforts, it quickly became one of our most loyal mission supporters.

Through annual fundraisers and other efforts, the Guild has donated more than \$750,000 to Damar. Likewise, the Guild's commitment each year to give birthday gifts to the children at Damar, host skating parties and provide much-needed volunteer support at other Damar events has brought smiles to the faces of the hundreds of children and adults we serve.

The Guild meets on the first Tuesday of every month at various locations in and around downtown Indianapolis. If you are interested in making a positive difference at Damar, please consider lending your time and talents to this dedicated group of supporters.

Amy Tenney, membership chair of the Damar Guild, can provide additional information about membership in this wonderful organization. Please contact her via email at amyteentenny@gmail.com or call her at 765-748-1256.

Sincerely,  
**Donna Stutler**  
Volunteer Resources Director

## Special Thanks Due

The men of **Butler University's Delta Tau Delta** returned to campus on Feb. 5 and 19 to play basketball with residents from Adolescent Boys Services. With hopes of building a positive relationship with some of the boys, the Delta's have scheduled several more hoop sessions this spring.

**University Of Indianapolis Circle K Club** members sponsored an afternoon of Bingo, complete with prizes for the winners, on Feb. 7 for residents from Young Boys Services.

**Good Shepherd Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)** sponsored relay races on Feb. 8 and a Valentine's Day dance for campus and transition home clients on Feb. 13.

The **Camby Chaos** softball team hosted its monthly campus activity on Feb. 18. The ladies and their pen pals from Damar's Girls Services exchanged craft tips while talking about their life experiences.

Members of the **Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church** youth group returned to campus on Feb. 25. The ladies of the youth group practiced step aerobics with Girls Services residents while the men of their youth group played board and card games with other clients in the cafeteria.

Forty students participating in **Butler University's Bulldogs into the Streets** volunteer event enjoyed a fun-filled morning at the roller rink with more than 200 Damar clients who attended the Damar Guild's annual skating party on Feb. 28.

Giggles and laughs filled the training rooms on Feb. 28 as clients enjoyed an afternoon movie with members of **Butler's Alpha Phi Omega**. The group provided the movie and served popcorn and juice boxes for everyone's enjoyment.

## GivingBack

Thank you to the following volunteers for "giving back" in JANUARY 2009 by contributing 1311.7 hours.

Lisa Adcock  
Rebecca Anderson  
Jill Aue  
Pam Ball  
Sara Benton  
Amanda Budhi  
Ruther Budhi  
Michael Carter  
Donna Clair  
Heather Cook  
Chelsea Crago  
Bob DeBolt  
Jennifer DeBolt  
Emily Dubard  
Colleen Fly  
Richard Harcourt

Meredith Heighton  
Melissa Hill  
Rachel Hinesley  
Jenell Holstead  
Scott Keillor  
Polly Keown  
Jamie Kitron  
Pete Koers  
Erika Layer  
Krisy Mahome  
Sara McDermant  
Danielle Montoney  
Gina Nicolini  
Stephanie Nicolini  
Sam Patterson  
Jamie Petty

Robbie Ritter  
Miriam Savage  
Jeff Schabel  
Toni Schabel  
Kathleen Shannon  
Greg Smith  
Laura Smith  
Levi Smith  
Sade' Squires  
Debbie Swinney  
Greg Swinney  
Kelsey Young  
Stephanie Weber  
Kristin Williams

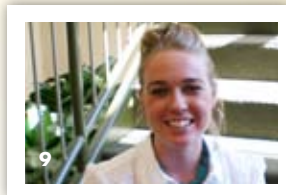
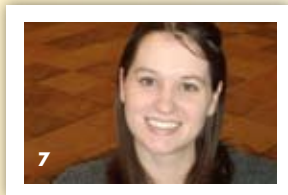
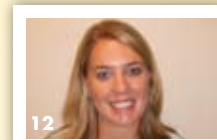
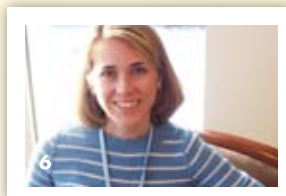
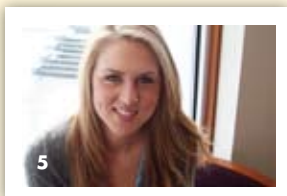
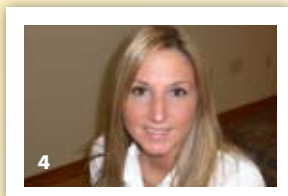
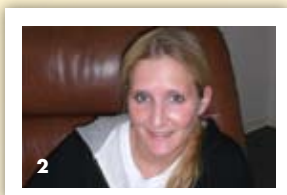
### Groups

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
MLK Day of Service volunteers  
Heaven Sent Clown Ministries  
Franklin Grace United Methodist Church

Good Shepherd CYO  
Camby Chaos Softball Team  
Mooresville Kiwanis

# Highlighting our spring semester Damar Interns

Each year, Damar provides dynamic and rewarding internship experiences to talented and energetic Indiana college students seeking to gain real-world experience in their pursuit of higher education. The following students represent Damar's Internship Program – Spring 2009:



**(1) Lisa Adcock**, a physical education and fitness major at IUPUI, assists Damar's recreation team, led by Jim Porter, in providing sports and fitness activities for clients. Lisa plans to continue advancing her career in the retail industry and explore her opportunities in physical education.

**(2) Chelsea Crago** attends Ivy Tech State College where she is majoring in human services. She plans to earn a master's in social work and pursue a career helping with children with special needs. Chelsea is interning in the Nursing department under the supervision of nurse Tammy Henderson.

**(3) Meredith Heighton** an IUPUI psychology student, aspires to work with children after achieving a doctorate in psychology with a specialization in cognitive behavioral therapy. She is lending her talents to Damar's Prevention and Support Services program under the direction of Angel Knapp-Reese.

**(4) Melissa Hill** attends IUPUI and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership and supervision with a certificate in human resources management, her intended career goal. Her internship is supervised by Kathy Neal, Damar's human resources manager.

**(5) Rachel Hinesley** is a tourism, convention and event management major at IUPUI. Under the guidance of Donna Stutler, volunteer resources director, Rachel supports Damar's Advancement department in implementing various volunteer and special events programs, and anticipates a dynamic career as a wedding, corporate meeting and special event planner.

**(6) Jenell Holstead**, a doctoral student at the Indiana University School of Psychology, is working closely with Dr. Jim Dalton, vice president and COO, on research initiatives related to the Damar Best initiative. She plans to pursue a career as a professor or an academic research scholar.

**(7) Danielle Montoney** is a candidate for a master's in clinical psychology at Ball State University with hopes of working with children. She serves as an intern in Damar's Transitional Services program directed by Shannon Bess.

**(8) Sade' Squires**, an IUPUI psychology and general studies major, plans to pursue a master's degree in public health and dedicate her career to that industry. She is lending her talents to Damar's Community Living and Support Services program as an intern for nurse Angie Fine.

**(9) Kristen Williams** is a graduate student majoring in social work at IUPUI. She is an intern for Damar's Prevention and Support Services program, directed by Angel Knapp-Reese. Kristen plans to work in clinical practice.

**Remember us?**  
We began our work 1<sup>st</sup> Semester:

**(11) Besty Shaw Elsasser**

**(12) Stephanie Weber**

**(13) Polly Keown**

**(13) Krisy Mahome**

**Know someone  
who'd like to  
volunteer or give  
in other ways?**

**Contact Donna Stutler at  
donnas@damar.org or  
856-2330**

**Remember . . .**  
 Please turn in your February  
 volunteer/intern hours by  
 MARCH 6, 2009

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# Mark Your Calendar

## Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, March 1, 2009	2 p.m.	CYO hosts Parachute Games
Wednesday, March 11, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Scrapbooking for GTU-R, Girls Transition Homes and Bradford
Friday, March 13, 2009	5:45 p.m.	CYO St. Patrick's Day Dance
Saturday, March 14, 2009	TBA	Starfish Initiative hosts Craft Time
Wednesday, March 18, 2009	6 p.m.	Camby Chaos visit Pen Pals
Saturday, March 28, 2009	1 p.m.	Center United Methodist Church sponsors Craft time

**Ways to Give to Damar:** Have a neat hobby (music, art, baking, crocheting, photography, ect.)? Share your hobby with the children at Damar or teach the kids about it and how to do it.



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