

Celebration of Volunteers and Donors



Exceeding Expectations capital campaign honorary co-chairs, David and Judy Reed, speak on the success of generating \$6 million.

The Volunteer and Donor Recognition Event was held at the ARTBOX Gallery on June 19. The theme of the celebration was "The Art of Giving" and demonstrated the heartfelt gratitude to Damar's volunteers and donors for their contributions over this past year. During the evening guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres provided by Creation Café and Euphoria, music, art work on display in the gallery, and beautiful custom furniture donated by Outré.

Greg Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, presented on the success of the Exceeding Expectations capital campaign in reaching the goal of raising \$6 million to expand the residential campus and services Damar offers. This expansion has allowed the organization to double the number of children and adults served annually. He also thanked all of the volunteers for their efforts. Dr. Jim Dalton, Damar Services Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, told a success story of a Damar client and how the expansion will allow for more clients with challenging behavioral and developmental disabilities to have specialized care.

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed a slideshow displaying pictures of volunteers and donors and how their contributions have enhanced the lives of those served by Damar in the past year. Thank you to all who attended this special celebration and for another successful year at Damar.

Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Special Events

Wednesday, July 1, 2009 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
BKD Day of Service

Monday, July 6, 2009 • 5:45-7 p.m.
CYO Summer Activities

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Scrapbooking for Bradford, Girls Base and GTU-R

Monday, July 13, 2009 • 10-11 a.m.
Riverview Baptist Church Choir Performance

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 • 6-7 p.m.
Camby Chaos Pen Pals Activity

Monday, July 20, 2009 • 5:45-7 p.m.
CYO Summer Activity

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Fair Day

Friday, July 24, 2009 • 6-7 p.m.
Beauty Night with First Free Will Baptist Church

Saturday, July 25, 2009 • 2-3 p.m.
Mighty Hands Puppet Team Performance

Sunday, July 26, 2009 • 1:45-3 p.m.
CYO Bingo Event

Tuesday-Friday, July 28-31, 2009 • Daily
Mission Indy

Wednesday, July 29, 2009 • 1-4 p.m.
The Crossing Church Mission Group

Friday, July 31, 2009 • 1-3 p.m.
The Crossing Church Mission Group

"A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens- citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

– George H. W. Bush

Ladies Needed



In this July issue, we are highlighting our increased number of summer interns. Students are working in many areas on and off campus while working with various staff members.

Internships are work-related learning experiences that provide students with opportunities to gain knowledge and skills in a particular career field. Internships provide an opportunity to experiment and pursue careers that match academic and personal interests. Internships also give students the opportunity to gain self-confidence in themselves. It allows them to figure out what their strengths are and identify their weaknesses so they can make changes and become stronger.

In addition to gaining experiences, internships allow you to add to your portfolio or resume and make valuable industry contacts that can be essential to landing the ideal job upon graduation.

I hope you enjoy reading about our interns. For more information about this volunteer program, please give me a call at 856-5210 or donnas@damar.org.

Sincerely,

Donna Stutler

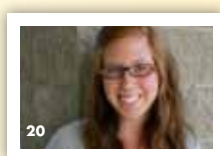
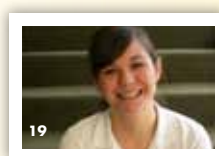
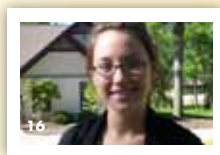
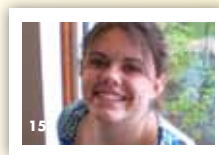
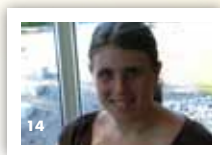
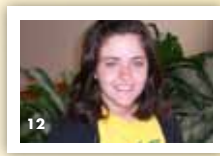
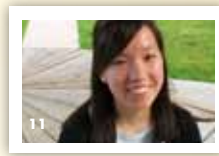
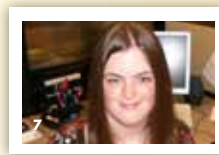
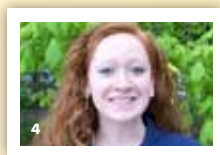
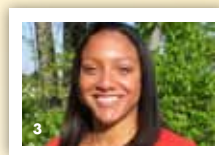
Volunteer Resources Director



Lynn Williamson, Administrator and Director of Client Services for Architura Corporation, won the grand prize, a 42" TV at the Guild Beach Blanket Bingo event held on Friday, June 26. Architura is a long standing Guild event sponsor.

Highlighting 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 – Summer 2009:



Special Thanks Due

At Damar we appreciate all of the time our groups give and hope they will return in the future.

Good Shepherd Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) began their summer activities on June 8. They introduced female clients to yoga and played basketball with adolescent boys. These activities continued on June 22. CYO also hosted a field day on June 28.

The **Camby Chaos Softball Team** hosted the monthly pen pal activity on June 24. The team members spent time with their pen pals and encouraged them to attend some of their upcoming games.

Over a year ago, **Tyler Gross**, a student at Decatur Central High School, contacted Damar regarding his Eagle Scout project. After his tour, it was decided that picnic tables were needed to enhance the campus. In May, Tyler delivered 4 picnic tables designed and assembled by a few different scout volunteers along with Tyler.

An Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable. This ranking has been earned by more than 2 million young men since its introduction in 1911.



1) Samantha Amick is studying psychology at Ball State University. She is spending her summer working alongside the staff and manager of El Camino group home.

2) Hannah Bennett is beginning her junior year in the fall at IU Bloomington studying communications and culture. She is providing support in the Girls Service Line.

3) Hailee Carter is beginning her second year of IU Bloomington's Counselor/Counselor Education Program. She is currently interning in the Girls Service Line.

4) Alexa Davis will begin her senior year at Decatur Central High School this fall. She is assisting the Ambassadors and hopes to study something in the special education arena in college.

5) Arthur Dodson III is a junior at the University of Indianapolis. He is applying his studies by lending a hand in Damar's Accounting Department.

6) Meagan Edwards is a student at the University of Indianapolis. She is working alongside Kelly Gilday in the Young Boys Service Line.

7) Jennifer Foster is assisting at Camby Group Home. She plans to complete her associate's degree in Human Services at Ivy Tech in spring 2010.

8) Ashley Fuhrmann is a student at IUPUI. She is applying her school knowledge by lending a hand in the Recreation Department.

9) Amanda Hanley just finished her first year of graduate school at IUPUI. She plans to earn a master's degree in counseling. Assisting under the Young Boys Service Line will help provide her with counseling experience.

10) Robin Heuss will graduate from IUPUI in August with a degree in Physical Education focusing on Exercise Science. She is a Recreation intern.

11) Christine Kuo will be a junior at Hanover College this fall. She is studying English and assisting the communication department.

12) Megan Miller is a sophomore at Ball State University studying Speech and Language Pathology. She is lending a hand in the Adolescent Boys Service Line.

13) Andrea Newkirk is studying Psychology and Human Biology at the University of Indianapolis. She is a junior and is assisting in the Young Boys Service Line.

14) Kathy Niswander is studying Psychology at Butler University where she will be a senior this year. She is assisting Shannon Bess, Director of Transitional Services.

15) Jamie Petty is studying business administration and management at Ivy Tech. She is using her skills by assisting in the volunteer resources department.

16) Mary Ruble is a junior at Hanover College. She is studying elementary education and hopes to become a special education teacher or specialist in a facility similar to Damar. She is spending her summer assisting in the Autism Service Line.

7) Jessica Sacks, an intern in Development, is in her final year of her second undergraduate degree from IUPUI. She currently holds a bachelor of arts degree in Interpersonal Communications.

18) Renu Samra is a student at Ivy Tech. She will graduate this fall with an associate's degree in Human Services. She is helping in Human Resources.

19) Laura Stahly plans to graduate in December from IUPUI with a degree in Physical Education and Tourism Management. She is working in the Recreation Department.

20) Alexandra Stanich is a junior at Purdue studying Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences. She is helping with the speech therapists of Damar Academy.

21) Shannon Stone is preparing for her senior year at Miami University where she is studying psychology. She is working for the counseling supervisors.

22) Lori Waugh is a senior studying Human Resources and Business Management at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business in Indianapolis. She is lending a hand as a part of the Damar Best Department.



A Fun Country Day

On Saturday, June 13 we hosted the 17th annual Wild West Day. This activity provides the clients and their family and friends with an opportunity to eat a picnic lunch followed by performances by a live country band and field games.

The support provided by 40 volunteers from the community and various organizations such as UPS, Westside Sertoma and Good Shepherd Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) lead to a successful event. Volunteers assisted in preparing and serving food and beverages for the noon meal. The event ended and the volunteers assisted with cleanup.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

GivingBack

Thank you to the following volunteers for "giving back" in MAY 2009 by contributing 1965 hours.

Lisa Adcock
Bonnie Allen
Ross Atteberry
Chris Baire
Pam Ball
Charity Basey
Brian Beard
Hannah Bennett
Ken Benson
Wes Bickers
Essie Biggs
Brenda Bland
Molly Blazek

Katie Boyd
Amanda Budhi
Ruther Budhi
Chris Chapman
Barb Cobb
Chelsea Crago
Sarah Cravens
Bob DeBolt
Jennifer DeBolt
Chelsea Dickhaus
Arthur Dodson III
Meagan Edwards
Colleen Fly

Stephanie Garner
Claude Goguen
Heidi Gorman
Melissa Hill
Rachel Hinesley
Barb Hittle
Jenell Holstead
Roxanne Hood
Brian Jones
Erricka Jones
Jamie Kitron
Pete Koers
Polly Keown

Michelle Kuhns
Lisa Lawson
Marty Lindgren
Chuck Lindgren
Chuck Lippens
Nancy Lippens
Brittany Luther
Danielle Montoney
Diviya Moorjani
Jennifer Nichols
Gina Nicolini
Stephanie Nicolini-Borem
Nicole Palmer

Stacy Perkins
Jamie Petty
Nicole Roberts
Robbie Ritter
Jessica Sacks
Renu Samra
Jeff Schabel
Toni Schabel
Betsy Shaw Elsassner
Greg Smith
Laura Smith
Jason Smock
Chris Spangler

Laura Stahly
Alexandra Stanich
Shannon Stone
Debbie Swinney
Greg Swinney
Yanhe Wang
Lori Waugh
Stephanie Weber
Jill Wichman
Kristen Williams
Elizabeth Wyatt

Groups

Camby Chaos Softball Teams
Gatorade, a division of Pepsi Co.
Original Circle City Corvette Club

Delta Chi Sigma Sorority
Girl Scout Troop 1955
U of I Service Learning

Duke Energy Employees
Indiana Blood Center Employees

Remember . . .
Please turn in your June
volunteer/intern hours by
JULY 6, 2009

Damar Services, Inc.
6067 Decatur Blvd
Indianapolis, IN 46241



July Volunteer Spotlight Opportunity:

Play free golf while mentoring a client at Damar through the Birdies Toward Better Behavior program sponsored by the United States Golf Association. Activities take place every Thursday evening at 6 throughout the summer. To get involved in this program, contact Molly Wells at mollyw@damar.org or 317-856-5201.

Ways to Give to Damar:

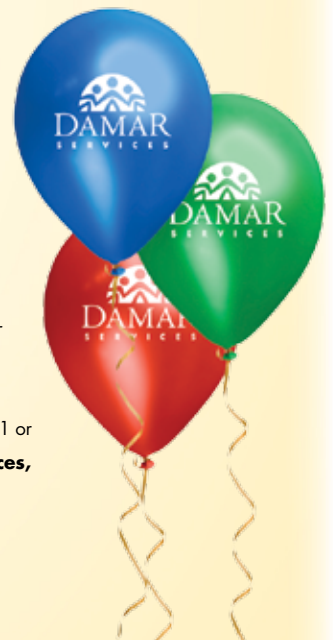
Thinking about back-to-school shopping yet? When you start that shopping, think of the students attending school year round at Damar Academy. Toss a few extra packages of those must have school supplies Damar's way.

Contact Molly Wells at 317.856.5201 ext. 238 or mollyw@damar.org

Upcoming Volunteer Events

FAIR DAY

Tuesday, July 21 • Come one, come all to our 15th annual summer fair, complete with carnival games, face painting, elephant ears and lemon shakeups!. Contact Molly Wells at 317.856.5201 or mollyw@damar.org. **1:30 p.m. Damar Services, 6067 Decatur Blvd., Indianapolis.**



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