

## Accenture Takes Care of Business

Employees from **Accenture**, a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company, spent a day in November combining business with corporate citizenship. Staff from Accenture's Indianapolis office chose Damar as the site to have their quarterly community meeting.

The day began with Damar's Dr. Jim Dalton, VP and COO, along with Dave DeWitt, director of advancement, welcoming the group and talking about the work of Damar and the clients it serves. After a tour of campus, Accenture's 22 participants got to work – helping Damar.

Volunteers busily engaged in a couple of different projects that included creating mobile's and name signs for client rooms in one of the autism units, helping with landscaping and fall clean up jobs and participating in recreation activities with clients.

Following lunch, the group spent the afternoon conducting a business meeting. Asked why Damar was chosen for the site of their quarterly meeting, Accenture's **Chris Miles** said that the Damar volunteer program was a perfect fit for Accenture and its employees. "It was a great way to give back to the community and the kids of Damar," she said.

With 177,000 employees and offices in 120 countries, service to the community is part Accenture's corporate philosophy. "Accenture is proud of our employees and their business skills, creativity and can-do attitude. We use these strengths and skills to give back to the



**Accenture volunteers use creativity making name signs for client rooms.**

communities where we work and live. It is important for us to invest and serve in the communities where we work and live," Chris said.

At the end of the day, volunteers left Damar a better place. But the volunteers gained something too. "We left with a better understanding of autism and various other intellectual challenges that kids and adults have." Chris continued by saying, "Our Accenture employees enjoyed our time at Damar and were touched by the care the staff at Damar provides to the kids and young adults that they serve."

### Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Special Events

Monday, Nov. 30 and Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009 • 6 p.m.–9 p.m.  
Holiday Gift Shopping for Clients at WalMart

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2009 • 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Butler University Christmas Dance on campus

Wednesday, Dec., 9, 2009 • 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Delta Theta Tau - Santa Visit

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 • 9:30 a.m.  
Holiday Gift Wrapping at Damar

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 • 1 p.m.  
Southport Middle School Carolers

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 • 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  
CYO Christmas Party on campus

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009 • 6 p.m.  
Elvis Holiday Concert at Damar

*There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.*

*- John Andrew Holmes Jr., American writer and minister*

## Happy Holidays



Holiday decorations are going up around campus and plans are in full swing for this year's shopping extravaganza.

Volunteers will be turning into elves and helping with the annual shopping for the clients. Volunteers will not need to spend their own money thanks to the many wonderful donors who have contributed to our holiday appeal. Volunteers are needed on November 30 and December 2, from 6-9 p.m. Shopping will be done at Walmart which is located approximately three miles south of the campus on Kentucky Avenue.

On December 12, starting at 9:30 a.m. volunteers are needed to wrap the numerous Christmas gifts. This annual event will take place in the campus gym. Volunteers are asked to bring scissors, tape and wrapping paper. You do not need to be an existing volunteer to help with either one of these activities. Please call Mike Kraft at 856-5201 or [mikerk@damar.org](mailto:mikerk@damar.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

Starting this month, Mike and I are excited about using a new volunteer software package called Volgistics. Campus volunteers will be signing in and out using this software. This will eliminate the need for you to send in your hours at the end of each month. It will also effectively allow us to keep a better system in place on who is actually working each day, where they are working, and allow us to communicate more efficiently to you. Look for more detailed information to come out soon.

A heartfelt happy and safe holiday's to all of you.

Sincerely,

**Donna Stutler**

Volunteer Resources Director

## Rolls-Royce lends a helping hand



### Volunteers from Rolls-Royce North America get rolling along helping paint a client's room.

The employees from **Rolls-Royce North America** who came to volunteer at Damar in November don't use paintbrushes at work but they were happy to do so for Damar clients. The group from the company's general machining and purchasing area had been looking for a not-for-profit near their facility to volunteer at and have a teambuilding experience. Damar was recommended to them by **United Way of Central Indiana's**

#### Volunteer Center.

The group of 22 volunteers spent an afternoon painting the bedrooms of two Damar units, plus a common use area. "It was good to get away from work and have a bonding experience with co-workers," said **Leland Spoerl** of Rolls-Royce. "We were surprised by Damar's size and amount of good work being done here. We had a good time," said Leland.

## Special Thanks Due

A variety of tasks were completed in November because of the generosity of several groups. Lots and lots of leaves were raked on campus and at the Bradford group home thanks to the **Apostolic Christian Church** and **Butler University Circle K**.

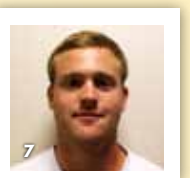
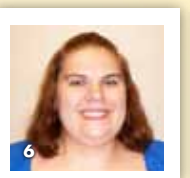
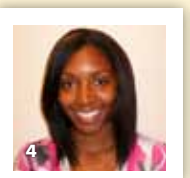
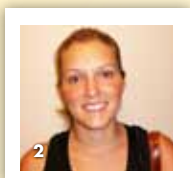
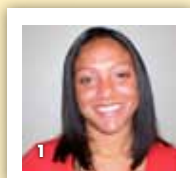
A **Circle K group from the University of Indianapolis** visited campus and spent time working with clients during a recreational period.

High school students participating in a college student recruitment activity called **IUPUI Real World: Overnight Experience** supported staff by helping with some office projects.

Helping at the monthly scrapbooking activity was a great group from **Salvage Yard Christian Church**. We are grateful to everyone for supporting the work here at Damar. Thank you!

# Damar Internships Provide Experience and More

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 – Fall 2009.



## 1) Hailee Carter

Graduating next year with a master's degree in community counseling from Indiana University, Hailee's internship working with the Girls Service Line opened her eyes to the field of developmental psychology. Hailee said, "My work here has placed me on a career path I had not considered before and I cannot see myself doing anything else."

## 2) Jessica Mungro

With two more years of education to complete towards a doctorate in counseling psychology from IU, Jessica's work with the Girls Service Line has helped her learn new ways of approaching therapy. Referring to her internship, Jessica said, "This has been a very challenging, but very rewarding experience thus far."

## 3) Heather Reckerd

Heather plans to graduate next May with an associate's degree in human services from Ivy Tech Community College. Completing 160 hours working at Bradford, one of Damar's group homes, Heather states, "I had an experience that will forever be with me. These clients showed me that I was in the right field and that I can succeed in helping them."

## 4) Arbara Rogers

Attending the University of Indianapolis with plans to graduate in May 2011 with a master's degree in mental health counseling, Arbara has gained experience working with the Young Boys Service Line. "Damar has allowed me to apply what I learn in school to the real world."

## 5) Jennifer Sands

Jennifer plans to graduate with a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Indianapolis in May 2012. Jennifer said she has enjoyed the time spent working with clients of the Young Boys Service Line. "In the past I have not had the opportunity to work with some of the challenges experienced by the children here at Damar. My clinical skills have become more well-rounded as a result," she said.

## 6) Chantee Spellman

Chantee plans to graduate from Ivy Tech next May and then continue her education at University of Indianapolis pursuing a bachelor of social work degree. Chantee interned at the Bradford group home. "I learned so much from the residents at the group home, it was a great experience," Chantee said.

## 7) Chris Stoner

Chris is a student at Ivy Tech, majoring in human services and will graduate next fall. Interning at the Damar Academy, Chris wants to obtain a degree in education and become a secondary education teacher. "I have obtained a good experience working with a diverse population of clients focusing on autonomy and education," said Chris.

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

**Contact Donna Stutler at [donnas@damar.org](mailto:donnas@damar.org) or 856-2330**

## GivingBack

**Thank you to the following volunteers for "giving back" in OCTOBER 2009 by contributing 1063 hours.**

Lisa Adcock  
Bonnie Allen  
Pam Ball  
Amanda Budhi  
Ruther Budhi  
Hailee Carter  
Christine Crewse

Intisar Fidhin  
Barbara Hittle  
Jenell Holstead  
Roxanne Hood  
Peter Koers  
Alex Kraft  
Allison Kraft

Marty Lindgren  
Nancy Lippens  
Danielle Montoney  
Jessica Mungro  
Jeffrey Neally  
Gina Nicolini  
Heather Reckerd

Robbie Ritter  
Abrara Rogers  
Brena Sachs  
Jennifer Sands  
Chris Spangler  
Chauntee Spellman  
Rachel Stewart

Chris Stoner  
Greg Swinney  
Debbie Swinney  
Joshua Vet  
April White  
Tamara Wilson-Anderson

## Groups

Wabash Alumni Association  
Great Lakes Valley Conference  
Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)  
Future Farmers of America (FFA)  
Senator Bayh's Service Leader Summit  
Hoosier Lottery

Gatorade, a division of Pepsi Co.  
JiFFTY  
IUPUI Real World: Overnight Experience  
Butler Delta Tau Delta Fraternity  
Sertoma Club of West Indianapolis  
Starfish Initiative

IUPUI Community Learning Course  
Salvage Yard Christian Church  
Heaven Sent Clowns Ministry  
Chatard High School Day of Service

**Remember . . .**  
Please turn in your November  
volunteer/intern hours by  
DECEMBER 5, 2009

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



**Look for Damar on Dec. 13 at  
the Indianapolis Colts game!**



We're teaming up with the Indianapolis Colts to promote the Damar Holiday Fund! Look for our ads at Lucas Oil Stadium. To help Damar fulfill the Holiday Wish Lists of the deserving children we serve make your gift today at [damar.org/holidayfund](http://damar.org/holidayfund)

**Save the Date!**

**ELVIS**

**31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL**

**Elvis Holiday Concert**

Thursday, December 17, 2009 ♦ 6 p.m.  
Damar Gymnasium & Conference Center

**Join the children and staff  
at Damar for this very special evening!**



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