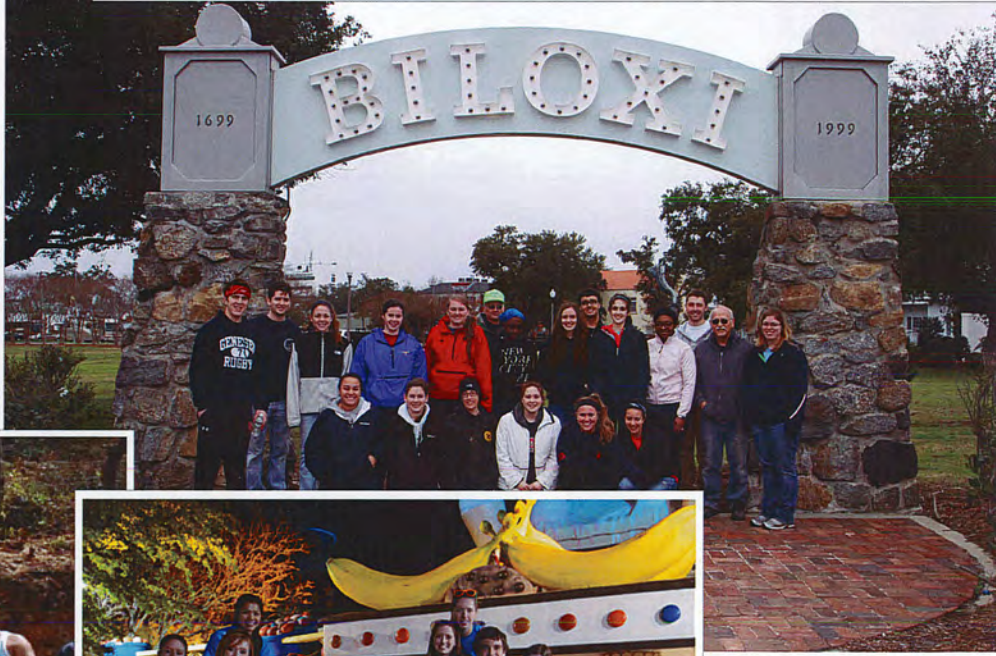




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Community Report: April 22, 2013



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Mission

The Mission of Livingston County CARES is to help communities and individuals locally, regionally, statewide, nationwide, and globally in humanitarian projects, including disaster relief and recovery efforts. Livingston County CARES provides a central repository for resources and information for individuals and organizations wishing to contribute to disaster relief efforts.

A Brief History of Livingston CARES

Livingston County CARES, Inc. is a collaborative effort among groups and organizations at SUNY Geneseo and in the Geneseo and Livingston County community that started in September 2005 to focus relief and recovery efforts on helping people in Harrison County, Mississippi. The initial group of organizations that endorsed and are working on this project include SUNY Geneseo students, faculty, and staff, the Livingston County Administrator, the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Geneseo, the Village of Geneseo, and the Livingston County Coalition of Churches. Individuals, organizations, schools, local municipalities, and interested citizens are invited to participate in Livingston County CARES projects and programs.

Livingston County CARES, Inc. was incorporated and registered as a New York State non-profit organization in 2006. In March 2007 the IRS granted CARES tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Gifts and donations to CARES are tax deductible. Donations may be given as restricted gifts

for specific projects or to the general fund. Livingston CARES board members are volunteers and there are no employees and very minimal administrative overhead. The headquarters for Livingston CARES is in the Center for Community and the Division of Student & Campus Life at SUNY Geneseo. The Center for Community supports CARES through its commitment to volunteer work, leadership development, civic engagement of students, and outreach to community organizations. Organizations and individuals interested in volunteering or making contributions should contact Tom Matthews at 585-245-5857 or by email at matthews@geneseo.edu or Kay Fly at 585-245-5898 or email fly@geneseo.edu

Volunteer Work Trips to Harrison County, Mississippi

Livingston CARES has concentrated on recruiting volunteers to sign up for trips to Mississippi to work on the rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Eighty-one months after the hurricane we have sent 675 volunteers on twenty-four work trips to work on houses; a twenty-eight trip is scheduled for May 2014. Another round of trips will occur in the winter and spring of 2014.

The total value of the volunteer efforts using the National Corporation for Public Service 2013 guidelines of \$21.14 per hour for 839 volunteers 40 hours of work by each volunteer on 33 trips including two Hurricane Sandy and four Give Kids the World trips is estimated to be \$743,018.40 of volunteer contributions to our work in Mississippi, Staten Island and Orlando. In addition to the time, the volunteers have paid their own expenses or obtained

donations for the trips at an average cost of \$550.00 per person. The estimated work trip fees paid by the volunteers are \$461,450.00. Livingston CARES has also received gifts and donations to assist volunteers with travel expenses and for projects in Harrison County and the New York metropolitan area. Since CARES was established in 2005 Livingston CARES has received \$85,927.73 in gifts and donations from individuals and organizations. In 2006 the Division of Student & Campus Life also contributed \$12,250 to help pay for transportation and to assist students with expenses on the January and March trips. The Center for Community also provides in-kind support and supplies and expenses to assist student volunteer and service activities. CARES funds have been used to assist student volunteers with travel expenses.

Funds have also been donated to support various projects in Harrison County, Mississippi. CARES supported six projects described below.

Livingston County Coalition of Churches Tools for Katrina Project

The Tools for Katrina Project was organized by the Livingston County Coalition of Churches as a Livingston CARES project in the spring of 2006. Tools were collected at local churches and donated by local contractors and delivered to two recovery centers in Biloxi--Hands ON Gulf Coast and Volunteers on Gulf Coast. Church related items were delivered to the Biloxi Methodist Church.

Woolmarket Youth Football League

Harrison County Board of Supervisors President, Connie Rockco, identified the Woolmarket Youth Football League as an organization that needed assistance. CARES

donated \$660 to purchase outfits for five students in the program whose equipment had been destroyed by the hurricane.

ARC Connections to the Gulf Coast

Livingston CARES board member Lyle Lehman made connections between the Livingston-Wyoming ARC and the ARC in Harrison County. Lehman met with board members of The ARC of the Gulf Coast on two trips to Mississippi and was instrumental in securing a \$4,000.00 donation from the local ARC Foundation to Livingston CARES to forward to The ARC of the Gulf Coast to assist the Harrison County ARC programs and projects.

Woolmarket Youth Recreation Complex Project

Supervisor Connie Rockco requested our assistance with restoration of the youth recreation complex in her district north of Biloxi. CARES donated \$2,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a flag pole. A plaque on the pole recognizes the gift from the people of Livingston County, New York. A flag raising ceremony held on January 7, 2009 included the presentation of New York State and Livingston County flags to Harrison County. Nick Mazza, Livingston County Administrator and Cynthia Oswald, President of Livingston County Chamber of Commerce participated in the ceremony.

Moore Community House

Prior to Katrina, Moore Community House in East Biloxi was the only center serving low-income families with day care and other pre-school programs such as head start. Katrina destroyed all but one of the buildings in the complex. After hearing the history from the director, Carol Burnett, and learning about the critical services provided

by Moore Community House, the CARES Board approved the donation of funds contributed by the Geneseo Central Presbyterian Church to CARES. A donation of \$2,000 was made and the funds were used to purchase equipment for the classrooms in the renovated facilities.

Garden Clubs Donations

The Geneseo Garden Club and the Livonia Garden Club contributed funds to help with the recovery efforts. Initially, CARES planned to help restore a county greenhouse but the project is still not underway. On the May 2009 trip visit to the Katrina Memorial Park in Biloxi, we noticed a southern live oak had died and inquired about replacing the tree. The city and county officials agreed. In January 2010, we helped plant a new live oak and dedicated a permanent plaque in the park honoring our volunteers and the friendships that have developed between Livingston County and Harrison County over the last seven years.

Katrina Story Fades But Recovery Work Continues

Livingston CARES made a commitment to continue working in Harrison County, Mississippi long after the stories fade from the media. Participants in the twenty-seven trips have seen the destruction and how important volunteer assistance is to those affected by Katrina. We feel it is very important for contributors and volunteers to know that help is still needed and we intend to continue our work on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi for another few years. Our initial commitment that we made in the fall of 2005 was to continue our work for ten years and we are eight years through that pledge. Please help CARES with the work and the continuing the friendships we have

established with the homeowners and leaders in Harrison County, Mississippi.

Focus on Projects in Livingston County

In 2009, the Livingston CARES Board agreed to look for ways to focus some of our volunteer efforts on Livingston County. A new volunteer effort was initiated in the spring of 2010 that involved seven groups of SUNY Geneseo students who worked on seven projects in various locations throughout Livingston County as a part of the new "Geneseo Goes to Town" volunteer day. This project was developed through the civic engagement initiatives of the GOLD leadership Program. In 2011, the program was expanded and included seventeen student groups that worked on different projects in almost every town in the county. In 2012, 20 teams of students worked in 18 towns and villages in Livingston County assisting in projects and programs unique to each community. In 2013, 20 teams are slated to work on projects in 18 towns and villages on April 20. Connecting students to people and organizations throughout the county will expand opportunities for volunteer work and service. We will continue our efforts to develop collaborative programs with other local agencies to help people in need within the county.

Haiti Relief and Recovery

In January 2010, the CARES board established a Haiti Relief Fund to assist the people of Haiti recover from the devastation of the earthquake. Numerous college organizations and individual from the campus and community have donated monies to the fund. In November 2010, the CARES board also approved a special appeal for more contributions to purchase water purification kits to help stop the cholera epidemic. Donations of \$8,255.30

were received and most of the funds have been given to the HOPE Foundation headed by Professor Rose-Marie Chierici for targeted projects in Borgne, Haiti. The projects included resettlement of two families from Port au Prince, the purchase of three teacher boxes for use in rural Haiti, the establishment of a nursery to grow trees for reforestation, and the purchase of over forty water purification kits.

Japan Relief Fund

In April 2012 the CARES board approved the establishment of a fund to assist in the relief and recovery efforts following the devastation of the tsunami and nuclear power disaster. Emails were sent to all students, faculty and staff at the college to encourage donations to the fund. CARES worked with the Japanese Culture Club and the 28 students from Japan on the fund raising efforts. The students identified a specific town in Japan and all funds will be sent to the town of Minami-Sanriku in the Miyagi Prefecture to help in rebuilding efforts. The entire town and more than half of its population were swallowed in the tsunami that killed 444 people. The CARES board voted to add to the \$682.16 collected from the campus community and make a donation of \$1,000.00 to help in the recovery efforts.

Project Holding Accounts

In May 2009, the CARES board approved policies and procedures to permit student civic engagement projects to deposit funds with Livingston CARES. One major project, the **Ghana Project**, was approved to help with education projects in Ghana. The Ghana Project is now a recognized student organization and we anticipate closing this project fund when the fund balance is depleted. This spring \$1500.00 was sent to

assist in the building of a school in Besease, Ghana. In March 2013, \$1500 was donated from the Ghana fund to build a kindergarten classroom that will be attached to a new grade 1-6 building. The new classroom is being built for the teacher who originally donated his time to start the school in the village. The Ghana Project students also purchased school supplies to donate to the new classroom. The \$156.37 worth of school supplies will be sent this summer with two group members traveling to Ghana. The remaining balance in the Ghana Project fund is \$708.42. Numerous groups, organizations and departments at SUNY Geneseo are involved in the Ghana project.

The second project was established in May of 2011 to assist with the **El Sauce, Nicaragua** programs that include building schools and microfinance projects. The Las Minita School was built in January of 2012 and the La Flor School is under construction in 2013. A microfinance project was also created to help women and businesses with loans to establish and manage small business in the El Sauce area.

The third project account was established in April of 2010 to provide students in the **HEROS** mentoring program with a depository for fundraising income and expenses associated with the program that is currently operating in three area schools- Geneseo, Keshequa and Perry. The current balance in the HEROS account is \$278.46. Funds raised by the HEROS volunteers are used to support social mixers and parties for the mentees and for gas reimbursements to volunteers for the weekly trips to the schools. The Golden Key International Honour Society has donated funds to the HEROS project fund.

Tornado Relief Fund

In the winter and spring of 2011, the United States experienced a series of violent storms and tornados that destroyed entire towns and villages including Joplin, Missouri.

Although we made a fundraising appeal to the campus community, only a few contributors responded with donations of \$283.00. The CARES board voted to transfer the funds to the Hurricane Sandy Relief fund.

Flood Relief Fund

In early September of 2011, several areas of New York State were devastated by Tropical Storms Irene and Lee. We established a fund to help student groups with travel expenses on two Saturday trips to the Binghamton and Owego areas. We worked with Sean Phillips (Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship), Denice Szafran (Anthropology), Amy Sheldon (Geology), and Brian Sheldon (Livonia Central School) to sponsor a bus work trip on October 15. Twenty-six students and two faculty members participated in the trip. The expenses for the trip were \$643.79.

El Sauce Project:

La Flor School and Micro-Loan Program (Reported by Kellan Morgan)

The La Flor School is located in the region of Ocotol in the municipality of El Sauce. The parents of the school petitioned Enlace Project to help them build an Elementary school for the community. The fundraising for this project was coordinated by the family of Rob and Jeanine Lupisella. Jeanine is a SUNY Geneseo alumna and current principal at the Manor Intermediate School in Honeoye Falls, and her husband Rob, is the current principal for the Avon

Elementary School. Student bodies from both schools, as well as various Rotary and Lyons clubs in the areas were part of the fundraising effort. This is the second consecutive year that the Lupisellas have spear-headed fundraising efforts and come to El Sauce to help participate in the construction of the school. The construction of the walls and floor started February and were completed in April. The whole community came out to help build the school. Lupisella's came to help with the first two week of the construction with their two daughters Elise and Caroline, and their son Jordan.

The Mayor's Office of El Sauce will contribute to the construction as well by covering the costs of the roof, doors, and windows. The construction of the roof, doors, and windows is scheduled to begin on April 22nd.

According to Jeanine Lupisella, this will not be the last school construction project they will undertake. Her goal is to "create a network of people and businesses and create a group or organization to be able to continue fundraising on a yearly basis. We would like to fundraise for a school per year."

Another Enlace Project run program, the micro-loan program is a new initiative that started in June 2012, and is designed to provide highly-driven, but impoverished entrepreneurs with the skills and capital to either help them start a business or to help expand their current small business.

As of the beginning of April there have been 20 participants that have passed through the program, and 5 participants that have opted to take out a second loan. Thus far there has been a very high payback rate, over 85% of

loan payments have been paid on time, and over 95% of repayments have been made.

Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund

In November 2012, the CARES board established a Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund in response to the devastation of the super storm in the New York metropolitan area. The college collected \$1675.00 through the Geneseo Foundation to assist with the Livingston CARES Hurricane Sandy Relief efforts. To date, CARES has deposited a total of \$10,083.25 in the fund. Monies will be used to support the volunteer work trips

and to agencies that support the recovery efforts. In January 2013, nineteen volunteers worked on Staten Island and in March 2013 sixteen volunteers worked on the south shore of Long Island. A third work trip with fourteen volunteers is scheduled for the week after commencement in May. CARES worked with the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on the January, March and May work trips. We anticipate that relationship will continue as we make plans for continued involvement in the Hurricane Sandy recovery work efforts.

Livingston CARES Financial Information on Contributions and Projects

LC Donations (4-15-13)	Individuals and organizations	\$85,927.73
LC Trips	Income	271,200.73
LC Trips	Subsidies from CARES	36,303.04
Fundraising Events	Income from Dinners & Jailbreak	23,493.92
LC Trip Expenses		307,503.77
Program Projects		
Haiti Relief Fund	Donations Received	8,255.30
Japan Relief Fund	Donations Received	682.16
Ghana Project	Donations Received	5,585.64
El Sauce Project	Donations Received	14,545.38
HEROS Fund	Donations Received	927.39
Tornado Relief Fund	Donations Received	283.00
Flood Relief Fund	Donations Received	683.79
Hurricane Sandy Fund	Donations Received	10082.25
LC Projects as of 3-31-12		
Tools for Katrina	CARES Donations	1,146.59
Woolmarket Youth Football League	CARES donations	660.00
Woolmarket Recreation Complex Flag Pole	CARES Donations	2,000.00
ARC of the Gulf Coast	CARES Donations	4,000.00
Moore Community House	CARES Donations	2,000.00
Live Oak and Plaque	CARES Donations	245.00
LC Special Projects		
	Expenses	
El Sauce Project	CARES Expenses	11,219.18
Haiti Relief Fund	CARES Expenses	8,130.05
Japan Relief Fund	CARES Expenses	-
Ghana Project	Ghana Expenses	3,219.95
HEROS Fund	HEROS Expenses	648.93
Tornado Relief Fund	CARES Expenses	-
Flood Relief Fund	CARES Expenses	643.76

Volunteer Contributions	Calculation	Amount
Work Trip Volunteers	839 x \$550.00 cost per person	461,450.00
Donated Volunteer Hours	839 x 40 hrs. = 33,560 hrs. x \$21.14 per hr.	709,458.40
Total LC Volunteer Contributions		<u>\$1,170,908.40</u>

Livingston CARES 2011-2013 Chronology Highlights

January 9-15, 2011

Twenty-one volunteers participated in the 20th CARES work trip to Mississippi. Tom Matthews served as trip leader. The volunteers were split into four groups. Two groups worked on lead abatement (scrapping and painting in white suits) on one house. One group painted the exterior of a house and another worked on interior demolition of a house and removal of a roof. One group also did outside cleanup and two groups worked for two days at a new house painting the entire interior with two coats of paint and installing flooring in the kitchen and two bathrooms.

January 10, 2011

The *SUNY Geneseo* website featured a news brief by David Irwin entitled "Livingston CARES Group on 20th Trip to Gulf Coast for Hurricane Relief Work."

January 10-16, 2011

Twelve volunteers participated in the Give Kids the World trip in Orlando, Florida. Dave Parfitt served as trip leader. Students worked two shifts a day at the Give Kids the World Village with the guest families. During the day, students served meals to families in the Gingerbread House, made banana splits and milkshakes in the Ice Cream Palace, and delivered continental breakfast, sandwiches for lunch, and pizza dinners on a special cart. In addition to serving food, the students participated in all sorts of entertainment activities in the Village including: providing train rides, taking photos with Disney, Universal, and SeaWorld characters, giving makeovers to children in the spa, and playing with kids and locating stars in the Castle of Miracles.

In the evening, students helped in the Kids' Night Out Program. Wish Families drop their children off who are then paired with a volunteer for the evening.

January 27, 2011

The *Lamron* published a news brief by Susan Kaczmarczyk titled "Livingston C.A.R.E.S.

sends volunteers to Gulf Coast for 20th trip since Katrina."

February 1, 2011

The *Encompass* published a news brief entitled "Twenty volunteer trips- and still going". It includes a photo by Kris Dreessen of Samantha Hatz '12 and Bill Gurtowski '12 helping to build and access ramp for a couple in Biloxi, Mississippi.

February 15, 2011

The *Democrat and Chronicle* gave SUNY Geneseo and Livingston CARES a "Thumbs Up" for completing its 20th trip to the Biloxi/Gulfport, Mississippi area to continue Hurricane Katrina relief work.

February 16, 2011

The board approved updated Livingston CARES Governance By-laws and Policy Statements on whistle blowers, conflict of interest, annual audit review, and acknowledgement of contribution.

February 24, 2011

The *Lamron* featured an article on a panel discussion hosted by Geneseo's Ghana Project. The discussion featured faculty fellow for international studies Wes Kennison and education professor Glenn McClure. The discussion examined the political and social realities of modern-day Ghana.

March 13-19, 2011

Twenty-eight Livingston CARES volunteers, including 24 students and four staff members participated in the 21st CARES work trip to Mississippi. Matthew Jordan (staff) and Dan Hart (student) served as trip leaders. Team leaders included Theresa Montenarello, Larry Bellamo, Loryn Royer, and Lizzy Johnson. Two groups worked on lead abatement on a house in Moss Point and two groups constructed a backyard fence at a home in D'Iberville.

March 30, 2011

The board approved tax documents prepared by volunteer Julie Matthews for January-June 2010.

This was an interim step in the change to a new July 1-June 30 fiscal year. The board also agreed to establish a Japan Relief Fund pending agreement with students from the Japanese Cultural Club at SUNY Geneseo. The fund was subsequently established and announced to the faculty, staff and students at the College.

March 31, 2011

The *Lamron* featured a news brief on the Third Annual Ghana Gala that was held March 21, 2011. The event included actors and dancers who brought to life the traditions of Ghanaian culture. The Gala raised over \$600 dollars.

April 7, 2011

The *Lamron* featured an article by Rebecca Smarcz titled "Livingston CARES to raise money with Gumbo dinner".

April 10, 2011

The *Livingston County News* and the *Genesee Valley Penny Saver* (Livingston Edition) featured advertisements related to the Gumbo to Go dinner on April 15, 2011.

April 14, 2011

The *Lamron* printed a news brief about the Gumbo to Go dinner in their "Goings-On" section. It included information on the purpose of the event and where you can purchase tickets and pick-up your meal.

April 15, 2011

CARES sponsored the fourth Gumbo to Go Dinner and a special Acapella Concert featuring the Southside Boys at the Central Presbyterian Church. The Gumbo dinner sold 207 tickets and raised \$2,073 and the concert raised \$106.50. Chef Glenn McClure prepared the meal and supervised the kitchen staff.

April 26-28, 2011

Student volunteers headed by Dan Hart organized the Jailbreak fundraiser at the College to raise money for Livingston CARES.

May 2, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Livingston CARES was held at the Interfaith

Center. The board reviewed the annual report and elected Matthew Andrews, Elizabeth Johnson and Matthew Bower for one year terms on the Board of Directors. Following adjournment of the meeting, the annual Livingston CARES Volunteer Thank You Dinner was held at the Interfaith Center. The dinner included stories from each of the last three trips and recognition of volunteers. Gary Towsley and the Geneseo Philanthropic Chefs prepared the jambalaya dinner. Humanitarian Awards were presented to Cynthia Oswald, Rejoyce Owusu, Andrew Demosthenous, Matthew Jordan, Lori McEvoy, Richard Hatheway, Ken Kallio and Theresea Montarello in recognition of their service as board members, trip leaders and project coordinators.

May 15-21, 2011

Twenty-eight volunteers participated in the 22nd work trip to Biloxi. Ken Kallio was the trip leader assisted by students Amanda Leonard and Bennett Marano.

July 8-9, 2011

Livingston CARES participated in the Geneseo Summer Festival with an information table on Main Street.

July 27, 2011

CARES Board voted to expand the board seats from 17 to 19 directors. Erin Bills was elected for a three-year term to represent the Livingston County Coalition of Churches and Brenda Donahue was elected for a three year term to represent the Livingston County Board of Supervisors.

July 2011

Student Association approved a grant of \$2100.00 to assist students with financial grants for CARES trips to Biloxi.

September 21, 2011

CARES Board approved Flood Relief Fund to assist recovery efforts in the Southern Tier. Twenty-two students in a Saturday work trip to Owego to assist in the cleanup efforts from Tropical Storm Lee. Amy Sheldon from the Geology faculty and Sean Phillips from InterVarsity Christian Fellowship organized the

bus trip in conjunction with Livonia Central School.

November 3, 2011

Gumbo to Go Dinner at Central Presbyterian Church raised \$2200.00.

November 16, 2011

Board received report on the Gumbo to Go Dinner and the October trips to Owego for Flood Relief. Twenty-two students participated in the bus trip held in conjunction with Livonia Central School.

January 8-15, 2012

Twenty-eight volunteers participated in the 23rd CARES work trip to Mississippi. Tom Matthews and Kevin Felter were the trip leaders. The volunteers worked on two houses in Biloxi, one in Ocean Springs and a fourth in Gulfport.

January 21, 2012

CARES Board approved an application to be an approved non-profit agency for the State Employees Federated Appeal.

March 11-17, 2012

Twenty-eight volunteers participated in the 24th CARES work trip to Mississippi. Luke Haumesser and Lizzy Johnson were the trip leaders. The teams worked on two houses in Biloxi and one team worked at a soup kitchen during a down day with construction.

March 11-17, 2012

Fourteen volunteers from Geneseo and one from Alfred State spent a week working with families at Give Kids the World Village in Orlando. Dave Parfitt and Mindy Benamati were the trip leaders. This was the third Livingston CARES trip to Give Kids the World.

March 22, 2012

Gumbo to Go Dinner at Central Presbyterian Church raised approximately \$2,000.

March 29, 2012

Lamron reporter Chelsea Butkowski reviewed the March spring break trip to Biloxi and shared reflections from students on their volunteer work.

April 16, 2012

The Livingston CARES Annual Corporate Meeting was held in conjunction with the April Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Annual Volunteer Thank You Dinner at the Interfaith Center. Philanthropic Chef Gary Towsley served the traditional Jambalaya Dinner. Dave Parfitt, Joan Ellison and Dan Dimpfl were re-elected for 3 year terms and Chris Crocker was elected for a one year term on the Livingston CARES Board of Directors. At the dinner, Humanitarian Awards were presented to Larry Bellomo, Mindy Benamati, Kevin Felter, Amanda Leonard, Kellan Morgan and Sean Phillips for their work on trips and projects supported by Livingston CARES.

May 13-19, 2012

Twenty-eight Livingston CARES volunteers on the 25th work week to Biloxi worked on four houses and projects. Ken Kallio served as the trip leader.

September 12, 2012

The SUNY Geneseo college race team in the JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge at RIT won first place in t-shirt design and donated their \$1,000 prize to Livingston CARES.

November 2, 2012

By electronic vote, the Board approved the establishment of a Hurricane Sandy Relief and Recovery Fund, working with the Geneseo Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce to assist in the Red Hook area and authorized the board president to negotiate projects and work trips to help in recovery efforts in the New York City area.

November 3, 2012

President Dahl announced the Hurricane Sandy Fund and invited students, alumni and parents to support the relief and recovery efforts.

November 8, 2012

Gumbo to Go Dinner prepared by Philanthropic Chef Glenn McClure at Central Presbyterian Church raised approximately \$2,000.

November 9, 2012

CARES hosted two interest meetings for students interested in volunteering for work

trips. Over thirty students expressed interest at the meetings.

November 14, 2012

The board accepted, with regret, the resignations of Cynthia Oswald and Dan Dimpfl from seats on the board of directors.

The CARES Board confirmed the electronic vote to establish Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund and authorized the president to move forward with planning of Hurricane Sandy work trips in January and March of 2013.

December 2012

A CARES work trip for the week of January 13-19 on Staten Island was negotiated with the Jewish Community Center and the Bethel United Methodist Church on Staten Island. Alyssa Stefanese, student GOLD Leader Mentor whose family home on Staten Island was severely damaged, helped organize the trip that was announced in early December. Volunteers were recruited during the last week of classes and finals week.

January 3, 2013

Tools for Red Hook collected at the December retirement party for Chamber of Commerce President Cynthia Oswald were delivered to Greg O'Connell for use in the recovery work in the Red Hook area of Brooklyn. Due to the lack of accommodations and work site supervision in the Red Hook area, the tools were one way that CARES could provide some assistance in lieu of an actual volunteer work week.

January 11, 2013

Board president Matthews and student Alyssa Stefanese met Pastor Matt Schaeffer at the Bethel United Methodist Church and Glenn Wechsler and Hiam Kay at the Jewish Community Center on Staten Island to finalize arrangements for upcoming volunteer work week.

January 13-19, 2013

Nineteen volunteers worked on eight homes devastated by Hurricane Sandy in the New Dorp worked on one house, served food at the Loaves and Fishes food pantry and helped finish the

Beach and Oak Beach area of Staten Island. Chuck Reyes, trip coordinator was assisted by CARES student board members Matt Bower and Chris Crocker and Alyssa Stefanese. A cover story on the trip appeared in *The Scene* alumni magazine published in late January 2013.

January 13-19, 2013

Twenty-one Livingston CARES volunteers on the 26th work week in Biloxi worked on three houses and assisted HOPE CDA with moving a warehouse and building a float for the Biloxi Mardi Gras parade. Tom Matthews and Zach Bodenweber served as trip coordinators.

January 30, 2013

The board of directors allocated an additional \$1,000 to supplement the Student Association Financial grants to be used to assist volunteers with travel expenses and approved a request from Kellan Morgan in El Sauce to fund the building of the La For school from donations received from local contributors during the last several months. The board also approved moving the tornado relief funds to the new Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.

March 13, 2013

The board of directors approved granting \$1500.00 from the Ghana Project fund to assist in the building a school in Besease, Ghana. The school is a project supported by Dr. Jennifer Rogalsky from the Geography Department at SUNY Geneseo. The board also approved forwarding the \$1440.00 balance in the Nicaragua Microfinance Loan Fund to assist with small business loans in El Sauce. Funds were collected from the sale of baskets made in El Sauce and sold on campus. The board continued a discussion on appropriate projects or agencies for the Hurricane Sandy Relief funds.

March 17-23, 2013

Twenty-eight volunteers traveled to Biloxi on the 27th Livingston CARES work trip. Luke Haumesser served as the returning veteran trip leader and student board member Matt Andrews served as the student trip coordinator. The teams

HOPE warehouse move started by the January volunteers. The volunteers also had an

opportunity to meet students from the
Community College in Gulfport.

March 17-23, 2013

Sixteen volunteers participated in the 2nd
Livingston CARES Hurricane Sandy Recovery
trip. The volunteers traveled in three vans from
Geneseo to Long Island. The teams stayed at the
Hicksville United Methodist Church and worked
at two locations in Massapequa and Freeport
gutting houses devastated by the hurricane.

April 18, 2013

Gumbo to Go Dinner prepared by Geneseo
Philanthropic Chef Glenn McClure held at
Central Presbyterian Church with proceeds to
Livingston CARES.

April 22, 2013

Livingston CARES Annual Corporate Meeting
and April Board of Directors Meeting scheduled
at the Geneseo Interfaith Center to be followed
by Annual Spring Volunteer Thank You Dinner.

Report on Livingston CARES May 2012 Trip to Biloxi

Prepared by Ken Kallio

Twenty-six CARES volunteers left for a week of recovery work in Biloxi, Mississippi early on Sunday morning, May 13. Travelling by air from Buffalo and New York City (LaGuardia,) all arrived at New Orleans without incident. We met two other volunteers (Dan and Ben Hart), who drove separately to New Orleans, at the Enterprise rental office. Since time permitted, the assembled party travelled in four vans to the French Quarter for an afternoon of tourism. We arrived at SUMA in the late afternoon to find that we were expected later in the day. Kathy Lanier, the cafeteria manager, however quickly helped us to settle into our housing for the week. The previous year, our May group had the camp to ourselves all week. This year, we shared the camp with several different school groups from Mississippi and Alabama. Most were in Biloxi for a "Sea Camp." Much like the whale watches that school groups from our area conduct near Boston, these school groups typically spend a day at a marine research center in Ocean Springs and then a day at Ship Island. Over the course of the week, there were four or five different groups that shared SUMA with us.

At 8 AM on Monday morning, we reported to the HOPE CDA office to receive our orientation and assignments. Andrea Robertson, the Volunteer Coordinator for HOPE, was out due to an illness. Fortunately for us, William Stallworth stepped in to provide us with a very important perspective on our service. He inspired all of us with his stirring presentation of the continuing need to lend help to the Biloxi area.

Partly due to Andrea Robertson's absence, HOPE did not seem fully prepared to utilize

us immediately. Initially, all four teams were sent to a home renovation project on Spanner Street. Then two teams were taken to nearly completed projects, one on Hoxie Street and the other on Keller Street. The Spanner Street project occupied two of the teams for the remainder of the week. The other two teams were re-assigned to a project in Gautier on Tuesday morning and were occupied with it for the rest of the week.

Spanner Street Project

The story on this house was that a Mr. Mosely inherited it and had contracted to have HOPE renovate it. The owner was out of town at the time we were in Biloxi. It did not appear that he qualified for the level of assistance that HOPE typically provides. In this case, the owner purchased all the materials used on the project. Two teams (Dan Hart's and Colleen Kallio's) were assigned to this project and worked with Zan (HOPE's project supervisor). Over the course of the week, the two teams worked both inside and outside the house.

The yard was overgrown with weeds when we arrived. With nothing more than a few hand tools (including some borrowed from neighbors) the yard was restored to a presentable condition. There was an idea to donate some plants to further spruce up the yard, but Zan suggested an alternative proposal for a plant donation.

On the interior, the two teams installed wood laminate flooring in several rooms and the main hallway. Ceramic tile was installed in the kitchen and the two bathrooms. Several doors were hung. Floor molding and trim on window and door frames were installed, painted, and caulked. Several

rooms were painted. Volunteers learned many new skills in order to complete these projects, including how to use a miter saw and a tile saw.

By third day of work, there was not enough to keep all 14 volunteers on this project fully occupied. Zan had arranged for some of the volunteers to clean and paint the exterior of a small church on Spanner Street. At the end of the week, several volunteers contributed funds to purchase three small trees that were planted at the church.

Hoxie and Keller Street Projects

These two projects required about half a day's work each. In both cases, the houses were almost ready to be handed over to the owners. We were asked to clean the houses (pick up debris, mop floors, wash windows, etc.). Construction debris and left over materials were sorted and collected.

Volunteers helped Zan late in the first day on Monday to haul the items to a HOPE project site on Lee Street where debris was tossed into a dumpster and the left over materials were put into storage. The Lee Street site was being worked by a volunteer group from Michigan.

Gautier Project

On Tuesday morning, two of the teams (Ken's and Mary's) were assigned to a project at a mobile home park off Suter Road in Gautier (other side of Ocean Springs). As we came to learn, HOPE had purchased a Katrina cottage that was in need of significant repair. Their plan was to renovate it and then move it to Biloxi, where it would serve as a rental property for families in need of temporary housing. A major objective of this project was to repair damage caused by a leak in the air conditioner. The leak had caused damage

(including black mold) to dry wall in two rooms. Our job was to remove the drywall, build a half wall to brace the platform that the AC unit sat on in order to stop the leaking and then re-install dry wall. Other projects for this cottage included painting the interior, installing wood laminate flooring over the existing linoleum tile flooring and pressure washing the exterior. Stan was the HOPE project supervisor. Normally, he works in their warehouse and does not work on construction projects with volunteers. The HOPE construction supervisor who works in the Ocean Springs area (Bruce) also stopped in to provide us with direction and assistance. The cleaning and painting was accomplished by Wednesday. Unfortunately, the laminate flooring was not delivered until Friday morning. Consequently, flooring was installed in only half a room.

Work at this site could be characterized as eventful. On Wednesday afternoon, the volunteers were witness to a terrible tragedy. The cottage that we were working on was located in a low income trailer park. About 2:30 PM, we heard the siren of an approaching fire engine. As we looked out of the front of the cottage, we could see that a small, single-wide trailer less than 100 yards away from us was ablaze. The fire department extinguished the fire very quickly, but not soon enough. The trailer was home to a reclusive older man who perished in the fire. The events unfolded very rapidly. By the time we were ready to leave for the day at five, the fire and other emergency vehicles that had responded had already left the scene.

Other Activities

In the evenings, the volunteers pursued any number of activities. Sunday evening saw us visiting the Katrina Memorial and playing

some ice breaker games on the beach, led by Dan Hart. On Monday evening the entire group visited the park and pier at Ocean Springs. Many photos were taken. Before dinner on Wednesday, Connie Rockko stopped by Camp SUMA and addressed the volunteers. After dinner, many of us walked around the casino district of Biloxi, sampling ice cream at the Ben & Jerry's stand in the Hard Rock. Thursday night saw us holding a bonfire on the beach across from SUMA. The highlight of the bonfire was the introduction of many of the volunteers to the fine art of eating spicy crawfish. On Friday, half of the volunteers (two vans) ended their work day early in order to tour Ship Island; the remainder spent some quality time on the beach in the afternoon. Friday night, we enjoyed the

traditional dinner at the Shed. The Shed seems to be struggling in the aftermath of the fire that destroyed the original restaurant in February. Although they were operating, they did not offer live music on the Friday night. Rebuilding (and expanding) was underway, but the crowd was noticeably sparser than in previous years.

A planned late afternoon departure on Saturday allowed time for a second visit to the French Quarter. Having been fortified by a breakfast at a local Waffle House, we drove to New Orleans and enjoyed more food, souvenir shopping, and antique store browsing. After a frantic moment or two getting to the airport, all returned home safely.

Livingston CARES May 2012 Work Trip Participants

David Baker, SUNY Geneseo Student
Kate Brod, SUNY Geneseo Student
Karlee Bushnell, SUNY Geneseo Student
Brednan Caputi, SUNY Geneseo Student
Iwona Drapala, SUNY Geneseo Student
Courtney Dunn, SUNY Geneseo Student
Kate Dunn, SUNY Geneseo Student
Will Fugina, SUNY Geneseo Student
Dan Hart, Community Member
Ben Hart, Community Member
Colleen Kallio, Community Member
Ken Kallio, SUNY Geneseo Faculty
Zach Kenyon, SUNY Geneseo Student
Tamara Kurek, SUNY Geneseo Student

Cara Hallahan, SUNY Geneseo Student
Daniel Lee, SUNY Geneseo Student
Melissa Lirano, SUNY Geneseo Student
Diane Makovitch, SUNY Geneseo Student
Gina Middleton, SUNY Geneseo Student
Emily Papke, SUNY Geneseo Student
Drew Rogers, SUNY Geneseo Student
Kelsy Romanowski, SUNY Geneseo Student
Brittney Ross, SUNY Geneseo Student
Emily Scampini, SUNY Geneseo Student
Alyssa Stafanese, SUNY Geneseo Student
Pam Tangel, SUNY Geneseo Student
Mary Willett-Massar, SUNY Geneseo Staff

Report on Livingston CARES January 2013 Work Trip to Biloxi

Prepared by Tom Matthews and Zach Bodenweber

Twenty-one volunteers including 18 students, one staff member and two community members left early on January 13 and traveled on Air Tran from Buffalo to Atlanta to New Orleans. We arrived late in the afternoon in a downpour and headed directly to Biloxi and arrived at Camp SUMA after dark. After checking in we got lost a couple of times trying to find the nearest Walmart between Biloxi and Gulfport. We decided to meet at a near-by Waffle House with two employees eager to prepare 21 dinners as quickly as possible. By the time we finished eating, everyone was ready to turn in for the night.

On Monday morning we renewed our friendships at breakfast with Mary who was serving our first meal wearing her Livingston CARES t-shirt. Joey also greeted us with his friendly smile and helped us understand the routines of the police academy trainees with whom we would share meals during the week. We packed our vans with the lunch coolers and set off to HOPE CDA to get oriented about our work for the week by the volunteer coordinator, Rae Shawn Davis and CEO Bill Stallworth.

One van of seven volunteers was assigned to work for what was intended to be a couple days reclaiming a streambed into the back bay of Biloxi. Roger Collins, a self-employed contractor who could rebuild any house, and his team ended up working with two landscape architects outside in chilly weather for the entire week. The team grew more enthusiastic each day as they reported on their work in the Bayou and at least two volunteers reported a new interest in environmental careers. I couldn't resist pointing out the real bayou on the way back to New Orleans the following Saturday.

The other two teams were merged for most of the week. The first couple of days the teams were asked to begin the moving HOPE CDA's warehouse supplies and equipment to a less expensive building a few blocks away. Needless to say, our volunteers started loading and unloading trucks and trailers faster than the HOPE employees could organize the new facilities.

Additionally, members from one of our teams constructed and painted a float for the upcoming County parade, which was to be sponsored by HOPE CDA. The teams also shared assignments working on two new houses. One crew worked on sheet rock installation in two rooms and a hallway and painted the outside of the same home while one other team nearly finished a new home a few blocks away. On the last day, the teams got to meet the elderly homeowners who had just returned to Biloxi from a visit to relatives in Vietnam. They had left just as the house was started and they were thrilled to know they would be moving into their home in the next few weeks. On Friday afternoon, the teams were asked to help move all of the furniture and possessions of an elderly homeowner from a storage unit, where they had been for five years, into her new home. Our volunteers completed this job that would have taken most of the day, if not longer, in less than two hours. The homeowner reacted with a big smile and tears running down her face, as she realized her dream of being able to live in her own home again. This was one of those priceless moments that all of us will remember forever.

Other highlights of the week included a visit to the Biloxi Visitor's Center, walks on the Biloxi Beach, a lunch and King Cake and

conversation with Harrison County Supervisor Connie Rockco at the Biloxi Courthouse, and a special southern fried fish feast prepared by Bill Stallworth. Bill also lifted everyone's spirits with a great conversation about the mission of HOPE CDA and a special hug for each and every volunteer. Evenings were filled with a visit to the Beau Ravage Casino for gelato and the Hard Rock Casino. Volunteers noted that the famous artist Denny Dent's paintings, which hung in Hard Rock registration lobby, were almost identical to the two Denny Dent paintings in the MacVittie Union hallway outside the Center for Community. The teams also competed against one another in bowling one night in Gulfport, went shopping together at Walmart, played card games and worked on puzzles after dinner, and made the traditional trip to The Shed in Ocean Springs for a barbeque dinner. The Shed was quickly rebuilt after a fire destroyed the original restaurant last winter. It is too bad that all those names carved in the tables and walls and all those lost dollar bills stapled to the ceilings were destroyed, but we carved our names on the tables to leave Geneseo's mark for future volunteers. Although the last night was cold, everyone enjoyed our traditional bonfire on the beach sharing stories and highlights from the week.

On Saturday morning we left Camp SUMA at 7:00 am and stopped at two nearby Waffle House Restaurants for breakfast. We drove on Route 90 along the coast so our first time volunteers could get a sense of the widespread devastation caused by Katrina. In New Orleans we drove through the Ninth Ward and passed by the Musician's Village on our way to the French Quarter. We parked near Jackson Square and broke up into small groups to enjoy Café du Monde, the outdoor market, streets filled with jazz bands and entertainers, and the great cuisine of New Orleans. At the airport, we discovered that USAir had re-ticketed volunteers traveling to New York City to seats on planes scheduled to depart the next day. After some tense moments and phone calls regarding the situation, the problem was resolved. However, the planes were delayed and our volunteers stayed overnight in Charlotte courtesy of US Air. The Buffalo travelers got back to western New York after midnight, greeted by a cold winter night.

Another wonderful, productive and successful work week in Biloxi! Tom Matthews and Zach Bodenweber served as coordinators for the 26th trip to Biloxi.

January 2013 Livingston CARES Biloxi Work Trip Participants

Trevor Bellwood, SUNY Geneseo Student
Meghan Berman, SUNY Geneseo Student
Zachary Bodenweber, SUNY Geneseo Student
Caroline Buonocore, SUNY Geneseo Student
Roger Collins, Community Member
Fenty Michelle, SUNY Geneseo Student
Benjamin Gajewski, Community Member
Jenna Ingram, SUNY Geneseo Student
Thomas Matthews, SUNY Geneseo
Administrator
Nicholas Palumbo, SUNY Geneseo Student

Carina Schramm, SUNY Geneseo Student
Erin Seaburg, SUNY Geneseo Student
Kaitlin Sheehan, SUNY Geneseo Student
Tiffany Stephenson, SUNY Geneseo Student
Austin Stone, SUNY Geneseo Student
Marisa Sylvester, SUNY Geneseo Student
Megan Thompson, SUNY Geneseo Student
Mikaela Van Slyke, SUNY Geneseo Student
Jessica Vay, SUNY Geneseo Student
Jenna Watson, SUNY Geneseo Student
Kaitlyn Wegman, SUNY Geneseo Student

Report on Livingston CARES January 2013 Work Trip to Staten Island

Report by Chuck Reyes

It had slowly travelled in a northerly direction for days as it affected the entire eastern United States. On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy, or Super Storm Sandy, as it had come to be known, hit the New York City area and left with devastating effects. Many localities found themselves with record rainfall, wind gusts, coastal storm surges and snowfall. More than 8 million people lost power.

One of our students, Alyssa, was from Staten Island and like many other students, her family was affected by the massive flooding in Staten Island. She talked with Center for Community Director, Dr. Tom Matthews and thought a Livingston Cares team could help out there as they had done many times in Biloxi, Mississippi in response to Hurricane Katrina.

On Sunday evening January 6, nineteen volunteers met at the Jewish Community Center in Staten Island, where they would reside for the next six days. The Community Center graciously donated the room in which we stayed. Since the College was in the middle of intersession, all volunteers were responsible for their own transportation to and from Staten Island. Meals were catered through the company that provides services to the Community Center.

As we drove onto Staten Island and made our way to the Community Center, located mid-island on high ground, it was remarkable to the writer, that all things seemed normal. People moved about freely, going about their business and most notably, there were no signs of destruction. The writer later learned the hardest hit areas were New Dorp Beach and Oakwood Beach sections, on the southeast side of the island.

Dr. Matthews had made arrangements to work through the Bethel United Methodist Church located on the south shore under the direction of Pastor Matt Schaeffer. Early Monday morning the group set off to the church to meet Pastor Matt, pick up tools and get our assignments. We were given a number of houses to work on, but since it was unclear as to the amount of work in each house and how long it would take, we updated Pastor Matt frequently so he could set up meeting times with the next homeowners.

New Dorp Beach Work

Milbank Street Residence 1, owners Frank and Lori

Of all the houses we worked at, this house needed the most work. We arrived to find most of the plaster still on the walls of the one story house standing just about 8 inches above street level. This is significant since the flood waters were about 5 feet tall, essentially ruining everything in the house. The work consisted of drywall and plaster removal of all walls and ceilings in the house. Other deeds performed were: ceramic floor tile demolition in 2 rooms, kitchen appliance and bathroom fixture removal, and extensive yard clean up as well as chemical removal from a storage shed. Prior to the ceiling removal, some personal items were removed from the attic and left for the owners.

Milbank Street Residence 2

This house was right next door to the first and although it was a couple of feet higher, it suffered the same consequence as the first, nearly all belongings were lost. Our work included drywall, ceiling and insulation removal, yard work and taking some electrical fixtures down, readying them for

contractors to finish electrical work and hang drywall.

Neutral Avenue Residence

A small contingency performed bathroom demolition and removed all debris to the curb.

Mill Road Residence

A small job at best, volunteers were asked to help the elderly occupants move heavy furnishings to a second floor bedroom, which they did.

Oak Beach Work

Kissam Avenue Residence

This house, located on a street surrounded by wetlands, was about five feet above street level with a furnished basement. The entire basement had been flooded as well as some parts of the first floor. There were no furnishings in the house except for upper kitchen cabinets which were not damaged. Perhaps 60% of the first sub floor was removed and plywood laid and screwed down in its place prior to us starting the job. Assignments included taking up the plywood and removing all nails in the floor joists that were left behind under the plywood, removing any existing old sub floor (40 % of the house), and removing basement linoleum flooring. Efforts were hampered by the lack of power tools (we had one reciprocating saw) and one live outlet. The owner did not have a car (was ruined in the flood) and walked 15 minutes to deliver a very heart-felt picnic lunch for the volunteers.

Tarlton Street Residence

The crew helped the owner remove four very stubborn layers of flooring from the house and brought the debris to the curb.

Fox Beach Avenue Residence

The owner of this residence had most of the house in decent shape but needed help with his "man cave" as he put it. It was a shed with old automotive memorabilia and tools. He also had an automobile lift that was badly damaged in the flood and was no longer useable. Volunteers used a reciprocating saw to cut the large shed up and hauled it to the curb. Yard cleanup was also performed.

Fox Lane Residence

The day we arrived at this residence, contractors were getting ready to hang insulation in the entire house. We were only asked to sweep and take some debris to the curb. But as we looked around at the littered yard, we asked if we could be of service to clean that up as well and the owner agreed. Of particular note, a very large shed that had floated into the yard during the flood landed on the chain link fence that surrounded the yard. Duties included cutting up and removing the shed as well as removing large amounts of garbage that were carried by the surge of water.

As a trip leader, I was surprised the group bonded so fast. A few of the evenings were spent by: travelling to NYC's Little Italy, Rockefeller Plaza and some local eating establishments on Staten Island. Since the trip's completion, we have met again in Geneseo for dinner, and plan to have other outings as well. One thing that cannot be portrayed in this report is the gratitude of the homeowners and the satisfaction we felt as community volunteers.

Despite the fact that none of the houses had heat, the crews remained positive knowing that they truly made a difference in the lives of those who really needed help. None of these efforts could have been performed without the dedication and teamwork of our volunteers:

Livingston CARES January 2013 Staten Island Work Trip Participants

Liz Argentieri, SUNY Geneseo staff
Sam Argentieri, Community member
Matt Bower, Student Coordinator, SUNY Geneseo Student
Diana Castro, SUNY Geneseo Student
Gideon Cohen, SUNY Geneseo Student
Chris Crocker Student Coordinator, SUNY Geneseo Student
Julieane DeSilva, SUNY Geneseo Student
Vincent Diulio, SUNY Geneseo Student
Iwona Drapala, SUNY Geneseo Student
Tina Jervis, SUNY Geneseo Staff

Stephen Kowalewski, SUNY Geneseo Student
Becky Meissner, SUNY Geneseo Student
Trevor Ramsey, SUNY Geneseo Alumnus
Saif Ratul, SUNY Geneseo Student
Chuck Reyes, Trip Leader, SUNY Geneseo Staff
Pat Rountree, Community Member
Megan Russ, SUNY Geneseo Student
Alyssa Stefanese Student Coordinator, SUNY Geneseo Student
Peggy Wirt, SUNY Geneseo Staff

Give Kids the World Alternative Break Trip Report March 2013

Prepared by David Parfitt

This was the 4th annual Give Kids The World Village (GKTW) alternative break conducted through Livingston CARES, and the trips keep getting better and better. Thirteen SUNY Geneseo students were on the trip – including Josephine Champlin who served as the student trip co-leader. Josephine has been on the trip for 3 out of 4 years now, and was the only returning student (because the trip filled in 4 hours).

The students flew as a group and arrived in Florida on Saturday, March 16th around 2:30pm. I met everyone at the airport, we drove to our two Villas where they quickly washed up, changed, and we whisked right to the Village to work. Our first volunteer shift at GKTW started right at 4:30pm, and we were dispersed throughout the Village to paint fingernails at the La Ti Da Spa, staff the pool, and play with guests in the Amberville train station. It wasn't until 11:00pm that some of us ate dinner, but there was not one single complaint. After the first long day of travel and volunteering, we were back at the Village promptly at 7:30am Sunday morning to serve breakfast to families in the Gingerbread House dining

hall. We then met with Facilities Director Neal McCord who gave the students more details on the history of GKTW. Everyone had a better appreciation of GKTW, after volunteering with the families and having the mission of GKTW put into context.

Throughout the week, we worked hard at the Village, but most of our “work” is playing with the children and families. For example, we played mini golf at Marc's Dino Putt, took families for train rides, passed out Halloween candy and celebrated Christmas (in the same week), and even did a little painting. Over the course of the week, the students were able to meet and chat with the families and learn just how much the experience meant to the families. Nicole Embt met a returning wish family and spoke with the mother while her son played in the pool. Before coming to GKTW the boy was in and out of hospitals constantly, but since his trip to GKTW one year ago, they have not stepped foot inside a hospital. At that point, he zoomed past in a wheelchair laughing heartily.

“These are the moments I will remember for the rest of my life, and I now know that nothing is impossible,” added Nicole.

As I mentioned, the student trip co-leader, Josephine Champlin, has gone three out of four years (she missed the first year). I asked Josephine what keeps her coming back to GKTW, and she replied, “GKTW is

truly a special place. I leave inspired and motivated to be a better person and do more things to help.” Josephine said the Village holds a special place in her heart, and she can’t imagine not coming back – a sentiment certainly shared by more than one student. The students flew as a group back to Geneseo on Saturday, March 23rd.

Livingston CARES January 2013 Give Kids the World Participants

David Baker, SUNY Geneseo Student
Josephine Champlin, Student Co-Leader,
SUNY Geneseo Student
Nicole Embt, SUNY Geneseo student
Shannon Gruenauer, SUNY Geneseo
Student
Cara Hallahan, SUNY Geneseo Student
Cassidy Lester, SUNY Geneseo Student
Jennifer Levy, SUNY Geneseo Student

Amy Malsegna, SUNY Geneseo Student
Kaitlyn Mamay, SUNY Geneseo Student
Brandi Martin, SUNY Geneseo Student
David Parfitt, Trip Leader, SUNY Geneseo
Administrator
Cassandra Saroli, SUNY Geneseo Student
Felicia Vanacore, SUNY Geneseo Student
Emily Zschoche, SUNY Geneseo Student

Report on Livingston CARES March 2013 Work Trip to Biloxi

Prepared by Luke Haumesser & Kara Johnson

For the 28 individuals, March 17th was not your typical St. Patrick’s Day. It was rather the day they would begin the 27th Livingston CAREs service trip to Biloxi, MS, in order to assist in the rebuilding of homes and a community damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. We departed from the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport at 6:00AM EST, and after stopping in Atlanta for a connecting flight, we arrived at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport at 9:30AM CST. We picked up our rental vans and divided into our four pre-assigned groups, each group consisting of 1 staff driver, 1 student group leader, and 5 student participants.

After traveling for most of the morning and arriving in New Orleans very early in the day, we decided to split up into our groups

and grab food as well as spend the day in the city. While walking around, everyone was able experience a little bit of New Orleans and the local culture. It was not difficult for us to stand out in our blue Livingston CAREs shirts with everyone around us wearing green in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. However, that wasn’t the only reason why we stood out in a crowd. Every now and then, someone would stop us and ask about the “VOLUNTEER” located on the back of our shirts. We explained we were here to assist with rebuilding efforts in Biloxi, MS and we were headed there in a few hours. Immediately after hearing our answer, it was common for the person who asked initial question to show a sign of gratitude on their face and offer a genuine, “Thank you” to the group.

At 3:00PM, the sightseeing had reached an end. It was time for all of us to make our way to our actual destination – Camp SUMA. Located right across from the beach, Camp SUMA is where we would be staying throughout the week. Once we arrived, we were able to get settled into our cabins and spend take some time to relax before our first day!

On Monday morning, we started our day at 6:45AM for breakfast where we would fuel up for our first full day of work. Following breakfast, the group leaders picked up the packed lunches, provided by the Camp SUMA dining staff, and by 7:45AM we were on our way to HOPE Community Development Agency. When we arrived, we sat down to meet with Rae Shawn Davis, the Outreach Specialist at HOPE CDA. She provided us information on this history of the non-profit organization and why volunteers, like us, play such an important role for its community. After an hour, we were introduced to our Project Manager, Mr. Stanley Smith, a man with an upbeat spirit and positive attitude. He hopped in his truck and we then all 28 of us followed him to our work site for the day.

We were assigned to paint the interior and exterior of a house on Lee St. When at the site, Mr. Stanley opened his trailer and provided us with our supplies. All 28 of us got to work - setting painters tape down, painting trim inside and outside the house, and doing yard work outside. The group inside started the daunting task of painting an entire house, and the work started today would greatly benefit us throughout the week. We meticulously took note of which rooms were painted when, so that we knew exactly how coats of paint each room had at any time. The group outside weeded intensively, and helped contribute to the overall beauty of the property. Further,

everyone on the trip started to get to know each other better, through our shared goals and feeling of purpose working on a HOPE home!

When the work day came to an end, we headed back to Camp SUMA to get cleaned up and have dinner. After dinner, Matt Andrews, our student trip leader, took us to the Hurricane Katrina Memorial. It was there where he would speak to us, many on their first trip to Biloxi, about the devastation that hit that hit the area and how it impacted the lives of so many. As Matt spoke, participants were able to put into perspective why they were here in Biloxi for their spring break. They were not only here to rebuild homes, but to help actual people still rebuilding from the storm that hit Biloxi in 2005.

Tuesday morning, we arrived at HOPE CDA to meet Rae Shawn and Mr. Stanly to start our second day. After spending the first day with all four groups together, Rae Shawn indicated that today we would break up into two groups. The groups led by Kara Johnson and Chris Crocker's went back to the house on Lee St. to continue painting, while Jason Wang and Kyle Kelschenbach's groups were assigned to assist with moving supplies from HOPE's old warehouse to their new warehouse. This job was important as the lease on the old warehouse was coming to an end. Any items left after the lease ended would be put up for sale, meaning HOPE would lose a large amount of their supplies meant to work on homes in the community.

For the house of Lee St. Kara and Chris's groups focused on interior painting in the house. Some painted with ceilings and walls, while other got to follow these painters around with drop clothes and rags. Today was also the first day that we introduced a radio to our site, and it was a great morale

booster. We ran into some issues with the paint; we were afraid that we were going to run out before all our coats were done, but we quickly became resourceful. We scraped every brush to get the last drop of paint, and we rationed out paint for touch-ups. It was important for us to be respectful of the tools given to us by HOPE, and that we do this while still maintaining a great finished project. Stanley told us that we will be power washing the outside soon, which gave us all the more reason to make sure we were careful with paint drips outside.

During lunch on Tuesday, we were able to spend our lunch with Connie Rockco, a member of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors. In addition to providing us complimentary pizza and sweet tea, Ms. Rockco shared with us her story of Hurricane Katrina and the role the local government has played in rebuilding the community.

After we finished the rest of our work for the day, everyone returned to Camp SUMA. Participants went to the beach, located across the street, and enjoyed the beautiful 70 degree weather with a game of Frisbee or nice walk. Following the beach, we made our way back to our bunks to clean up and go to dinner. With a few hours of free time, we decided to go to lazer craze, a place to play laser tag in D'Iberville. It was a fun experience and a great opportunity to bond during the activity.

On Wednesday, the all four groups returned to assigned work site. For Jason and Kyle's groups at the warehouse, we continued with our heavy lifting and transferring supplies from the old warehouse to the new warehouse. Many of the items that we moved included buckets of paint, safety helmets, doors, windows, and insulation. In order to transport the supplies, everything

was loaded on Mr. Stanley's trailer, attached to his pick-up truck. With only one person able to transport supplies, there were moments of downtime for the groups. Rather than just sit around and wait, the group used this time to bond. This included playing card games, riddles, and an impromptu game of world cup soccer, with a soccer ball made from old lunch wrapper and tape!

At the house on Lee St., morale was, unfortunately, at a low point. A lot of first timers on this trip don't feel connected to the task, and to the people that we're going to help. Kara spoke to Stanley, and asked him whose house we were rebuilding. He told us that this house was one of the first built by HOPE, and is used by families that are waiting for their permanent home to be done. It has changed hands a lot, and that's why it needs a fresh coat of paint. Once I talked to the group and told them who we were helping, they quickly got excited. The rest of the day was split into outside painting, and indoor. The indoor people were feeling a little tedious by the end, because ceilings can be hard! This was a good motivation for them to finish that section today though, so they could focus on something new the next day. There was also an awkward moment with a neighbor, who was angered by all the paint water going into his driveway. However, we dredged it all, and he gave us Mardi Gras beads as a thank you.

For our evening activity, we ended up not having our dinner at Camp SUMA. Instead, we took part in a long time Livingston CARES tradition by going to The Shed, a local barbeque establishment. When we arrived, we were able to enjoy some delicious food and share a meal together while sharing our experiences from the trip so far. After our dinner, we spent some time

taking group photos, while appreciating the fun atmosphere of the outdoor barbeque place.

Thursday was a day where both groups continued to make great progress at their respective sites. At the warehouse, we were able to assist HOPE in creating an organized system for their supplies. Also, we spent a large part of the day moving many boxes of nails and screws, while putting them away, by size, in a section of the warehouse. On Lee St., it seemed to be a race to finish inside the house. It was important as Kara and Chris's groups would be going to a different work site on Friday, so this would be their last day at the site. Through determination and dedication, the groups were able to finish wall, ceiling, and trim inside the house. The goal was to make it move-in condition by Friday, and that was a goal the group was able to accomplish!

During lunch on Thursday, everyone met back at HOPE to hear Bill Stallworth, the Executive Director of HOPE CDA and a City Councilman for Biloxi. However, Mr. Stallworth was not the only one joining us as students from Mississippi State Community College also came for the afternoon. In an impassioned talk, Mr. Stallworth discussed the history of HOPE CDA and the volunteers are an important piece to the revitalization of the area. Known for his hugs, Mr. Stallworth made sure to hug everyone in the room before he left. It was a very uplifting experience for all of us and encouraged us to reflect on who we are as people and the way we can positively interact with others.

In the evening, we spent our Thursday night at the Hard Rock Café casino and arcade. Those that were 21 went to the Casino and even enjoyed some success! The rest of the group enjoyed the arcade, winning tickets to

exchange for a wide array of prizes. At the end of the night, we all met for some gelato by the arcade, talked about how we fared at the casino and arcade, and then headed back to Camp SUMA.

Friday, our last official work day, consisted of our two work groups going to two different locations once again. Jason and Kyle's group finished up at both the old and new warehouse, where we organized specific sections of the warehouse to provide a compact and structured system for HOPE to use in the future. Kara and Chris's group was fortunate enough to visit Loaves and Fishes, a local soup kitchen. Leaving earlier than the other groups, we were able to help serve a hearty breakfast of grits to members of the community who were less fortunate and not able to have access to a full meal on a consistent basis. It was a great chance to interact with the community, and to really hear about the experiences of people after the storm, and see how much more there is to be done. Furthermore, it was eye opening to see the difficult lives some people have, and how meaningful it can be for individuals to take some of their time to give back. It was heart-wrenching at times, but to be able to help in such an immediate way was so great. Everyone in my group said that it was their favorite work day of the trip!

At 4:00pm on Friday, we officially ended our work week. Mr. Stanley, our Project Manager, spoke to us as a whole group to express his endless gratitude for the work we completed. It meant so much to him that young people, like us, dedicated our spring break to come to Biloxi to assist with the work he dedicates to everyday. After a group hug, we said our goodbyes. That evening, we met back with students from Mississippi State Community College for a bonfire on the beach. It was a great way to

end the week, while being able to make new friends in the process.

Saturday morning, we packed up our belongings and departed Camp SUMA. Each group had breakfast, and then drove to New Orleans to meet at the Audubon Aquarium of Americas, where they would spend the day. At the Aquarium, we enjoyed learning about aquatic life as well as spending the day together for what would be one of our final bonding activities on the trip. Once we finished up at the Aquarium, we had a quick lunch and left for the airport to fly back to Buffalo.

It's hard to believe that in only a quick seven days, participants on the trip, who many did not know each other, were able to create new relationships and share this experience together. Leaving Biloxi, it was clear that we all learned something new about the importance of giving back in our communities. However, I feel we also learned a lot about ourselves and the way we are able to interact with the people around us. This type of work is not something that is meant to benefit our resumes or boost our chance for recognition. Rather, it is something that is meant to make a genuine and first-hand impact to provide hope in the lives of individuals and the community they call home.

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Report for Livingston CARES March 2013 Work Trip to Long Island

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At 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 17, eight Livingston CARES student volunteers, two Geneseo staff volunteers and six community member volunteers gathered at the MacVittie College Union circle to begin the drive to Long Island, NY, in three mini-vans. Each mini-van was packed with volunteers, tools, food, and lots of energy.

During the drive to Long Island, the group spent some time getting to know each other while eating homemade cookies (prepared by Lexi Skill and her mother). We arrived in Long Island at approximately 5:00 p.m. and were met by Ellen Giuffrida (Missions Hospitality Greeter) at the Hicksville United Methodist Church. Ellen showed us around the church, making note of the sleeping rooms and kitchen (as we would be preparing our own meals – scary thought). The women had a large (carpeted) room on the first floor next to the gym and the men were in a room on the fourth floor (without carpet). On Sunday night we settled in, went grocery shopping for sixteen people, and found a Starbucks with wireless service. Since no one was in the mood to cook after traveling, we ordered pizza and hung out to get to know each other better.

Monday morning we all gathered for a breakfast (prepared by Gina Villazhinay and Tamara Kenney) of eggs, bacon, toast and cereal. Everyone was excited and eager to get to work. After breakfast, we all made a bagged lunch (thank you to CAS for the cookies, trail mix and granola bars).

By 8:00 a.m. we were in the vans and heading to the Massapequa Community United Methodist Church for our work assignments and orientation. Peggy Racine (Massapequa Volunteer Coordinator) met us and gave a short orientation on the

assistance that was needed from volunteers like ourselves. She also provided the group with knitted hats, gloves and names tags for our sites. After a short orientation, the team was split into three groups. Two groups would work in Massapequa with Tom, a volunteer and retired New York City firefighter, and the third group headed to Freeport to meet Gus Segredo for work assignments.

The two groups in Massapequa were assigned to assist in a variety of demolition jobs. These jobs included stripping a police officer's home of rotten sheetrock and floorboards that were damaged by the water in order to prepare for mold treatment. A crew returned there later in the week, armed with mold spray and protective suits, to brush off any existing mold and apply treatment to the floorboards and exterior walls. Additionally, both teams worked together to strip the entire first floor of one gentleman's home so that he may begin to rebuild and make renovations. This home was his rental property (his only source of income at the time) and was severely damaged by Sandy. Aside from the rotten and dismal interior conditions of the home, the flood had washed a large boat onto his yard, which was still there. A shock came when we put all of the debris on his front lawn for pick-up (as we were told to) only to find out that the town would only pick it up if it was bundled and bagged. In order to save the homeowner from a large fine, we spent the last day preparing the debris for pick-up and applying finishing touches to the inside of the home. Both homeowners were extremely grateful and deserving of the help we provided for them! The work we did saved them a lot of time and money, and ultimately brought them one step closer to making their homes livable again.

The group working in Freeport met with Gus Segredo at the Freeport United Methodist Church for their work assignments. Gus is quite a character and kept the group entertained for the week. The group worked on 4 homes. At the first home the group tore down a rotted shed and filled a dumpster with garbage and items destroyed by the storm. Additionally the group returned to the home on another day and installed insulation and dry wall to a basement bed room, which had been destroyed by water. The homeowner was so sweet and made the group Irish Sour Dough Bread (it was delicious) and took the group for pizza. At the second home the group hung dry wall and spent a couple of days mudding and sanding in order to prepare the room to be painted. At the third home the group shoveled out a walk-in basement that was full of mud and debris that had been washed in by the storm. After the basement had been shoveled out, a power washer was used to clean the floor and walls. At the fourth home the group removed moldy dry wall and floorboards. The homeowner was so grateful for the help that she took the group to Boston Market's for lunch.

Each evening the three work groups would gather for dinner and share stories of their

experiences and thoughts about the work they were doing to help others. Each night, a different group of people prepared dinner for everyone. Our menu was planned and cooked by the assigned group, which included spaghetti, tacos, stir-fry, pizza, a night on your own, and a "leftover night". On our final night the entire group went to the Majestic Dinner and celebrated the end of a great week together.

Each evening after dinner you would find a basketball game in the gym, a ping-pong tournament in the lounge, folks heading to Starbucks to study, and others just hanging out enjoying each other's company. On Saturday, March 23rd the group packed into the vans to head home. While most were reluctant to leave, as there was more work to be done, we all knew that we needed to get back to campus.

The group left for Long Island (on Sunday, March 17) as volunteers and returned to Geneseo as friends. There are stories, jokes and experience that can never be shared in public, but many of us are already talking about our next Livingston CARES Work Trip.

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Reflections from Work Trip Participants:

This was my 3rd trip to Mississippi, and each time I am reminded of why I keep going back. These trips are such a unique opportunity to get a break from your non-stop life as a student and to really get a breath of fresh air. In the process of doing this, you'll inevitably take a step back and get a good look at the bigger picture. My classes here at Geneseo have taught me how to be a better student and professional; these service trips have taught me how to be a better human being. Such an experience is invaluable.

I had a real sense of pride from seeing how the house was when we first arrived to what it looked like when we left. Everyone worked extremely hard on the house so at the end of the week it was great to see that the work really paid off and someone was going to get to live in the house.

As much as the trip is about rebuilding and working with a charity organization I really enjoyed the personal aspect of the trip. I think I gained the most from listening to stories from people who experienced the hurricane and its aftermath as well as meeting and getting to know Geneseo student that I never would have met otherwise.

On this trip I was reminded how big of an impact it is possible for one person or one group to make. Seeing the house we worked on all painted and ready for a family to move in gave me a great sense of accomplishment and has renewed my desire to volunteer in the community.

It was my first time as a trip leader and my experience was extremely positive. All of the members were incredible; everyone seemed genuinely happy to be there despite the long, hard days.

I was very excited to participate in this trip and was glad to spend time helping. While my home was not affect by the storm, as a resident of Long Island I felt it was important to help those who needed it as much as the people I know struggling where I live.



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