Through Nov. 6th the CCA will be collecting boxes and donations for the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child. Watch your campus mailbox for a brochure explaining exactly what is needed and what can be put in a box. This is an exciting way to share your love, help others and bring smiles to the faces of children around the world at Christmas time. As an additional motivator we are in direct competition with Carson-Newman to see who can collect the most boxes! All boxes will be delivered to the TC/Carson-Newman game on Nov. 7. Boxes are available in the CCA. Information at ex. 5256

If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day. —Alex

Students in Dr. Angela Keaton’s “Theory and Practice of Citizenship” class recently spent two days educating their fellow students about health issues, the flu, the perils of alcohol and drug use and several other health-related educational topics. The students hosted a campus mini health fair in October and set up displays in the Niswonger Commons focusing on how to prevent flu on campus, emotional wellness and stress relief strategies, safe sex practices and drug and alcohol abuse. “The projects were part of the service learning component of this course,” said Keaton, assistant professor of commons and history. “Instead of going into the community, they wanted to do something for fellow students at Tusculum.” Students conducted research, prepared displays and were ready to attract student attention to the issues that they felt most affected the college-age student. Free hand sanitizer was distributed at the flu station and at the emotional wellness booth students were able to make their own stress balls in a hands-on activity. “Several students worked with the college nurse and counselor and with the Greene County Health Department to learn about their topics,” said Keaton. “They educated themselves and then worked to make their displays appealing to other students so they could share the information.”

Students in Robin Fife’s Block 2 SVLN class focused on “food security” in the region. “Community food security is a condition in which all community residents obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system that maximizes community self-reliance and social justice.” [Mike Hamm and Anne Bellows] During the block they worked with Rural Resources, the Tabernacle Soup Kitchen (downtown Greeneville) and the Melting Pot soup kitchen in Johnson City. Ms. Jessica Figler wrote a policy brief addressing the need for more locally grown fresh produce to be served in the cafeteria. Ms. Figler states in the briefing that she believes the best way for Tusculum to start serving fresh produce is “by picking one fruit or vegetable to purchase to see how it is received by the students.”

TC students helped man the youth activities at Rural Resources’ annual Farm Arts Festival on Oct. 10th. The next SOS will be on Nov. 7th. We will be working with TC’s Green Team recycling materials on campus. If you are interested in making an impact on campus look for the sign up tables outside the Café the beginning of Nov. Call 423-639-5755 for more information.

On the evening of Tuesday, November 3, the entire Tusculum College community is invited to be part of a nighttime, candlelit photo at 6:00 p.m. on the football field of Doak Elementary School. All residents of the greater Tusculum community, as well as the college, are being asked to share in this event to support education. It is part of the Art for the Sky project, an outdoor, participatory, art experience that will culminate in a gigantic “living painting” called Just One Candle.

The following day, Doak students, faculty and staff will gather to form a candle as each participant becomes a “human paint drop” in a giant image. The will only make sense from the sky. Both events will be captured through aerial photography.

SOS:

Thank You to all who participated in October’s SOS!

There are Bonners currently serving at all of the following community agencies: Greeneville/Greene County Boys & Girls Club, Greene County Humane Society, Doak Elementary, Plaza Towers Apartments, Rural Resources, Greeneville Middle & High School, TC Green Team, Greene County Habitat for Humanity, Garland Library and TC Counseling Services. Through these agencies they are working with the following populations and issues: Youth Education and Enrichment, Elderly, Food Security, Environmental, Housing Security, Literacy and Mental/Emotional Health.

Ashley Shoults, Kimsie Hall, Isaiah Lyman and Boazin Katina recently attended the Bonner Congress meeting in Richmond, VA. There were over 90 colleges in attendance making it the largest gathering of students in America. During the meeting subjects such as how to make service more meaningful and Bonner Senior Capstone projects were discussed. The Bonners that attended came away re-energized and full of great ideas about how to make our Bonner program even better!

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