

BC participates in 25 hours of silence

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25 hours of silence to end 25 years of war. Invisible Children is an organization that fights for the suffering people of Uganda and raises awareness about the problems and issues there. BC is getting involved.

Last night BC Serves hosted an informational meeting that told students about what Invisible Children does and about what Brevard is doing. The students in the meeting signed their name saying that they will be silent for 25 hours to raise awareness of the going-ons in Uganda.

Invisible Children is raising awareness to stop the Lord's Resistance Army's 23 year-long reign of terror creating an entire generation of children that have never seen peace. These children are being forced by the LRA to fight on their rebel side against the Uganda government at ages as young as three years old.

At the meeting last night a video was shown that told the story of Grace, a young girl who is an invisible child. She escaped from the LRA when she was 13. Grace's tragic story is one of many. She talked about having been violently raped and beaten for three years starting at the age of ten by a man 40 years older than herself. She was impregnated by

this man and talked about trying to starve the baby during her pregnancy because it was a "living reminder of this horrific world." The film discussed how these illegitimate children come into the world and a lot of times are shunned and looked down upon by the people because of the pain and suffering they seem to represent.

Today the volunteers will come together for a silent dinner at 5:30 and a game of charades open to everyone will follow. Everyone is encouraged to attend to show support to Invisible Children and to help raise awareness further. After charades there will be a debriefing to talk about what it was like to be silent for 25 hours.



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Volunteers carry these cards around to let people know why they aren't speaking.

BC fights against hunger

The week after next week marks the beginning of National Hunger and Homelessness awareness week. Brevard College is honoring this nationally recognized week by asking students to volunteer Nov. 13-18, and help those less fortunate. Starting Monday volunteers will prepare food at Bread of Life from 5-7 p.m..

Tuesday the 14, participants visit The Haven, a new homeless shelter in Transylvania County. Last year students helped raise money to help build The Haven.

Wed. the 15, Students will sit outside of McLarty-Goodson donning cardboard boxes with facts about poverty, raising awareness

with a more direct approach. Wednesday evening, students meet in the Reserve Dining Room and receive a ticket, they are all different and will separate ticket holders into the lower, middle and upper social-economic classes. Depending on the ticket you receive, you will have a very different dining experience. Each class has a different type of table different food to eat and then discuss the differences between the meals.

Thurs the 16, there will be a bonfire and campout on the lawn between Jones and Coltrane.

To register contact Der Vang or Sarah Mundhenke through the CMSI.

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