

Sociology and Social Work clubs sponsor second annual box a thon

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For the second consecutive year, the Sociology and Social Work clubs sponsored a box a thon to raise money for homeless children to attend camp.

The box-a-thon was held to raise money for Scottie's Place, a camp to help homeless children. Starting at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 17 and ending at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 12 Meredith students spent the chilly, rainy night in cardboard appliance boxes in the courtyard between Brewer and Heilman Residence Halls.

Some of the 23 students involved stayed a portion of the time allotted. Senior Jenn Schwachenwald, Sociology Club president; Shannon McNally, Social Work Club president, and various others were among

the students who endured the wet night living as if they were homeless. The students had food donated for the cause and various other accommodations.

The Sociology Club, Social Work Club, Psychology Club and Psi Chi, in association with the Meredith Association for the Education of Young Children (MAEYC), sponsored the event collecting donations for the students' all-expense paid night in large appliance boxes (some of which caved in due to the rain). Some students stayed only a few hours while others stayed through the night weathering the rain, playing games, carving pumpkins and enjoying the fellowship of other students.

Four million homeless



Students keeping warm during the box-a-thon.
Photo courtesy of Lori Brown.

children in the United States, inspired Schwachenwald to help raise money for the organization.

She said, "It takes time, but it's worth it. We just want to have a good time and raise money for these kids." She is passionate about this organization and feels deeply connected to it because she has shared similar circumstances as the homeless children of the foundation.

She said, "If every homeless child could gain

second year assisting the box-a-thon, Schwachenwald is eager to pass on this new project to someone who will continue it as a tradition at Meredith.

Last year, the fundraiser accommodated seven Meredith students who toughed out the night to raise money.

This year, with a total of 23 students, including 12 who stayed through the rainy night, the tradition is catching on. If anyone is interested in heading up the project next year, contact

an experience at Scottie's Place they would enliven and give hope to many that have no control over their circumstances."

In her last year at Meredith and her

Lynne Wheatley, Director of Volunteer Services in Jones Chapel.

Scottie's Place is a camp for homeless children located in West Virginia. In the unique adventure camp, children learn how to cope and deal with being homeless. They learn about animals, nature, caring for their environment and have the opportunity for adventures such as rock climbing and other explorations.

The motto of the camp is "Seeking to empower, educate and enliven homeless children through wilderness adventure."

For more information about the camp, visit www.scottiesplace.org.

The project raised \$1750 to give to the charity. The goal was \$2000 so Meredith could sponsor five children.

If you would still like to donate, there is still time to do so. Contact Schwachenwald at SchwachenwaldJ@meredith.edu for more information.

Seniors selected for Who's Who

The 2004 edition of the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 31 seniors from Meredith who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

They join an elite group of students from 2,300 institutions of higher learning.

Students were selected based on their scholastic achievement, service to the college, participation and leadership in academic and

extracurricular activities, and potential for future achievement. Each department submitted the names of 12 students in nomination for the award and a special committee appointed by the Student Life Committee consisting of students faculty and staff met to make the final selection.

Students named this year from Meredith are: Lindsay Bass, Amanda Beasley, Sandee Bizzell, Karen Bobinyec, Anna Bridges,


Blair Briggs, Amber Brock, Ginny Byrd, Whitney Crowder, Amanda Denny, Mary Everett, Christelle Geisler, Hannah Gray, Meghan Griffith, Kristina Harkness, Erin Hege, Melanie Hoskins, Molly Huffstetler, Lindsey Jones, Jennifer Jones, Paige Kemmerer, Angela King, Miranda McCall, Crystal McLeod, Randi Miller, Elizabeth Newton, Kristen Siha, Amanda Smith, Erika Snitzer, Mary Swink and Kimberly Turnage.

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General Meeting

October 23rd

6:30pm, Joyner 104



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October 24th

10am, Harris 102