

In Solidarity  
With All God's Children



Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break Mission Week  
Celebration 2013

# Celebration 2013 Program



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# Spring Break Mission Week: Four Essential Pillars



## Restorative Justice

We seek to gain awareness of, show respect for, and build relationships with people and cultures with whom we interact. We seek to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in a way that honors and restores the human dignity and sacred worth of all involved. We seek to become agents for justice on our campus and in our world.

## Transformative Reflection

We seek to intentionally and thoughtfully reflect on our experiences and interactions. We seek to bring our authentic spirituality to bear on what we learn. We seek to be changed by our exposure to people and ideas beyond our own. We seek to reflect as individuals and as a team, to learn and grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually.

## Substantive Community

We seek, as a team, to develop into a close-knit community of mutual support. We seek to learn to work together as a whole, to be greater than the sum of our parts. We seek to bring what we learn and experience back to OWU for the enrichment of the whole campus community.

## Conscientious Leadership

We seek to call out the innate gifts and talents of each member of our team. We seek to hone and develop those gifts and talents for the betterment of ourselves and each other. We seek to learn how and where each of us is called to lead, how we might each add something unique and positive to our team's experience.

# Re-New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Recovery

## Team Vision

*Several years after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, the city of New Orleans still struggles to recover! Many people have yet to restore their homes or rebuild from their loss. This team will be part of the ongoing effort by OWU students, faculty, and staff to remember and continue to stand in solidarity with those whose lives have been so irrevocably altered by this disaster. Team members will spend the week working with the St. Bernard Project, either gutting damaged homes so that they can be rebuilt, or starting the rebuilding process on already-gutted homes. The team also will explore the greater issues of community building, as well as national and global responsibility for disaster restoration (not only in New Orleans, but world-wide).*

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# Women in Community: The Benedictine Sisters of Erie, PA

## Team Vision

*Participants on this team will experience the Benedictine model of faith, community, prayer, and social action as they help with a variety of the sisters' service projects (including a soup kitchen and an inner-city youth art house). They will learn about the social justice initiatives of the sisters, participate in the community life and prayer life of the monastery, and intentionally reflect upon the role such "radical hospitality" plays in relationship to urban poverty and social justice.*

## Team Members

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# Crossroads of the Powerful and Powerless: Washington, D.C.

## Team Vision

*Who is Washington, DC? Legislators with bills. Lobbyists with agendas. Politicians with ambitions. Activists with causes. Homeless men and women with needs. Immigrants with dreams. All people with lives to live. Our nation's capital is all this and more. Team members will explore the many facets of power as it relates to the equally diverse dimensions of poverty. They will spend time both with the poor and those working on the grassroots level to alleviate poverty as well as lobbyists and politicians who strive to reduce poverty.*

## Team Members

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# Love and Hope Ministries: Children at the Core of El Salvador

## Team Vision

*The plight of dispossessed children never ceases to challenge us on a global scale. This year, we will be working for the eighth consecutive year with a very specific piece of that global puzzle - Love and Hope Ministries and their orphanage in El Salvador. Love and Hope is an evangelical (but non-proselytizing) Christian ministry seeking to care for these children. Team members will work on service projects at the orphanage, spend time interacting with the children, and thoughtfully reflect on the significance of such ministries in the context of dispossessed children globally.*

## Team Members

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# Chapters, Houses & Homes: Flood Restoration in Apalachin, NY

## Tzam Vision

*Service has always been integral to the heart of Greek Life at OWU. On this Greek-led team, members of OWU's fraternities and sororities will partner together with other service organizations to help restore or construct homes for those who are in need. Team members will engage in these efforts while learning about the systemic helps and hindrances inherent to housing in the U.S. At the same time, they will explore what it means to live in community, in sisterhoods and brotherhoods, as well as how those communities might come together with other communities to better the world around them.*

## Tzam Members

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# If These Horses Could Speak: Mims, FL

## Team Vision

*The Wild Horse Rescue Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation of Mustangs rescued from abuse or neglect. The team will work with the Center both in terms of chores and maintenance for the facility as well as learning the techniques used to work with abused animals. In the midst of this work, the team will explore the connection that exists between all living things and seek to find their own place in this interconnected web of existence.*

## Team Members

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# Caring for Kids: Fort Bragg, NC

## Team Vision

*This intentionally interfaith team will work with military chaplains from five different faith traditions in the U.S. Army's "Family Resilience" program to provide care and mentoring for children whose parents are serving in Afghanistan. At Ft. Bragg, approximately 25% of the residents are under the age of 18. Team members will have the opportunity to learn about both the diverse faith traditions represented within the U.S. Army as well as the specific challenges faced by children of deployed soldiers. This team is officially registered as a national pilot program with President Obama's Challenge for Higher Education Interfaith Community Service.*

## Team Members

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# Food and Justice in the Jungle: Detroit, MI

## Team Vision

*We all need food to survive. Yet how many of us know where it comes from or what goes into getting it to our tables? This team will explore issues of food access and affordability, production and processing. They will learn about urban agriculture and sustainability. In Detroit, a city on the cutting edge of urban farming, they will serve at a local community garden and volunteer at food banks, soup kitchens, and community meals.*

## Team Members

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# Next Year's Mission Projects

*Were you inspired by one of this year's teams?  
Did you participate in a project that you think needs to happen again?  
Have you heard rumors of past years' projects  
that you would like to see revived?  
Do you have a new idea?*



## Proposal Workshop

*A proposal workshop will be held on April 15 at 4 p.m. in HWCC 326.  
Tips for putting together a successful proposal will be shared!*



## Proposal forms for next year's Mission Projects

*will be available soon in the Chaplain's Office (HWCC 3<sup>rd</sup>  
floor) and online at [chaplain.owu.edu/missionweek](http://chaplain.owu.edu/missionweek)! All teams must go  
through this formal proposal process. Any student, staff, or faculty member  
is welcome to submit a proposal. Proposals for previous and new mission  
projects are welcome. We look forward to working with you to make your  
vision a reality!*

**Proposal forms are due June 1, 2013.**



**We are in special need of creative domestic proposals.**

