



Misericordia University student organizations collected food items for the Thanksgiving holiday for families in need in the region. Students representatives are, from left, first row, Sarah Munley, Vernon, N.J.; and Jen Kates, Wilkes-Barre. Second row, Ashley Benz, Philadelphia; Anthony Powell, Lansford; and Whitney Rohm, of Bloomsburg, prepare to the deliver the collected items to 101 adopted families.

Feeding a need

The Misericordia University Campus Ministry's "Adopt A Family" program provided Thanksgiving food for 101 area families. Approximately 2,000 food items were collected, totaling more than \$6,000. Because of an increased need this year, the number of bagged items collected exceeded 2009's total by 30. "The response from the campus, as well as the community, has been overwhelming," said project coordinator Kristen Mitchell Samuels, community outreach coordinator for Misericordia University. "We started this project two years ago and proudly fed 32 families for Thanksgiving the first year and more than 70 last year. The spirit of mercy at Misericordia really took hold this year and today we

have enough support to feed 101 families. We've had a variety of groups, from sports teams to residence halls, as well as individual staff and faculty members support the effort." Each group was responsible for raising the money or collecting the items for a holiday food bag and making the deliveries during the week before Thanksgiving. Mercy Consultation Center, Headstart, the McGlynn Learning Center and numerous local churches and individuals provided the names of people and families in need. The food was presented in reusable grocery bags to encourage recycling. More than 84 Misericordia groups and organizations provided baskets, including Campus

Ministry, Student Government Association, Misericordia National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Misericordia Student Occupational Therapy Association, University Advancement, Admissions, Teacher Education Department, Residence Hall Association, Scholars in Service in Pennsylvania, Sport Management Club, Social Work Club, Multicultural Education, Bevevino Library staff, Peer Advocates, Student Success Center, Student Nursing Association of Pennsylvania, Culture Club, Cougar Cast, Athletic Department, numerous varsity sports teams and residence hall groups, as well as numerous individuals including Michael A. MacDowell, Misericordia president.

DEANS LIST

Wyoming Seminary Dean Jay Harvey has announced the Back Mountain students named to the Upper School Dean's List for the fall trimester of the 2010-2011 academic year.

DEAN'S LIST HIGH HONORS
Sai Abhishek, Shavertown; Catherine Clements, Shavertown; Matthew Doggett, Shavertown; Lauren Fernandez, Dallas; Bijoy Ghosh, Dallas; Bryden Gollhardt, Dallas; Jared Gollhardt, Dallas; Sergey Ivanov, Trucksville; Joseph Kapolka, Dallas; Christopher Kim, Dallas; Alex Kolessar, Shavertown; Evan Leas, Shavertown;

Andrew Levandoski, Dallas; Jezza Malik, Shavertown; Tyler Martin, Shavertown; Logan May, Dallas; Kristen Mericle, Shavertown; Caroline Meuser, Shavertown; Adam O'Brien, Hunlock Creek; Kelly Platt, Dallas; Ronald Rose, Shavertown; Emma Spath, Shavertown; Mary Thede, Dallas; Alannah Trombeta, Dallas; Brianna Wise, Shavertown.

DEAN'S LIST
Emma Bertram, Harveys Lake; James Curtis, Dallas; Jason Curtis, Dallas; Omeed Firouzi, Shavertown; Ryan Frania, Shavertown; Anita Ghosh, Dallas; Frank Henry, Dallas; Mia Medico, Shavertown; Danielle Melnick,

Dallas; Cecilia Norris, Shavertown; George Parkhurst, Trucksville; Harry Parkhurst, Trucksville; Ashlyn Reiser, Shavertown; Julia Ridilla, Shavertown; Brandon Rome, Shavertown; Amanda Schall, Hunlock Creek; Lauren Skudalski, Wyoming; Laura Strzelc, Dallas; Noah Sunday-Lefkowitz, Shavertown; William Thede, Dallas; Zachary Wise, Shavertown.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

MU plans Adult Learner Night

The Center for Adult and Continuing Education at Misericordia University will host an Adult Learner Night on from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5 in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall. The event is open to adult learners interested in obtaining more information about Misericordia University's undergraduate and graduate programs.

Appointments can be made for Adult Learner Night, but no registration is required. For more information, contact Larree Brown, assistant director of admissions and part-time and graduate programs, Center for Adult and Continuing Edu-

cation, at 674-6451.

Seminary plans Visitation Day

The Wyoming Seminary Upper School in Kingston and Lower School in Forty Fort are offering area elementary, middle and high school students and their families an opportunity to visit either campus on Monday, Jan. 17.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the Lower School and at 8:30 a.m. at the Upper School. Visiting students will attend classes, tour campus and have lunch. Tours of the Upper and Lower Schools for parents will be offered as well.

For more information or to register, call the Lower School Admission Office at 718-6610 and the Upper School at 270-

2160.

Novelist will lecture at Misericordia

Misericordia University, in conjunction with the College of Arts and Sciences, is presenting the lecture, "Writing in My Pajamas: Thoughts on the Writing Life," by best-selling Latina novelist Sandra Cisneros at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31 in Walsh Hall at Misericordia University's Lemmond Theater.

A question-and-answer session and book signing will follow.

General admission tickets for the lecture are \$15 for the public and \$5 for students. Tickets are available exclusively from the Misericordia University Box Office at 674-6719.

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