This semester has been packed with new activities, events and excitement at Hillel. We started the school year with a few events to welcome people back to campus, such as Sushi in the Sukkah with AASA, an ice cream social, and the first weekly Shabbats. The holidays were early this year and Hillel held High Holiday services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Then during October, our tzedek, or community service events were extremely creative and successful.

In October, Breast Cancer Awareness month, we participated in the local Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, and that same weekend, we held our most successful tzedek event--our fifth annual Pink Shabbat coordinated by Jennie Lewis and co-sponsored by various women's organizations on campus. More than one-hundred-fifty people attended the event in the Vernon Social Center where we had a catered meal, Shabbat services, and speakers to tell us about their experiences with breast cancer. In addition, we raised money for breast cancer research by selling one hundred “think pink” t-shirts! Overall, it was a great success, and we look forward to next year’s event.

Another new opportunity came when Molly Cohen introduced the Hillel community to the Malta Medical Van that provides primary care throughout Hartford to those who cannot afford it. Hillel will continue to volunteer with the van in the spring. At the end of October, we held a leadership convention with Clark University Hillel to learn about their community and speakers joined us on campus to give presentations about Israel and teamwork.

In November, we welcomed back alumni at homecoming Shabbat, then held a Jewish Studies Shabbat to inform students about classes that are offered in the Religion and Jewish studies department. All Shabbats are student led by Josh Altschuler and Wendy Gibilisco along with our Cantor, Mijael Lacher. Also in November, our Israel and educational programs chair, Daniel Morgan held a bagel brunch where people attending could simultaneously wrap packages for Israeli soldiers. We were also able to talk to Trinity students about the positive impacts and achievements Israel has had on the world. This event was very successful and fun.

As the semester came to an end, we held our last couple of Shabbats: Thanksgiving Shabbat, Bring your professor to Shabbat and Pajama Shabbat. At bring your professor to Shabbat, more than ten Professors came. We also held a Hanukkah and Kwanzaa party with the Trinity College Black Women’s Organization (TCBWO), which was great fun as we had a latke eating contest, Kwanzaa drummers, dreidel, and informational speeches from both Hillel and TCBWO leaders and food! Last-ly, Pajama Shabbat was relaxing and perfect for the stress of finals. We had an amazing semester at Hillel and we’re looking forward to 2011 and more successful and exciting religious and social action programs!

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Reingold at Sarah.Reingold@trincoll.edu.
**FALL 2010 SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS**

**September**

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*Faces/Praxis Training*: Student community service leaders return to campus early to begin planning for the new academic year.

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*Activities Fair*: Representatives from more than 30 community service organizations on campus spend the afternoon recruiting new members.

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*12th Annual Do It Day*: A half-day event that engages students, faculty and staff members in service projects at different sites around Hartford.

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*Park River Clean Up*: Green Campus takes part in the “Source to Sound” Connecticut River watershed clean-up.

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*AIDS Walk*: Members of AMSA participate in this annual walk in West Hartford that benefits AIDS Project Hartford.

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*Halloween on Vernon Street*: A half-day event that gives hundreds of local children and their families a fun and safe Halloween experience.

**November**

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*Green Homecoming*: Green Campus and SGA pair up to distribute biodegradable cups for tailgates and purchase wind energy to offset Trinity’s energy use for that weekend.

**December**

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*MD Fox Mentoring Holiday Party*: The fieldhouse was invaded by over 100 Fox students for a day filled with fun and holiday cheer.
With your help, our Annual Community Events Staff provided Thanksgiving Food Baskets to 135 Hartford families!
ConnPIRG is a statewide student-directed and student-funded group working to solve real social problems. Everyone is always talking about the problems, and we are a group interested in finding solutions to issues such as global warming, hunger and homelessness, textbook rip-offs, you get the idea, disclosing credit card scams, and encouraging young people to vote and become part of the political process. This fall we ran three separate campaigns: New Voter’s, Hunger and Homelessness and No Drills No Spills.

The New Voter’s Campaign registered new voters and got them prepared for a new round of voting!

The Hunger and Homelessness (H&H) campaign collected and donated toiletries and other items to a local shelter, My Sister’s Place. Volunteers also cooked meals twice a month for the My Sister’s Place shelter. Many students continued to donate their Chartwells meals to our annual Swipe-a-Meal campaign, which were then donated to Hartford Rescue Mission where students served the meals.

On November 19th, we held a Sleep Out on the LSC Quad to raise awareness about homelessness. This event included speakers from two anti-homelessness agencies in the Hartford area and, to keep things fun, there was a performance courtesy of TriniTones, a fire, marshmallows, and box castle building competition. Several students slept outside during the entire night. Our No Drills No Spills Campaign continued to fight to put an end to offshore oil drilling and global warming across the country, Connecticut, and right here at Trinity. This fall we collected nearly 450 petitions to put end to offshore oil drilling. We held pretend oil spills on the Mather Quad and Cave Patio and earned a lot of attention about campus. We also had Dorm Wars, a campus-wide energy conservation competition that promotes the benefits of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and shows students the easiest ways to cut emissions, for a 3rd semester in a row. Several dorms on campus dramatically lowered their energy usage. These events helped educate the student body about the benefits of solar energy and possibilities of renewable energy!

ConnPIRG had another successful semester and hopes to increase membership and student support in the spring. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Giuliani Lopez at giuliani.lopez@trincoll.edu.

THE COOP BY GIULIANI LOPEZ ‘11

The COOP, located on the lower level of Jackson Dorm across from the LSC Quad, is Trinity College’s premier Thrift Shop led by Green Campus. After a long summer of preparation, The COOP was ready for its first year of operation and was made possible with help from the Community Service Office, Office of Campus Life, Green Campus, the Computing Center, E&R Cleaners and several volunteers.

We promote sustainable purchasing and encourage students, faculty and staff to buy used so that we may minimize our overconsumption of resources. We have sold items as large as TVs, fridges and microwaves and as small as jewelry and phone chargers. Everything for a fraction of the cost of something new for the same quality! We have a large and diverse inventory that is sure to spark your interest. Need something for a themed party? Maybe a costume? A binder or notebook for class? Electronics? We have it! And yes, we do take Bantam Bucks and cash.

Thanks to our volunteers we have made around $2,000 so far. All proceeds will go to local charities at the end of the year.

If you are interested in donating items or volunteering at The Coop please email Giuliani Lopez at giuliani.lopez@trincoll.edu or thetrinitycoop@gmail.com. The Coop’s hours of operation change every semester and depend on the free time volunteers decide to contribute, so please come by!

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Green Campus has seen consistent turnout at weekly meetings throughout the fall semester which has been useful for continuing both annual events and creating new initiatives. Annual events and projects such as the plant sale, the Source to Sea cleanup, homecoming recycling and “vigilante” recycling were very successful. We collected eight full bags of recyclables from the trash of eight dorms on a Saturday night for vigilante recycling. This event served as a reminder that there are still many steps to be taken in improving campus recycling.

Some new events and projects taken on by Green Campus included recycling at the Do It Day volunteer dinner and events for Vegetarian Awareness Month. We also continued giving stainless steel water bottles to students who did not receive one last spring. Continued collaboration with the Sustainability Task Force and Chartwells has allowed Green Campus to increase its scope on campus and integrate a wide variety of sustainability projects. By utilizing the TREEHouse as a space to hold events, Green Campus has been able to cosponsor events with other student groups. We look forward to a busy spring semester and welcome anyone who wants to lend a hand or has a new idea you would like to work on. If you would like to get involved in Green Campus please contact Giulia Lopez at giulia.lopez@trincoll.edu or Emily Quinton at emily.quinton@trincoll.edu.

The TREEHouse, located at 125 Allen Place, is dedicated to raising environmental awareness and practicing sustainability on campus while providing a space for students to hold events and socialize. This fall semester, several co-sponsored events were held at the TREEHouse. During orientation, first-year students were welcome to tour the house while drinking delicious homemade organic smoothies. Green Campus sponsored a screening of the movie Food, Inc. during Vegetarian Awareness Month in October. On Halloween, The Mill cosponsored a pumpkin-carving event at the TREEHouse. On November 5th, the movie V for Vendetta was shown to kick off Homecoming Weekend, and a great vegan dinner from Fire and Spice closed the semester for members of Green Campus, ConnPIRG and the Outing Club. Throughout the semester, the house was cleaned, and work is continuing on sprucing the house up using environmentally friendly cleaning products and paints. We look forward to a busy spring semester, and if you have any events you would like to cosponsor with the TREEHouse, we would love to hear from you! For more information about the TREEHouse, feel free to contact Emily Quinton at emily.quinton@trincoll.edu.
**LIONS CLUB by JONATHAN HANDALI ’13**

The Lions Club remains the world’s largest community-based organization known for working to end preventable blindness throughout 205 countries. As an extension of the 1.3 million member strong international organization, the Trinity chapter began the fall 2010 semester with the Berlin Lions Club annual fair in Berlin, Connecticut.

Each year, the Trinity College Lions Club helps mark the end of the Connecticut Agricultural Fair Season by selling over nearly 300 chrysanthemums, and raising over $700 for charitable organizations like the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, American School for the Deaf, Fidelco, Low Vision Center, Campaign Sight First II, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation Vision 2020 Project.

The Lions International Peace Poster contest is an annual art competition, which encourages middle school students to share their artistic impression of their ideas about peace. It brings out the creative ability of flowering young artists as well as challenging their perceptions of peace through art. As the Lions Club does every year, it brought the Peace Poster competition to Hartford by sponsoring the Hartford Magnet Middle School and M.D. Fox Middle Magnet School students to submit their most promising work. Once the Trinity chapter chooses the winning posters, they are forwarded to the district level to possibly enter the national level.

At the end of the semester, the Lions Club held its induction ceremony. This ceremony allows new Lions Club members to officially join as members of the international organization. Three new members were inducted adding to over a million worldwide members. Once inducted, these members will be able to participate in community service activities at whichever chapter they end up near after serving with the Trinity College Lions Club.

With more members and successful fundraising, the Lions Club has a promising spring semester with its annual Bone Marrow Drive and the Wine and Cheese fundraiser.

If you are interested in becoming a part of Lions Club International or would like more information, please email tclions@gmail.com.

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**ADOPT-A-PLATOON by ALLIE SIRACO ’11**

This semester, Adopt-a-Platoon expanded our usual writing letters to soldiers and began sending them cards as well. Adopt-a-Platoon is a national organization (www.adoptaplatoon.org) that provides names and addresses of soldiers to those who want to write and/or send care packages. Using addresses from this organization, Trinity’s Adopt-a-Platoon took the name and the idea and has been writing to soldiers overseas for the past three years.

Using construction paper, glue, and crayons—all the makings of a kindergarten classroom—we have sent some joy overseas, whether for Halloween or the holiday season. We also collaborated with Best Buddies, who collaborated with us on our holiday cards to the soldiers.

In addition to making cards, Adopt-a-Platoon members maintained an ongoing correspondence with one soldier this semester. We also sent cards to soldiers who have been injured (see address at the bottom if you would like to do the same). Overall, this semester has been a been enjoyable for Adopt-a-Platoon, and we look forward to expanding our membership and projects during the Spring 2011 semester! If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Allie at ales-sandra.siraco@trincoll.edu.

We look forward to having you join us!

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Letters can be mailed to:
Recovering American Soldier c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001
Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to raising awareness of and eliminating poverty housing. As one of Trinity’s biggest community service organizations, we work very hard to fulfill the mission of our Habitat within the time. Our work can be broken into four branches: education and advocacy, building, fundraising, and spring break, and the highlights for our semester have included the following:

**Advocacy:** Coordinators, Shayla Campbell ‘12 and Ethiopia Kabtimer ‘13, coordinated our first ever World Habitat Day awareness event at the Underground Coffee House. About 40 Trinity students gathered to enjoy an evening of music and poetry in honor of our organization and its mission. To raise campus awareness for the event, posters with facts about poverty housing and homelessness were posted across campus.

**Build:** Every month this semester, our build coordinators, Cathi Meunier ‘11 and Trang Luong ‘11, organized 8-13 Trinity student volunteers to paint and drywall Habitat homes in either New Britain or north Hartford. Volunteers worked with skilled Habitat construction supervisors and future homeowners, while the co-coordinators handled the greatest number of build volunteers for the semester in recent years.

**Fundraising:** Coordinators, Katie Masi ‘13 and Rachel Lynch ‘11, oversaw our fundraising efforts, the proceeds of which are dedicated to either co-sponsoring a Habitat home in Hartford or funding our annual alternative spring break trip. To do this, Katie and Rachel, organized three deliveries of care packages, a spare change drive, and our very successful 8th annual Habitrot, a 5K run/walk around and in campus. Due to the efforts of all the volunteers and the support of the President’s Office, Chartwells, and Campus Safety, this year’s Habitrot raised over $1,200 for our house fund!

**Spring Break:** As a chapter, we voted to go to Bluffton, South Carolina, for our annual Collegiate Challenge alternative spring break trip. Spring break coordinators, Sophie Starchman ‘11 and freshman Byron Doerfer ‘14, will be in spearheading our efforts to coordinate our trip this coming semester.

We would like to thank Shayla Campbell ‘12 and Caroline Robinson ‘12 (co-president), who will be studying abroad for the Spring 2011 semester. In addition, we congratulate Rachel Lynch ‘11 who will replace Caroline as co-president, and Cathi Meunier ‘12 will replace Shayla as advocacy co-coordinator. And we welcome the following new e-board members: Byron Doerfer ‘14 as spring break co-coordinator, Todd Cheng-supanimit ‘14 as build co-coordinator, and Amy Imbergamo ‘13 as fundraising co-coordinator. Finally, we are grateful to all of our chapter members who advocated, built, and fundraised this past semester. Without then, none of our accomplishments would be possible.

We look forward to a busy spring semester, including our Valentine’s Day goldfish fundraiser, spring break trip to South Carolina and more local builds, and new advocacy events. There will be plenty to do so all our welcome—many hands make for lighter work! Come join us by attending our weekly meetings on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. in the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement (Mother basement, next to the bookstore) or feel free to e-mail us at trinityhabitat@gmail.com.

**“Many hands make for lighter work!” says co-president Joe Laws (pictured above).**

Join Habitat today!
Given that Trinity is located in the heart of an urban setting, the school inevitably interacts with its outside surroundings. For some this simply means exploring what the city of Hartford has to offer, but for the many other students this also means discovering what they can offer the city. I’ve found that the number of these students has steadily increased in the time I’ve been here, many of them finding their footing as mentors in the M.D. Fox Mentoring Program.

I joined the program as a first year student, unaware that it was a fledgling project. And who could blame me? I was one of about one hundred to attend the group’s first meeting. The program pairs each Trinity student with a “mentee” from M.D. Fox Elementary School. I was matched with a fourth grader, Amila, and though she was quiet and shy, we worked on building a strong and positive relationship from week to week. In our one-hour a week sessions, we busied ourselves with coloring books and Amila’s personal favorite, “go-fish”.

While we spent our time chatting about little things like her Halloween costume or Justin Beiber (someone I know more about than I’m willing to admit), I could tell that as a recent immigrant from Bosnia to Hartford, the seemingly trivial conversation was helpful in making her feel comfortable in this unfamiliar place.

About one hundred M.D. Fox and Trinity students share an hour a week, growing and learning from each other. Through the program, the elementary school students gain a positive role model in their lives, something many of them are missing. Trinity students are able to put perspective in their own lives, while learning the importance of responsibility and accountability. As a program, we believe in fostering this beneficial relationship and take steps to expand and improve on a daily basis. We’ve hosted our mentees at Trinity’s campus in Vernon Social Center and the field house for spring and winter celebrations that have been huge successes. We’ve been working toward perfecting an afterschool program similar to the day program that adds a homework component and hopefully will offer further opportunities to experience things the mentees might not have a chance to otherwise.

As the M.D. Fox Mentoring Program moves into its next semester at Trinity, it continues to grow and adapt in an effort to maintain a healthy and happy community partnership between the two schools. By finding solid common ground between two schools so seemingly different, the M.D. Fox Mentoring Program builds a bridge over this gap and benefits all those who cross it.

If you’d like to get involved, please contact mdfoxmentoring@gmail.com
Charles Dickens wrote, “This is a world of action, and not for moping and droning in.” Far be it for us chipper, active mentors in the Rising Stars and Vision Academic Mentoring Programs (V.A.M.P.) to mope and drone! Steadily as we go, our jobs to tutor and mentor students from the Hartford Magnet Middle School (HMMS), just across campus, are challenges that motivate us well. In fact, V.A.M.P.’s creation in the Fall of 2001 (Rising Stars came about the following year) is carrying us to the verge of one whole decade of service! Ours is a combination of dedicating an hour of academic help (i.e. homework, art/science projects, writing papers, and other school assignments) which segues into at least another half hour of enrichment activities to complement the educational one. On top of that, we all go on occasional excursions such as ice-skating, roller-blading, museum hopping, and bowling as a means of nurturing our mentor-mentee bonds further.

As one of the myriad and most meaningful community outreach programs available on campus, we, by virtue, transform into the “big brothers” and “big sisters” of our assigned mentees. While in the programs, one comes to a quick realization that helping the community does not have to be limited to donating money, food, and clothing. Instead, we hone in on doing the hands-on task of positively affecting, and hopefully changing, the attitudes and lives of the community’s youth people. Our five-minute trek across campus twice weekly to HMMS becomes a journey into a whole new world. Most of us have always wanted to challenge ourselves to do “more” for others -- and voilà - either of our programs is yours to begin doing just that!

The inevitable question of “What do you guys do anyway?” can be answered with complete confidence and conviction: A LOT. And the things we do go a long way, too. As stewards of positivism and propriety, we strive to be the best examples for our “Mini Me’s” at all times. There is nothing quite as rewarding as influencing youths in bold ways: they change their minds about not wanting to go to college; they yearn to spread their wings to higher heights; they aim to do better than ever before, and prouder of their attempts at it; they want to be JUST LIKE YOU! Such is the power of mentoring, and our doing so at V.A.M.P. and Rising Stars is an aspiration towards a 10-year mark.

This past Fall 2010 saw the participation of a brand new cohort of sixth graders in our programs. Virtually all of them in V.A.M.P., and many in Rising Stars, will continue through their 8th grade year. A record of 25 students in both programs combined earned their place on the HMMS Honor Roll just this past semester, and thus we all rejoice in the success of our mentees as well as see fruits our labor! So wait no longer -- join us in being a “world of action” for our mentees, and leave all moping and droning behind!

For more information, please contact Stacey Lopez at Stacey.lopez@trincoll.edu, or phone (860) 297-2160 and leave a detailed message.
Amnesty International had a busy semester working on interesting programming and successfully building up our group with promising new members. Our major goals for the semester were to increase our partnerships with other Trinity student groups and with the Human Rights program. In September, we put on a casual yet informative dinner and discussion with Trinity’s Summer 2010 Human Rights Fellows. In October, we raised with a large and fun fundraiser called “Pizzapalooza.” We also teamed up with EROS during Ally Week to raise awareness of sexuality rights through a non-traditional campus campaign regarding the recent national string of suicides of gay youth.

In November, six of us attended the annual Amnesty International Regional Conference at Boston University for a fantastic day of speakers and workshops that left us inspired and full of practical ideas for the future. At the end of the month, we held a Hunger Banquet that demonstrated world food and income distribution through a hands-on dinner.

We closed out the semester in December with a week-long observance of International Human Rights Day (December 10th), during which we screened “Heart of Darfur” with the Darfur Coalition and held a mini human rights “write-a-thon.” Throughout the semester, we also produced and distributed several mini-newsletters—“Outside the Bubble”—and continued our monthly human-rights film screenings (to growing attendance) in the Underground Coffeehouse.

We look forward to building upon the positive momentum from the fall semester and start to taking on new initiatives such as engaging more with the greater Hartford community. We already have some fantastic ideas in mind, such as inviting an Amnesty International-affiliated artist to exhibit on campus.

Many thanks go to Professor Cardenas, chair of the Human Rights program, restaurants in Hartford and West Hartford that participated in the Pizzapalooza, to our dedicated members, and of course, to Joe Barber.

It should be a fun and busy semester ahead, and if you would like to get involved with Trinity’s Amnesty International chapter or would just like more information, please feel free to contact Sarah Kacevich at sarah.kacevich@trincoll.edu. We look forward to involvement.

“Six of us attended the annual Amnesty International Regional Conference at Boston University for a fantastic day of speakers and workshops that left us inspired and full of practical ideas for the future” says Kacevich.
Immigration has been a hot topic in Congress in recent years due to the annual marches for a fair immigration reform on May 1. Many undocumented people come to this country in search of a better life or opportunity to succeed. As families enter the country illegally, young children bare the cost of being criminalized for being undocumented. This year many universities in Connecticut advocated for undocumented college students to gain legal status in the country. Students from Yale University organized a summit regarding the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, legislation which offers a pathway to legal residency after serving in the armed forces for two years or completing college for two years. Stop the Raids from Trinity College was one among eight universities to participate in this Summit.

After the summit, Stop the Raids started to network with other universities regarding the DREAM Act, Stop the Raids was also active on campus. This semester we screened three movies about immigration that were selected to demonstrate how immigration is a worldwide issue that not only affects the Latino community but also other ethnicities. The turnout was great for all of these films and we will continue to screen movies this spring. Therefore, be aware of any Stop the Raids films so you can come and enjoy them with us! All of these films are followed with a brief discussion to answer any further questions you may have about immigration.

Stop the Raids ended the semester positively with a wonderful two-person panel discussion on December 6, 2010 at Trinfo Café on the good and bad aspects of the DREAM Act. The panelists were Camilo Mejia from Iraqi Veterans Against the War and Werner Oyanadel from the Connecticut General Assembly Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission. Camilo served in the armed forces for two years and as a result of his experience, he has many reservations about the DREAM Act, including the fact that a two-year military commitment is actually eight years (with the other six being inactive duty with the military being able to call you back up for duty throughout this time). On the other hand, Werner explained an alternative for the DREAM Act, which was the In-State Tuition bill in Connecticut for undocumented state residents. This idea is similar to the DREAM Act but solely for the state of Connecticut. The In-State Tuition bill would allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rather than out of state tuition, which would greatly help undocumented students reduce the cost of attending college. This event was extremely successful in educating the community and student body of Trinity about the details of the DREAM Act.

Stop the Raids was very active in the debate regarding the DREAM Act and immigration. We would like to invite anyone interested in participating in Stop the Raids to join us at our weekly meetings on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement (Mather basement, next to the bookstore). We thank everyone who has been able to attend our events, and we look forward to seeing you this upcoming semester. If you have any further questions about Stop the Raids please contact Sandra Gonzalez at sandra.gonzalez@trincoll.edu.
This fall the Annual Community Events Staff (ACES) was busy with three great events: Halloween on Vernon Street, the Thanksgiving basket drive for M.D. Fox Elementary School, and Sponsor-a-Snowman holiday gift drive for Interval House.

We kicked the year off right with our 20th annual Halloween on Vernon Street, held on October 24, 2010. The event brought hundreds of local children to Trinity to celebrate Halloween. The children were chaperoned up and down Vernon Street by enthusiastic Trinity volunteers who all stood out in their fun, bright green t-shirts. The groups visited cultural houses, Greek houses, and other organizations on the street, each of which had set up a fantastic activity, game, craft, or haunted house (or two). And of course, there was plenty of candy to be had by all! The children ended their tour in Vernon Social Center where a number of other on-campus groups set up tables with activities. After the event, families told ACES members how much they loved the day and even said it was the best in years.

It was quickly time to begin planning for the Thanksgiving Basket Drive. We raised money through faculty, students, and one especially generous anonymous donation. We are so grateful to all the members of the Trinity community who graciously donated food and/or money to this effort. Special thanks to the athletic teams which together raised over $1,700 of the $5,000+ raised, as well as much needed assistance with delivery and distribution of all the food. In addition, the first-year halls Greek organizations, and Chartwells all deserve a big round of applause for efforts above and beyond the call of duty! Thanks to all the help from the Trinity community, ACES was able to put together a Thanksgiving basket (a turkey, all the ingredients for a full dinner, and a pie baked by Praxis) for 135 families from the M.D. Fox Elementary School. Everyone who took part in this event helped make Thanksgiving an amazing, and tasty, holiday for these families.

Our final event this semester was Sponsor-a-Snowman, which is a favorite of Trinity students. Thanks to many participants throughout the Trinity community, we were able to sponsor for the holidays over 100 children and teens affiliated with the Interval House, a local domestic violence shelter. Students chose a child between the ages of 6 months and 18 years old and made his/her holiday wishes come true. Students, as well as a number of faculty and staff, signed up for a child before leaving for Thanksgiving break, which gave them the opportunity to shop. After Thanksgiving, everyone dropped their gift off in the Community Service office and ACES then delivered to the Interval House. The staff at Interval House was so grateful and even gave us an impromptu tour of the facility!

This fall was amazing for ACES and we look forward to a busy spring with Soup-er Bowl Canned Food Drive, Fun Fair, and our Annual Auction! If you would like to get involved, please feel free to contact us at tri-naces@gmail.com.

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Halloween on Vernon

Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive

Adopt A Snowman

Kasey Ording and Nastaran Hakimi, coordinating Halloween on Vernon St.
This fall, Relay For Life took off with a great start, launching three major events: The ice cream social, fall survivorship event, and Cookies versus Cancer.

Ice Cream Social:
At the beginning of the semester the Relay For Life committee had set a goal of getting 60 teams to sign up for the event by April 29th. The Ice Cream Social represented an opportunity for the committee to use a discounted registration fee to not only gain participants, but also to raise awareness for the event. By the numbers the event was an overwhelming success. There were 26 new teams and 120 participants registered bringing the total to 39 teams and 142 participants. However, the true success of the event cannot be quantified. For one night in November, a full five months before the event, Relay For Life was on the mind of many Trinity College students. The atmosphere in the Rittenberg Lounge was exciting and energetic. Each student that arrived was not only enticed by the games, ice cream and raffle prizes but was also willing and ready to get started with the Relay For Life preparations. The credit for the night without doubt belongs to the students on the Relay For Life committee. Their hard work and preparation were evident once the event started. In the end, this preparation resulted in an event going better than we had hoped.

Fall Survivorship Event:
Arguably, the most important part of Relay For Life is touching the lives of cancer survivors. The Fall Survivorship event represented an opportunity to provide an intimate setting for survivors to enjoy holiday refreshments and great entertainment from two of Trinity’s acapella groups, the Trinitones and the Quirks. The ladies did an amazing job at combining timeless holiday jingles with uplifting songs. This event contrasted against a cool crisp winter weekend with a warm Sunday afternoon that everyone seemed to enjoy. The added bonus of this event was introducing one of the real pleasures of doing Relay For Life to a relatively young committee. The committee members were able to see firsthand the joy that our work can bring to those who have been touched by cancer.

Cookies versus Cancer:
During the finals review week, when students were stressed and pulling all-nighters, delicious, homemade cookies were delivered to their dorms. In a collective effort, the Relay For Life committee took shifts baking in Mather’s kitchen and delivering dorm-to-dorm, late into the night. The pre-orders called for over 600 cookies. The fundraiser was a great success with a total of over $400 raised. Each dollar spent signifies some form of help towards cancer patients, whether it goes towards research, services, or other programs. Cookies vs. Cancer was an amazing fundraiser, which proved to be a great success, in not only raising money but also spreading awareness.

Would you like to get involved with Relay For Life? Sign your team up today by visiting www.relayforlife.org/trinityctl!
PRAXIS, the residence-based community service program on campus, had a phenomenal fall semester! We started out the 2010 school year with the annual PRAXIS Orientation in September. In collaboration with F.A.C.E.S, we engaged in various community-building activities such as hiking at Chauncey Peak and participating in United Way’s Day of Caring in Hartford and the surrounding areas.

Praxis members also took part in the 12th Annual Do-It-Day on September 11th. In October, ten Praxis members joined forces with the Knox Parks Foundation for a graffiti removal project at a park in downtown Hartford. As we closed out the month, Praxis also transformed our common room into a lovely and successful haunted house in preparation for the ACES 20th annual Halloween on Vernon Street.

And has become a tradition, PRAXIS held its 11th annual Great Pie Project in November and prepared and delivered 200 pies to the M.D. Fox Elementary School, Peters Retreat, and the MANNA Food Program.

Finally, in December, PRAXIS, with the assistance of ACES, was able to purchase holiday presents for one local family for the seventh year.

In addition to participating in the above service projects, PRAXIS members were active in other community service organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the M.D. Fox Mentoring Program, Open Airways and many more! This semester Praxis also fielded its first intramural team, a soccer team—the “Doones Goons”—and we are happy to report that we were the undefeated champions of the co-ed league! We are very excited for another successful semester and would like to thank ACES, Chartwells, and the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement for its unconditional support throughout the years.

Interested in joining PRAXIS? Email the Praxis Coordinator, Yodalis Moran, at Yodalis.Moran@trincoll.edu for more information about the Praxis Program and the application process.
The Fred Pfeil Community Project, housed in Summit East, is dedicated to creating an alternative and inclusive social scene on campus, one in which social, cultural, and intellectual interests are united. Among other things, we put on events every Friday, host groups throughout the year, and provide a common space for the entire campus’ use. We encourage anyone to drop by or attend an event for a first-hand experience.

The Fred kicked off the fall 2010 semester with our annual orientation weekend jam-packed with events for the incoming students. We experienced our best turnout ever with students eagerly flocking to our events ready to meet new people and have fun. We opened with our popular Coffee House event in which many talented freshman sang, played guitar, recited poetry, and told stories and jokes to a full house. The rest of the weekend was filled with walking tours of the local Trinity neighborhood and downtown Hartford where everyone enjoyed a ride on the Bushnell Park Carousel. We had an impressive crowd at our concert and barbecue, which rocked the two Summit Suites. The students also enjoyed tie dying and an afternoon trip to the Westfarms Mall. We had an impressive turn out from eager freshman ready to dive into campus activities and their enthusiasm was overwhelmingly pleasant.

Throughout the semester, the Fred continued its “Friday Nights at the Fred” series with a mix of classic staples and new ideas. The attendance of new freshman and returning students continued to be strong throughout the semester and their presence brought an additional spark of excitement to the Fred events. Students flocked to the “Harry Potter Night” where trivia was fierce and delicious sweet butterbeer was flowing. “Family Feud” also brought groups of friends together to battle over fun questions about Trinity. Some other events during the semester included “Paint to the Music,” “Egg Drop Challenge” with the Engineering society, “This Collegiate Life,” and “Grandma’s House.” “Grandma’s House” is our Trinity Days event that is very popular with the students who remain on campus. Students enjoyed warm homemade cookies and milk, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, board games, and a visit from Grandma!

Along with hosting weekly Friday Night events, the Fred has interest groups created each semester that meet weekly and some of these include: Guys, Gals, and Gilmore Girls, The Stand Up Society, Jane Austen Book Club, Art Club, and Excelsior!

The Fred is open to working with any organization or group, and has its common room available for use by campus organizations. One example of such a collaboration was when Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA) hosted a well-attended and well-received Voices Raised in Power, an evening devoted to providing a safe space to recognize, support, and acknowledge survivors of sexual assault through song, poetry, spoken word, and personal testimony.

The Fred is open to all, so if you have ideas on collaborating or if you would just like more information about The Fred, feel free to contact Zoe Nageotte at zoe.nageotte@trincoll.edu and/or Luc Rioual at luc.rioual@trincoll.edu.

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Upcoming Events Spring 2011

January

26
Community Service Fair: Representatives from more than 30 community service organizations on campus set up stations in the basement of Mather and spent the afternoon recruiting new members.

February

5
Soup-er Bowl Food Drive: Food drive held at a local supermarket the day before the Super Bowl that benefited the Hartford Catholic Worker.

8
2nd annual Bantam Bazaar: A Trinity Tag Sale to raise money for Pakistan Flood Relief

March

10
ACES Annual Auction for Charity: Raised over $3,000! Proceeds were split between our sponsorship of Ciara, a local teen battling multiple sclerosis and Lean On Me, Inc., a rebuilding organization in New Orleans, LA.

18-25
Alternative Spring Break with Habitat for Humanity: 30 Trinity students will spend their spring break building houses with Habitat for Humanity affiliates in South Carolina.

April

17
Lions Club Wine & Cheese: Annual fundraiser brings together Lions from around the state for an evening in Hamlin Hall.

18-22
Earth Week: With the support of several academic departments, Green Campus and ConnPIRG host a lectures, movie screenings, and a variety of activities to raise environmental consciousness on campus.

29-30
Relay for Life: 6th annual all-night event to raise money for the American Cancer Society

May

7
Fun Fair: Student groups set up booths and host carnival games for local children during 4th annual SambaFest.

Dump & Run: A campus-wide clothing and reusable item drive coordinated by Green Campus.

This year, Do It Day soared to new heights. Under the leadership of Joe Laws and Nafe Tengatenga, 725 Trinity students, faculty, and staff “spread the love throughout Hartford,” helping out at over 54 worksites. From planting trees, to cleaning out offices to painting walls of local non-profit organizations, this number of participants truly made a difference. Under a late summer sun, everyone enjoyed a “taste of Hartford” fall donated by local restaurants after a day’s work.

Do It Day 2010

July 2010

Do It Day Coordinators Joseph Laws ‘12 and Alinafe Tengatenga ‘13

Do It Day participants over the years

(1=1999, 12=2010)

725!