Trinity at Kennelly by Sarah Gardiner ‘12

What a landmark semester, indeed! This fall marked a new chapter for our dedicated group of students, formerly known as M.D. Fox Mentors. Over the summer, an announcement for structural improvements to M.D. Fox Elementary’s building meant we were in search for a new home for our committed Trinity volunteers. We forged a partnership with the E.B. Kennelly School thanks to school’s new principal, Mary Lou Duffy, reaching out to us. In response to the needs expressed by Principal Duffy and her staff, we crafted the framework for a program that would prove mutually beneficial for both Kennelly and Trinity alike. This new program’s objectives were two-fold: Trinity students would work with 6th grade students in the classroom to assist teachers and serve as role models, while other Trinity volunteers would meet with 6th graders in an afterschool setting to work on homework, improve social skills, and above all, have some well-deserved fun.

In early October, over 70 Trinity students began volunteering with Kennelly’s 6th graders. Our Bantams carpooled to Kennelly Monday through Thursday for roughly an hour at a time. This unique community service experience cultivated meaningful relationships that encompassed the benefits of mentoring and tutoring simultaneously. We received rave reviews from our Trinity constituency of volunteers and from the staff and administration at Kennelly.

Inspired by the semester’s success we planned our semi-annual celebration held at Trinity on December 2nd . With Kennelly in such close proximity to campus, the 6th graders, their teachers, Principal Duffy, and several mentors took a leisurely stroll from the school through campus to Vernon Social Center. Our mentors joined the kids in a modified spelling bee, where the 6th graders showed off their stellar spelling skills. Everyone filled up on pizza and cookies then worked off their sugar rush with outdoor games on the soccer field thanks to unseasonably warm weather! The end of semester celebration demonstrated how mutually beneficial and enjoyable the program is for all those involved. It was an excellent way to close a fabulous semester working with Kennelly.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and all of the wonderful things 2012 undoubtedly holds for the Trinity and Kennelly partnership. If you would like more information or get involved with the program, feel free to contact Sarah Gardiner at sarah.gardiner@trincoll.edu or Stephen Chase at stephen.chase@trincoll.edu.

Praxis by Jacob Prosnit ‘12

The conversations in the Trinity dining halls during the last semester dealt seriously with the future of our campus and how we see ourselves as an institution. President Jimmy Jones’ “White Paper” outlined a plan for the social and academic future with a hope for more themed housing around campus. Praxis, the community service dorm at Trinity, is the quintessential example of a successful themed housing option. Located in Doonesbury, members of PRAXIS make a commitment to be involved in community service projects on campus.

Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement
## Fall 2011 Selected Highlights

### August

**30**  
**FACES/Praxis Training:** begins  
Student community service leaders return to campus early to begin planning for the new academic year

### September

**5**  
**Activities Fair:** Representatives from more than 30 community service organizations on campus spend the afternoon recruiting new members

**10**  
**11th Annual Do It Day:** A half-day event that engages students, faculty and staff members in service projects at different sites around Hartford

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

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### November

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**Habitrot:** 5k run sponsored by Habitat for Humanity to raise funds for their Alternative Spring Break trip

**18**  
**Relay for Life Dodgeball Tournament**

**19**  
**The Great Pie Project:** Praxis bakes hundreds of pies and donates them to nonprofit organizations in Hartford

### December

**ACES Sponsor a Snowman Drive:** 100 holiday gifts are collected for the children of the Hartford Interval House, a domestic violence shelter

**4**  
**MD Fox Mentoring Holiday Party:** The Vernon Social Center was invaded by over 100 Fox students for a day filled with fun and holiday cheer. And lots of clean up!

**6**  
**Amnesty International Write-a-Thon for Human Rights**

**14**  
**Office Holiday Party**

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Praxis (continued)

and in Hartford. Those students who live in Praxis tend to be strong leaders in getting Trinity students more involved and civically engaged.

One part of being in the Praxis community is to help plan, organize and run monthly service projects. This past semester, all twenty-seven students in Praxis participated in Do it Day—the first major campus-wide service event of the academic year—which is a day of service begun in 1999 that this year involved over 700 members of the Trinity community working at over 50 worksites in the Hartford area. The projects varied but each allowed students to spend a productive day off campus and to learn about the community around our school. Keeping the momentum going, on a busy night in the beginning of October, Praxis held a barbecue fundraiser for the Trinity community called “Praxis Snaxis.” The project was a great success in that it not only fed late-night partygoers but also raised money to fund future service initiatives as well as individual service programs. During the holidays, our dorm partnered with ACES for two other monthly projects—Halloween on Vernon Street and Trinity’s annual Thanksgiving drive for M.D. Fox Elementary School. For Halloween on Vernon, Praxis created an elaborate and scary haunted house for the local trick-or-treaters. And as part of Trinity’s annual Thanksgiving Drive, Praxis baked 200 pies—100 for M.D. Fox Elementary and 100 for Hands on Hartford.

On top of our monthly group projects, residents of the Praxis have individuals project that they continue throughout the semester. Many of the groups written about in this newsletter involved Praxis members who feel passionate about the work they do and the positive change that comes from it. Some of these projects include Habitat for Humanity, Book Buddies, Relay for Life, VAMP and Rising Stars mentoring, Kennelly School Mentoring, Amnesty International, Cinestudio, Hartford Children’s Theater and many more. Our dorm provides us a space to meet and support each other’s individual projects and learn about the different ways Trinity students are helping the campus and local community.

I have been a member of Praxis for three years and I am happy to see the progress the dorm has made and the inspiration it provides for many students at Trinity. We are lucky to have a community of like-minded individuals who care deeply about our world and possess an authentic commitment to making it better. The future is bright for Praxis and for Trinity community service.

ConnectiKids By Mary Morr ’12

ConnectiKids tutoring had a delayed start this year because of several changes in organization and staff at both Trinity and ConnectiKids, Inc. However, tutoring sessions were able to start near the end of October and have been going smoothly ever since.

This semester, 45 2nd and 4th grade students came to Trinity once a week for an hour and fifteen minutes. They were each paired with a Trinity student, who tutored them, helped them with their homework, and offered support for any problems they were having in school. Students were also given a snack every day to help keep them focused. The 2nd and 4th graders were always enthusiastic to be on Trinity’s campus and to get a chance to spend time with a college student.

Especially with the late start, the semester went by very quickly. Fall tutoring sessions ended in early December and on the last day the kids and their tutors got to relax and have fun at a pizza party. The 2nd and 4th graders all wrote cards to their tutors with pictures from the sessions on the front. Most of the tutors will be returning next semester to continue working with their same student. We are also hoping to recruit more tutors at the Community Service Fair so that we can open the program up to 5th graders. With all the logistical changes now worked out, the spring semester should be very successful.
Stop the Raids has been active during Fall 2011 promoting awareness for issues that affect the immigrant community, specifically undocumented immigrants who tend to experience the most egregious violations of their civil rights while living and working to support their families in the United States.

This fall we have hosted movie nights that feature films relating to the immigrant experience here in the United States. We have also cosponsored events with the Trinity ACLU chapter. Our group distributed flyers around the Hartford community to raise awareness about a program by immigration authorities called the Secure Communities Program.

Our most successful event this semester was on Saturday December 10th when we held a forum on the Secure Communities Act that has been implemented in all 50 states. Secure Communities is a national immigration program that targets noncitizens who are arrested by the police. If you are arrested by police, your fingerprints are taken and forwarded to ICE. The fingerprints are crosschecked with immigration and FBI databases. ICE evaluates each fingerprint scan to see what enforcement action, if any, will be taken against you. Enforcement actions can include arrest by ICE, transfer to ICE custody and/or initiation of removal proceedings.

Darleny Lizardo and Grace Montesi translated the words of Hartford ACLU Legal Director Sandy Staub. Sandy was able to explain the implications of the Secure Communities program to the attendees who were residents of the Hartford community. Stop the Raids was very happy with the turnout of this event and believe that raising awareness and protesting programs and laws that encourage racial profiling can help bring an end to these programs. Currently, the City of New Haven is considering an ordinance that would stop racial profiling based on the Secure Communities program and protect the civil rights of all city residents. We are interested in promoting a similar ordinance in the city of Hartford, possibly collaborating with City Councilman Luis Cotto.

Stop the Raids encourages any students who are interested in these issues to get involved during the spring semester!! Contact Carlos Miranda or Darleny Lizardo for more information. Additionally, since our club leaders are graduating, we are looking for new leadership for the 2012-2013 school year.

Peter’s Retreat by Dillard Taylor ‘12

There are often groups that are overlooked by the community at-large, but that does not mean there are not some out there trying to help and serve them, and Peter’s Retreat is a fine example of this. Peter’s Retreat is a housing program for those living with HIV/AIDS that face the possibility of becoming homeless. By providing housing, food, and support services, Peter’s Retreat is a resource that had undoubtedly saved lives with its efforts.

Every other week, volunteers from Trinity College go to Peter’s Retreat to assist in whatever way we can, including helping to organize donations, doing yard work, decorating the house for holidays, and painting or cleaning rooms for new residents.

While our gesture may be small, the positive impact may be clearly seen in the faces of the residents there. I recall earlier this fall when a freshman student, who had come to Peter’s Retreat for the first time, was talking with an older resident while she decorated. The student listened to the older man’s story for nearly thirty minutes, in which time he shared some deeply personal information about himself, but they also shared genuine and loving laughter. The two shared almost nothing in common in terms of lives, or even their interests, but they did share their common humanity, and to see a connection made because of this is a beautiful thing. The look on both of their faces at the end was something truly special.
Amnesty International by Marissa Block ’14

Building on last year’s activities, this semester Amnesty International has significantly gained visibility on campus with numerous events, both new and old. We continued our traditional monthly movie screenings and showed three movies. The first movie, titled Sin Nombre, was held in partnership with Stop the Raids. The movie combined the story of a Mexican teenager involved with a gang and a Honduran girl on a train through Mexico in hopes of reaching the United States.

The second movie, The Stoning of Soraya M, was hosted at the House of Peace and highlighted the women’s rights issues in the Middle East. Finally, the International House hosted our viewing of Soldier Child, a documentary on the atrocities endured by children in the Lord’s Resistance Army, an African rebel group.

In early November we hosted a vigil for Reggie Clemons who was sentenced to death as an accomplice in the 1991 murder of two young white women. There were flaws in the case and Clemons consistently maintained his innocence. Robert Nave, the Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for Amnesty International, also came to speak about Clemons’ case and how to stand up against the death penalty. Earlier in the semester we did tabling outside of Mather to raise awareness of the Reggie Clemons case as well as for International Human Rights Day.

Our biggest events, Smacktivism and the Write-A-Thon, happened in early December. The Write-A-Thon is an annual event held worldwide by Amnesty International and allows people to stand up for human rights through letter writing. The event, held in the Fred Common Room, consisted of several categories to petition for, including women’s rights and prisoner’s rights.

Smacktivism was an event held during Common Hour, that involved numerous organizations including the House of Peace, WGRAC, EROS, LVL, Green Campus, and Stop the Raids. Students were able to become activists for a day and visit the various stations to sign petitions that related to each organization. As always, Amnesty International would like to thank everyone who participated!

We’ve also made an effort this semester to discuss various human rights violations during our meetings in order to educate ourselves so we can educate the entire campus.

Thanks to all our members who helped make the events possible! Amnesty International is always happy to accept new members. If interested please contact Stephanie Clemente at Stephanie.Clemente@trincoll.edu.
**Best Buddies-a Busy Semester!**

Best Buddies is a student organization that seeks to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by facilitating friendships between them and Trinity students. And, Best Buddies has had a VERY active semester!

We kicked off the year with a big recruiting drive, and recruited more than a dozen new buddy pairs. Our first group activity was a match party in Alumni Lounge. The atmosphere was designed to allow buddy pairs to meet each other and get to know one another. So we did a series of ice-breakers that allowed everyone to learn about each other. We had games, arts and crafts, and food for everyone to enjoy. The event was a major success! The event was so successful that a blog post about it by the College Buddy Director was re-tweeted by Best Buddies International. BBI then began a Twitter forum asking their followers to comment on the first time they met their Buddies.

Then, at the end of September, we decided to do something a little bit different. Best Buddies decided to get an early start on their Spread the Word to End the Word campaign by inviting Last Comic Standing winner Josh Blue to campus. He came by on Thursday, September 29th for a free performance, which about 300 members of the Trinity community came out to. The event was co-sponsored with the Office of Campus Life, and funded through the Entertainment Activities Council.

For our October group event, we teamed up with Green Campus to go apple picking at Belltown Orchards in South Glastonbury. Despite arriving a bit late, we had an absolutely great time. The weather was slightly overcast, which made for perfect apple-picking conditions. This was also the first group event that incorporated Buddies from one of our newest sites, the Wethersfield Transition Academy. For November, we decided to keep it conservative by showing a movie on campus. We showed the 2009 film *Adam*, directed by Max Mayer, stared Hugh Dancy and Rose Byrne. Although some of our Buddies had a tough time finding McCook Auditorium, the movie was great. Everyone really enjoyed the heartfelt drama. We also served food from Coyote Flaco to keep everyone well fed.

Then for December, we reverted back to teaming up with another campus group, Praxis, for a holiday party. The party was held in Praxis, and he coordinated a wide array of holiday games, arts and crafts, and food. (We also had the Packers game on for one of our Buddy pairs, Josh & Alex. Both of which are Packers fans.) Most of the holiday games came from Walmart. And, we had pizza from First and Last Tavern. The event was generously funded by the SGA Budget Committee.

We were very content with the way the semester went. I especially want to thank Nate Walsh, our Activities Coordinator, for all of his excellent work preparing for all of the group activities, and Mr. Giuliani Lopez, our Faculty Advisor, or his wise guidance and support in his first semester with Best Buddies. Being that much of Best Buddies leadership is graduating in the spring, we will spend a lot of time next semester developing young leadership for the following year. I am also pleased that our Eboard will be expanding to include Ada Chai as Buddy Coordinator and Angela London ’15 as FACES Representative. Thanks to all of our College Buddies & Buddies for such an excellent semester. It exceeded all of our expectations. We think next semester is going to be even better than this semester!
JELLO By Mike Mejia ‘12

This semester JELLO (January Experience of Living & Learning in Outreach) was busy in preparing for our Winter Break trip to Vermont (Jan. 17-21). We raised money by starting a Rent-A-Raker fundraiser, where we sent JELLO members to professors’ houses to rake in October and November. The fundraiser went well, with a lot of demand to boot. On November 19th, JELLO ventured out into the Asylum Hill neighborhood, to do some work with NINA (Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance). Some of us did yard work while others tore down a porch. It was a very fun and interesting day trip, as we were also given a tour of the neighborhood where NINA had fixed up houses. To get involved in JELLO, contact Nichola Clark (Nichola.Clark@trincoll.edu), and/or come to our meetings, which this semester were every other Tuesday at 5:30 in the FACES lounge.

Zeta Omega Eta by Monica Au-yeung ‘12

Zeta started this semester out with big numbers at the assigned Do-It Day site, My Sister’s Place. We had lots of fun painting two apartments as well as getting to know a little bit about the mission of the safe haven for homeless women and children.

On December 4th, 2011, Zeta hosted its annual Trinity college Young Women’s Leadership Forum for middle school girls between grades 6-8. This forum consisted of a speaker to start off the morning and then several workshops throughout the afternoon. Some of the workshops include body image, sexual education, leadership and empowerment, and digital footprint that teaches about cyber safety. The goal of this forum is to give middle school girls a different view from what is normally taught in Hartford schools and allows them a safe space in which to ask questions.

Throughout the semester, Zeta has co-sponsored such events as Pink Shabbat and Take Back the Night. The sisters of Zeta Omega Eta also continue to do community service outside of the group, with each of the sisters completing 20 or more hours of community service and the pledges completing 15 or more. With over 20 members in the current sisterhood, that’s over 400 hours and it only goes up from there!
**Book Buddies by Elizabeth Preysner ‘13**

This semester, Book Buddies has been geared towards helping advanced readers at Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy further improve their reading comprehension skills. Many of the students in the program are at the top of their sixth grade class and read well above their grade level. They need additional challenge to continue to grow as readers. Trinity students are able to provide them with the enrichment they require.

Each Monday and Friday morning, Trinity students walk to the middle school in order to meet with their student partner, or “buddy.” This semester we have had a rise in Trinity students interested in the program. In fact, we have almost tripled the number of Trinity students participating! Each student has an individual partner and works with them to read a pleasure reading book. Partner groups choose a book together based on common interests, ensuring an enjoyable reading experience for all. Groups may choose to read their book through partner reading or having one partner read aloud to the other. Although all the middle school students participating are good readers, some of them do not feel comfortable reading aloud, while others are always willing to make the effort.

The staff at Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy appreciates the efforts that Trinity students have put forth thus far to make Book Buddies a success. As the program continues in its third year, they would love to have more Trinity students participate. If you are interested in learning more about Book Buddies, please contact Elizabeth Preysner at elizabeth.preysner@trincoll.edu. We are always looking for more students willing to share their love of reading!

**Adopt a Platoon Monica Au-yeung ‘12**

This semester, with a change in the group liaison to the national Adopt-a-Platoon group, there was a delay in obtaining the names and addresses of soldiers to write letters for. It wasn’t before long when the Trinity group received two soldiers in which to send their letters to but there hasn’t been any correspondence back. We’re hopeful that the soldiers have been receiving their letters and we would like to start brainstorming ideas to grow the group on campus so that we can start to put together care packages for the soldiers.
This semester Relay For Life worked to build awareness and raise money to help fight cancer. The thirty member planning committee focused efforts on three events. First was our second annual “Boob Cookie” sale to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. The event was successful not only as a way to raise money, but also to catch the attention of every student who passed through Mather. The second event was our Ice Cream Social. This event is held every year in the fall to jump start our registration efforts as we once again seek to surpass our goals of 60 teams and 600 participants. This year the Ice Cream Social accounted for the registration of 20 teams and over 60 new participants. Our final event, and arguably most successful, was our “Save the Balls” Dodgeball Tournament to raise awareness for Testicular Cancer. The event was attended by 80 students who combined to raise over $350.

Looking ahead to the Spring we are excited to build on the momentum we started this semester. We will begin planning for the event itself while continuing our more regular awareness events. Although Trinity’s Relay is one of hundreds that take place each year, our fundraising never goes unnoticed. The money we raise provides different forms of specialized care for cancer patients and helps keep alive the dream of finding a cure. If you would like to get involved with the planning committee please feel free to contact Logan Marro and Jessica Cote at <tcrelay2012@gmail.com> or stop by our weekly meeting on Tuesday nights at 9pm in the FACES lounge. For register for the event or to find more information please visit our website www.relayforlife.org/trinityct.

ACES had a very successful fall semester. We started out with one of our most popular events, Halloween on Vernon. Twenty-two student organizations participated and ran activities including face painting, a bean bag toss, haunted houses, and cookie decorating. Trinity students also volunteered to chaperone groups of children around the route on Vernon Street. Due to an unexpected snow storm, there was a smaller than normal turn-out, but everyone who was able to make it to campus was very enthusiastic and had a great time.

Our next event was the Thanksgiving Basket drive. ACES members asked students, faculty, and staff to donate food and money to supply 100 Thanksgiving dinners to families at M.D. Fox Elementary. There was an overwhelming response from the campus and we were able to raise over $5,000. ACES would like to give special recognition to the athletics department, which got all the sports teams involved and donated $2600 to the fundraiser.

The final event of the semester was Sponsor-a-Snowman. We received wish lists for 140 children from Interval House, a local women and children shelter. Students, staff, and organizations donated enough gifts and money to help ACES give a record number of gifts this year.

We got a lot of new, enthusiastic members this semester, and we’re all looking forward to ACES spring events!
The Fred Pfeil Community Project  by Zoe Nageotte ‘12

The Fred is committed to putting on alternative, non-exclusive events every Friday night, creating engaging groups based on students’ interests that are open to all, and providing a common free-space area for the entire college community.

One of our initial Friday night events this year, “Fred Birthday Party,” celebrated the anniversary of Fred Pfeil’s real birthday. Cake was provided, a piñata was demolished, and those who knew him shared fond memories of Fred. At “Egg Drop,” an event we often do, students were asked to create a case for an egg out of arts-and-craft supplies and then proceeded to test the case by dropping it from a few floors up. The unbroken eggs won as paper money fell the air to add to the celebratory atmosphere. The semester came to a close with our “Gingerbread Coffee House” as we all said our good-byes before the holiday break. Students read poems, played instruments, sang, and even performed their own rap battle.

This semester, the Fred continued its individual interest groups that met on a weekly basis. Some of these included: Excelsior?, Guys, Gals, and Gilmore Girls, and 80’s Teen Movie Club.

The Fred encourages opinions, new ideas, and suggestions so feel free to contact Karl Sandrich at karl.sandrich@trincoll.edu or Emma Phillips at emma.phillips@trincoll.edu.
GREEN CAMPUS

With the dynamic duo of Emily Quin- ton and Giuliani Lopez graduating last year, the new leaders (Mike Oleskewicz and Bridget Tevnan-co-chairs) of Green Campus had big shoes to fill. After finding our bearings, however, we were able to start planning more efficiently, execute successful events, and invari- ably learn from our mistakes. The group this semester was relatively small in numbers, but nonetheless filled with committed, environmentally focused members.

As in years past, this September and October, Green Campus, helped to en- courage locally grown food that sup- ports both sustainable growing practic- es and ethical working conditions by volunteering at the weekly Farmers’ Market hosted by Chartwells. Taking shifts at the stand was a great way to interact with customers and engage in friendly conversations about the im- portance of supporting local farms. We also held a plant sale with the generous plant donations from Professor Joan Morrison. The sale was very successful in raising some extra funds for the group, helped with exposure, and also gave students a way to make a small purchase to lighten up their (dull) dorm rooms with some life.

In early October, about 10 students braved the wind and rain to get their hands dirty and help clean up the Con- necticut River with the Connecticut Riv- er Watershed Council’s Source to Sea Cleanup. We worked diligently cleaning the banks and it was encouraging to see the sidewalk lined with black trash bags by the end of the morning.

TREETHouse (Trinity Recreational and Environmental Education House) by Bridget Tevnan ‘14

The TREETHouse worked to become a larger presence on campus this semester and as we continued to integrate diverse environmentally and recreationally fo- cused groups, as well as working with other groups on campus and in the com- munity. With Neha Surrender organiz- ing weekly meetings to coordinate the activities going on at the house, we worked to improve cohesion and keep the calendar filled with activities.

The TREETHouse kicked off the semester by welcoming in the class of 2015 with an organic smoothie gathering when students could tour the house, chat with representatives from different groups, and just take a moment to relax during the busy freshmen orientation schedule. Next we gathered in the house with a delicious vegan meal to share stories from the summer and plans for the fall. It was a great way to see familiar faces and meet new members of all three clubs.

In October we celebrated the beauti- ful fall weather (before Snowtober) by heading out to Belltown Orchards with Best Buddies to pick some apples, enjoy some cider, and taste test all the delicious baked goods. Keeping up with the fall holiday spirit we also helped at Halloween on Vernon by sponsoring a bird feeder activity for the trick-or-treaters. The kids really seemed to enjoy creating the pinecone feeders out of peanut but- ter, bird seed, and ribbon.

Throughout the semester the Rock Climbing Club and Green Campus showed several films including 127 Hours and Fuel at the house and also spon- sored snacks with the showing. The movie showings were a great way to rewind after a stressful week and stim- ulated some great conversations about their respective topics. The Outdoors Club also took advantage of the mild fall by holding cooks out and barbeques throughout the semes- ter.

Finally, the groups gathered in the house again for an end of the semester dinner with pizza (some of which was began-and delicious) to discuss what when well, what we could do better, and our plans for next semester.

While we know that we have a long way to go before the TREETHouse be- comes a regular word in the vocabu- lary of Trinity students, we are excit- ed with the progress we made this semester. Just some of our plans for the spring include snow-related outdoor activities, a garden, composting, and a film series, and we think with time we will create a diverse social atmosphere on campus that will be a part of Trinity’s culture for years to come.
Do It Day 2011

Thanks to all of the community groups and organizations for working with us!

The year started off with an event in the Underground Coffeehouse. Trinity’s Habitat for Humanity Chapter took part in the celebration happening around the world for World Habitat Day. Trinity’s very own talented poets and singers took the stage for the open-mic night that was filled with singing, jokes, and advocacy facts.

Trinity’s Habitat chapter has been going on a build once a month to Hartford Habitat’s biggest development to date—a sixteen-unit townhouse development between Laurel and South Marshall streets. This particular development is near and dear to Trinity’s Habitat chapter because over the course of three years, $15,000 has been raised and donated to this site making us one of the only educational institutes to co-sponsor this site. Our build coordinator, Alyssa Cuyjet ’14 has been organizing and recruiting builds so students can actually help put up the house they help sponsor.

Our fundraising co-chairs, Katie Masi ’13 and Connor McElligott ’14, continued the tradition of the Valentine’s Day goldfish. In addition, Katie and Connor handled the distribution of our care pack- age fundraising programs and our spare change drive in the residence halls.

With the help of our generous student body and time and effort the members have put in, the chapter has continued on raising money for the possibility of sponsoring more houses along with funding our annual alternative spring break trip. This year, the destination is Florida! Our spring break coordinators Monica Au-Yeung ’12 and Byron Doerfer ’14 are planning an amazing trip and have been working on everything from recruitment, getting funding, and transportation to scheduling time in the Florida sun.
Friends Active in Civic Engagement and Service

Summer Training and Orientation
Spring 2012 Upcoming Events

January
25 Community Service Fair: Representatives from more than 30 campus community service groups will set up booths in the basement of Mather and to recruit new members.

28 Habitat for Humanity build on South Marshall Street

February
4 Soupers Bowl Food Drive: Food drive held at a local supermarket the day before the Super Bowl to benefit the Hartford Catholic Worker, Habitat for Humanity build on South Marshall Street

7-13 Habitat for Humanity Valentine’s Day Goldfish Fundraiser

14 Bantam Bazaar Tag Sale! A large campus wide tag sale with this year’s proceeds directed to the Mad River Valley Hurricane Relief Fund.

15 Amnesty International screening of War Child.

18 Work day with Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (Quest scholars)

21 Red Cross Blood Drive and National Bone Marrow Registration Drive (sponsored by Psi Upsilon), Stop the Raids screening of The Other Side of Immigration

March
2 ConnPIRG Community Kitchen, Darfur Awareness Shabbat at Hillel, Relay for Life Squash Tournament, Green Campus showing of King Corn at the TREEHouse at 6pm

3 Work day with A Hand Up (JELLO)

4 Best Buddies and the Dischords at 4pm in Hamlin Hall, Habitat for Humanity spare change drive

7 Amnesty International screening of No Longer Silent

8 ACES Annual Auction for Charity: A variety of items will be auctioned off during Mather dinner with proceeds going to the HartBeat Ensemble.

10 Green Campus Vigilante Recycling, Habitat for Humanity build on South Marshall Street, Work date with A Hand Up (Alpha Phi Alpha), Make A Difference Day at Burns Latino Studies Academy

12-15 Darfur March Madness fundraiser, Best Buddies Spread the Word to End the Word

17-25 Alternative Spring Break with Habitat for Humanity: 25 Trinity students will spend their spring break building houses with Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach.

27 Deadline for applications to The Fred Pfeil Community Project for academic year 2012-2013

29 Amnesty International presents Leaving La Floresta (story of displacement in Colombia)

30 Green Campus showing of 180˚ South at the TREEHouse at 6pm

31 ACES Princess and the Prom

April
11 Amnestea—human rights write-a-thon at The Fred.

14 Praxis work day with the Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (NINA), Lions Club Wine & Cheese: An annual fundraising event for Lions in the Greater Hartford.

24 Connecticut Higher Education Community Service Awards

26 Amnesty International presents Joseph Burlett, the Executive Director of the Human Trafficking Awareness (HTA) Council.

27-28 Relay For Life: An overnight campus-wide walk to raise awareness about cancer while simultaneously fundraising for the American Cancer Society.

May
5 Fun Fair: Student groups set up booths and host carnival for local children at Riverfront Plaza, collaborating once again with Samba Fest

12-25 Dump and Run—end-of-the-year salvage of residence hall items for donation to The Coop thrift shop, Tabor House, Interval House, and other local nonprofits