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Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement

Annual Community Events Staff (ACES) by Emily Howe ‘13

This spring semester started off with a bang with the continuation of our Ready to Read book drive. We were able to collect over 120 children’s books from Trinity students and faculty in order to provide each pre-k and kindergarten student at the Kennelly School with a new book and additionally provide gently used books to the Kennelly School library. Emily Howe, our Co-President, and new member, Stephanie Maskell, delivered the books to the Kennelly School, and the Kennelly students were thrilled to pick new books of their very own.

Our second event of the semester was a canned food drive called “Soup-er Bowl” taking place in February during the Super Bowl weekend. ACES members took shifts standing outside of a number of grocery stores in the area to solicit non-perishable donations from shoppers to benefit the Hartford Catholic Worker. We were able to collect two cars full of donations, an amount estimated to be more than we have ever collected before!

In early April, ACES hosted our annual prom dress drive during which we requested prom dress donations from Trinity College students and faculty to bring to the Princess and the Prom event. The “dress picking days” occurred on April 5, 6, and 7, where young women from the Greater Hartford area attended to try on and choose their favorite dress. We were able to collect 19 dresses and provide 3 ACES members to volunteer at the event.

Lastly, we helped to organize this year’s Samba Fest by requesting the participation of various student groups. We recruited 11 enthusiastic student organizations to host activity tables for the event, including Amnesty International that hosted a henna activity, and Kappa Kappa Gamma that hosted a water balloon toss. Samba Fest is always a fun and exciting way for ACES to end the year, as we all enjoy getting off campus, spending time in the nice weather, and getting to do activities with children.

We are excited to announce that our leaders for next year will be Megan O’Brien and Bria Lewis as Co-Presidents, and Georgianna Wynn as Public Relations Representative.

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Spring 2013 Selected Highlights

**January**
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JELLO service trip in Hartford, CT.

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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**
2
Soup-er Bowl Food Drive: Food drive held at a local supermarket the day before the Super Bowl that benefited the Hartford Catholic Worker. Several carloads of goods were collected!

Habitat for Humanity Build

12
Bantam Bazaar, an enormous school tag sale, raised over $1,500

**March**
7
ACS Annual Auction for Charity: Raised over $3,500 for My Sister’s Place, a local women’s and children’s shelter

12
Amnesty International Panel: What’s Homelessness Got To Do With Human Rights?

25-29
Best Buddies Spread the Word to End the Word Week featuring guest speaker Marc Elliot

**April**
7
TREEHouse Hike to Mount Greylock

12
Lions Club Wine and Cheese Induction Ceremony

13
Habitat for Humanity Executive Board Retreat

20-26
Earth Week: With the support of several academic departments, Green Campus and the TREEHouse host lectures, movie screenings, and a variety of activities to raise environmental consciousness on campus.

Praxis Tree planting at Knox Parks

26-27
Relay for Life: More than 600 students participated in the overnight event that raised more than $40,000 to support the American Cancer Society.

28
Best Buddies at the Naugatuck Savings Bank – Cheshire Marathon 5k

**May**
4
Fun Fair & Sambafest Student groups set up booths on the riverfront plaza downtown Hartford to provide activities for children attending the Sambafest

6
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Over 100 student volunteers were honored at a formal dinner in the Washington Room.

7
Dump & Run: A campus-wide clothing and reusable item drive coordinated by Green Campus. Thousands of items were collected and donated to local shelters.

Graduation Pledge: Graduation seniors pledge to be more “socially responsible” in their future careers.

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Praxis by Shawna Berk ’13

Praxis had another fun-filled semester, welcoming some new members and building stronger community with current members. We branched out and did some new events that we haven’t done before but got to know the city of Hartford a litte bit better.

We kicked off the monthly service projects in February at Dutchpoint Community Center working with Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout area coordinator, Lady K, invited us to help girls create crafts at their weekly sessions on Saturday mornings. It is the first time we have worked with Girl Scouts. Even though the turnout of girls that showed up was small, it warmed our hearts and hands (there was a lot of snow on the ground) to make Valentine themed crafts. The heart crafts were put on several doors in the Doonesbury and made it look festive. An added bonus of the day, Thin Mint Girl Scout cookies for snack.

In March a group of us teamed up with Habitat for Humanity. It was a sunny but chilly day, luckily we were working inside. Our job was to tile the bathroom floors of two townhouses; let’s just say that it is a lot harder that it looks. But our contractor was there to make sure we were doing a good job and gave us an “A+” upon final inspection.

Another first was volunteering at the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum in April. Several members went there on a Saturday to help with their “Second Saturdays for Families” event. Praxis members help guide guest at the event and helped run a craft station. We also had planned a tree planting that month but it was canceled due to rain. The year was wrapped up with Samba Fest in May.

The Riverfront was host live music and activities. Praxis members ran a craft table where kids (and adults) could make friendship bracelets. The bracelets were a hit with both the kids and college students. Overall we had an eventful year, full of new projects and collaborations. I am so excited to announce that Diana Ryan was voted to be the next Praxis Coordinator.

Keep an eye out for Praxis next year, as we look to become more involved in the Hartford and Trinity communities under Ms. Ryan’s direction.
On Tuesday, April 23, 2012 the Jones-Zimmermann Academic Mentoring Program (J-Z A.M.P.) celebrated the graduation of twenty J-Z A.M.P. mentees in the company of mentors, families, friends, staff, teachers and other program supporters. The spring 2013 semester not only marked J-Z A.M.P.’s 24th consecutive semester of successful programming but was also the culminating semester for the current group of middle school mentees from the Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (HMTCA).

Congratulations mentees on your promotion to high school! Thank you for giving mentors an opportunity to be part of your middle school experience!

Since September 2001, the J-Z A.M.P. has provided after-school mentoring, tutoring and enrichment activities and monthly field trips for a select group of HMTCA middle school students. J-Z A.M.P. is part of a larger mentoring community in the state; with sister programs at Sacred Heart University (Bridgeport) and Yale University (New Haven), which are all funded with the generous support of the Marie and John Zimmermann Foundation. All three college sites share the same program model: recruit approximately 30 low-performing 6th grade students, enroll them for 3 consecutive years of programming and then, match two of those students with one college mentor. Throughout their 6th, 7th, and 8th grade years, mentees and mentors engage in the “triangle model” (one mentor-to-two mentees) to strengthen reading, math and writing levels.

For the 2012-2013 academic year, the mentees worked with 15 fantastic mentors twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays after-school at HMTCA. In addition to countless hours of homework help and tutoring, mentees and mentees participated in enrichment activities, like home-made trivia games, cooking, team-building exercises, movies and Trinity College tours. They also went on monthly field trips throughout the year to Nomad’s Adventure Quest for laser tag and arcade games; activities and tours at Trinity College; wall climbing and outdoor games at Riverfront Recap-ture; roller-skating at Ron-A-Roll; and petting baby sharks and walking through fun exhibits at Mystic Aquarium!

Some Spring 2013 Highlights:

- Mentees and mentors came together in a special group workshop in January to kick-off their last semester in the program, learn about goal-setting and motivation through small group discussions and group activities.

- In February mentees and mentors roller-skated to the latest songs and hits at Ron-A-Roll skating rink! This trip was particularly special for mentees because it was their first field trip as a group in 2010, when they started the program 3 years ago!

- In April, mentors and Mentees took an exciting field trip to Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, CT where they learned about ocean life, took photos with whales and touched baby sharks—alongside trained staff!

- We ended our semester and year with our Graduation Ceremony & Dinner at Trinity College where we celebrated the 8th grade promotion, the cohort’s graduation from the program, Honor Roll recipients and gave special recognition and awards to select mentees and mentors! We enjoyed a delicious meal in the company of program families, mentors and HMTCA teachers and staff. At this year’s dinner we had a special performance by Trinity College’s all-male a cappella group, The Accidentals!

In our final weeks together, we spent time reflecting on the 2010-2013 J-Z A.M.P. experience. At times we did it formally and intentionally as a group, other times in brief conversations with teachers, friends and or our J-Z A.M.P. bus drivers after-school. These moments of reflection were mostly represented in unspoken gestures and interactions between mentees and mentors.
After 3 years of being together, you really do start to resemble a wacky family of sorts. For mentees and mentors alike, it was often difficult to articulate in a word or two of how much growth they have experienced in their relationships with one another. One proud mentee, Kayla Cruz, who achieved her goal of earning honor roll this year described her past 3 years as: “My mentors, really all the mentors in the program these past 3 years, have helped me become a better student. They kept me motivated when I was having a hard time and they made sure I had fun too. I’m not that worried about high school any more. I’m excited for high school and college!”

At our final graduation ceremony, our mentors shared with mentees and the audience the many lessons that they learned from their mentees. Year after year, J-Z A.M.P. mentors recognize one of the greatest and most rewarding aspects of the mentoring relationship is the opportunity to learn from one another. In our triangle mentoring model of two mentees and one mentor, the ability to be both a teacher and learner is crucial for both the mentee and mentor.

Trinity At Kennelly by Tim Naratil ‘14

The Trinity mentors had another successful semester with the E. B. Kennelly School (Kennelly) sixth graders. Although our group of volunteers was smaller than usual, the enthusiasm of Trinity and Kennelly students was as great as ever! The Trinity mentors helped Kennelly teachers and students Monday through Thursday in math, social studies, science, and English language arts classes. Our mentors were always a welcomed addition to the classroom, where they were often able to assist students one-on-one, enabling teachers to focus more on planning lessons and teaching the entire class. While the sixth graders benefitted from this additional academic guidance and enjoyed interacting with college students, the Trinity mentors were fortunate to meet such a diverse and energetic group of students. The interaction between Trinity and Kennelly was a productive experience for all involved.

The Trinity mentors brought the semester to an exciting conclusion by hosting a party for the Kennelly students on campus. After walking over to the Mill, the sixth graders were able to enjoy Trinity and have a fun experience with their mentors. In addition to seeing an entertaining a cappella performance by the Accidentals, Kennelly’s students had the opportunity to eat pizza, run around and play outside, make bracelets, and tour Trinity’s campus. The success of the party was evident in the great time had by all and made the hard work and commitment of the Trinity mentors worthwhile. Although the mentoring program is still relatively new, it was rewarding to complete another successful year and it is exciting to look forward to the program’s potential for the future. Thank you to the Trinity students who devoted themselves to mentoring this past semester and thank you to Trinity, particularly the Community Service Office, for supporting the program. Finally, we appreciate Kennelly’s continued cooperation and hope everyone has a great summer!
Best Buddies by Shanice Hinckson ‘15

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. During the Spring semester the Trinity Chapter of Best Buddies tried to keep ourselves very busy. Unfortunately in February there was a huge storm that forced us to cancel our movie plans for that week.

March however was a huge month for us because it was our SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD campaign against the R-word. For the entire week after Spring break Best Buddies conducted an awareness and informational campaign encouraging the entire Trinity community to sign a pledge to stop using the R-word. The R-word has hurtful effects and we want to make others aware of the negativity that is emitted when it is said. We were able to collect over 600 signatures from the Trinity campus and we gave away T-shirts.

This year Best Buddies was lucky enough to have Marc Elliot come and speak on tolerance. An issue that has been especially important to the Trinity community recently. We had a great turn out from the student body and even the buddies in the Hartford area were able to stop by. The Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign was co-sponsored by CLEO, AASA, TCB-WO, I-House, Imani, Stop the Raids, Amnesty International, & the SGA. We thank all those who helped contribute to the success of the campaign by signing the pledge and coming to Marc Elliot's discussion.

In April Best Buddies participated in Connecticut Chapter Best Buddies 5k Marathon. We volunteered and cheered on all of the runners. It was a great event where we got to see and meet a lot of other Best Buddies chapters in the area. As the year closed we were able to get many more students to show interest in Best Buddies and we were able to acquire a new host site for more buddies next year. All in all it was a great spring semester.

This year the executive board members of Best Buddies want to thank all new comers and buddy pairs. We could have never done any of these great things without your support. We are proud of all our accomplishments this fall semester.

A special thanks goes out to Giuliani Lopez for his support and guidance throughout the semester, He won the Best Buddies CT chapter's best advisor award and we are all very proud of him.

A huge thanks to our College Buddy Director, Ada Chai, who in her first complete year as CBD continuously strived to make the Best Buddies program here at Trinity as great as it can be, thank you for all of your dedication, creative ideas and effective leadership. She was also honorably mentioned for the Best CBD in CT. We plan only to continue to expand Best Buddies’ popularity on campus and strive hard for new and creative activities.
Amnesty International by Stephanie Clemente ‘14

Though our group is small, the Amnesty International Chapter at Trinity College has done amazing things this year. We began this year with less than 10 members, but due to the great leadership of upperclassmen and the enthusiasm of incoming freshmen members, we’ve further spread Amnesty’s name across campus to both students and faculty as a fun, determined group that educates the Trinity community on human rights issues.

Our first event of the year was one of our most popular events: a dinner and discussion with the six Tibetan nuns at the Mill. This event was truly one of the most eye-opening events of the year. It was co-sponsored by The Mill, Cleo of AX, the Human Rights Program, and the i-House, and each co-sponsor sent members to attend the dinner. This event really connected the international, intergovernmental issues surrounding Nepal and China on a more personal level. We heard stories from the nuns about their lives, how they ended up in Tibet, etc. They shared individual stories about how each of them became a nun, and it was incredible to hear how political issues in governance and international relations affected their lives on a personal level.

Later that month, we had a letter-writing night, cosponsored by Stop the Raids and LVL, as a part of our “Immigrants’ Rights are Human Rights” campaign in October. Though not many people showed up to the event, this letter-writing night was still a success; not only did we still write letters to senators and other Connecticut politicians, but the new members of Amnesty were able to see the planning process necessary in creating an event.

Our last event in October was a screening of the film “The Lazarus Effect,” cosponsored by the Darfur Coalition and the ONE Campaign.

We held our first panel of the year in November. This panel, called “Doing Advocacy in the Age of Technology,” was another popular event. Again, this panel gave the freshmen chances to take leadership in the club and help organize it. The room was flooded with people—so many that people had to bring in extra chairs, and even then, there were people standing in the back. We had three amazing speakers—Don Branson, technology manager for a company in Hartford, Cynthia Gabriel Walsh from Amnesty International’s Northeast Regional Office, and Michelle Noerhen of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women—that all gave great insight into how technology has affected advocacy campaigns.

We ended first semester with a letter writing night as a part of the “16 Days Against Gender-Based Violence” Campaign. In addition to writing letters, we also wrote facts about violence against women worldwide on pieces of paper cut in the shape of the female gender sign. By the end of the night, we had dozens of these signs, all filled with facts, which we hung up in Mather as a visual campaign.

Second semester, Amnesty focused on two campaigns: homelessness and human rights, and security with human rights. We began the new year with two film screenings. The first film we showed was entitled “Homeless in Paradise” and followed the lives of four individuals living on the streets of Santa Monica, California. This event brought in the most people that we’ve ever had for a film screening, partially due to our increased efforts to publicize Amnesty’s events to professors and departments. It was a terrific event, and with the help of many professors, we were able to educate a wide audience about the struggles with homelessness.

The second movie in our “Homelessness and Human Rights” series was called “From Somewhere to Nowhere: China’s Migrant Workers.” Thanks to the efforts of the i-House, a co-sponsor of this event, Dean Chen came and gave a brief introduction to the film, as he is an expert on China. At the end of the film, he was able to answer questions from the audience about current issues in China regarding homelessness and migrant workers as well. This addition to our film was beneficial and highly educational; everyone learned a lot from both the movie and Dean Chen’s additional contributions.

We wrapped up our “Homelessness and Human Rights” campaign with a panel in March called “What’s Homelessness Got to Do with Human Rights?” We had four amazing panelists: Shawn Lang, the director of Public Policy for AIDS Connecticut, Brian Baker, the assistant director of South Park Inn, Heather Pilarcik, the service coordinator for families and women at South Park Inn, and Shanelle Morris, a freshman who was willing to share her experience living in a shelter for women and children. We had an amazing turnout; again, thanks to help from professors, departments, and cosponsors, our event was widely publicized. This event was truly unique because it showed Trinity students that homelessness could truly happen to anyone. This panel provided students and the Trinity community to see how homelessness really is a human right, and how it was connected to policy and ground work of the panelists.

In addition to the letter writing campaign, we had another popular event: a screening of the film “The Lazarus Effect,” an incredibly powerful film about the detention of Guantanamo detainees, family of detainees, staff, and torturers. This film was particularly striking because we were able to hear accounts about Guantnamo from people that had actually been there; it was incredibly powerful.

This past year has been such an amazing experience. It has been so amazing to see Amnesty grow not only in membership, but also in power on this campus. We’ve held such great events with astounding turnouts, and I can’t wait to see what’s in store for next year.
Trinity Against Genocide by Hopie Hambleton ‘13

The Trinity College Darfur Coalition’s focus this semester was to begin the transition from the Darfur Coalition to Trinity Against Genocide (TAG). This transition to become TAG was motivated by the growing scope of genocide throughout the world. Although we still see the genocide in Darfur as a major problem, we decided that Darfur was not the only place in the world that needed our help. This semester, we kept in contact with our Darfur Dream Team Sister School, and told them about the other great things happening on campus like the Hip Hop Festival. Unfortunately our annual Darfur March Madness Bracket Competition did not work out, due to the timing of Spring Break and the beginning of the NCAA Tournament, we instead held a March Madness themed bake sale, with basketball cookies and cookies with teams’ school colors. Even though we lost a majority of our senior members this year, we were lucky enough to have three new members join us who worked very hard in developing TAG. Under next year’s new leadership, we are confident that TAG will be able to grow, and will continue to help change the lives of those suffering from the effects of genocide.

The Coop: Trinity Thrift Shop by Stephanie Garcia ‘15

The Coop is Trinity’s thrift store, located under Jackson Hall, facing the Life Sciences Quad, across from the Life Sciences Center. It was started by Giuliani Lopez in the Fall 2010 as a Green Campus project in collaboration with the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement and has continued running since. The purpose of The Coop is four-fold:

Salvage useable items that would otherwise be discarded by students, faculty, and staff, particularly from the College’s residence halls.

Provide an opportunity for Trinity College students, faculty, and staff to purchase needed used items inexpensively.

Provide students an opportunity to gain some experience running a (very) small business.

Raise money for community organizations with which we already have ongoing partnerships.

Most of the items available for purchase at The Coop are left behind by students at the end of the academic year and collected through a program called Dump and Run—a project of the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement and Green Campus. Dump and Run involves student volunteers collecting and salvaging useable items, which are then sorted, organized, and then either donated to local community organizations (e.g., Immaculate Conception Shelter, Interval House, Tabor House, Hartford Catholic Worker, Hartford Dog Pound, and the Salvation Army) or integrated into The Coop’s inventory.

This semester, 12 student volunteers ran the The Coop for a total of 24 hours per week. Some perks of volunteering include having first access to new items, having a new means by which to meet people, and having access to the collection of vintage Nintendo and Atari games, which can be played in the store.

It is important to state that The Coop’s success is due in large part to a number of campus offices, including the Office of Campus Life, Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement, Computing Center, and E&R Cleaners. We are very grateful for all of their support.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Coop for the spring ’13 semester, send an email to Giuliani Lopez at Giuliani.Lopez@trincoll.edu or to Stephanie Garcia ‘15 at Stephanie.Garcia@trincoll.edu.
Peter’s Retreat by Nicole Sagullo ‘13

This semester at Peter's Retreat, we did behind-the-scenes work to help clean, organize, and program. We volunteered on Friday afternoons. One afternoon, we cleaned and organized the all the kitchen's pots and pans as well as cleaned the shelves in the kitchen and whole dining room. It was great to be able to help out around the house for the residents. They really appreciate our help. Another week, we played chess and board games with the residents, which is always a good time bonding and getting to know them. The coordinators were gracious and very appreciative. Around Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras, we made masks with residents to wear at a Residential Party. David and I were able to make it to the party and enjoy the DJ, dancing, and playing games with the residents and other volunteers. The afternoon of mask-making was a lot of fun; each resident did an incredible job and worked very hard personalizing their mask. It was nice to see them feeling excited and accomplished. While in past years, we have done more sorting of donations and painting, this year had a lot of resident outreach, which I really enjoyed. There’s always something new to do at Peter’s Retreat, and it is a pleasure to help out in different ways.

Even though we only visit every other week, this small commitment means a lot to the residents. They were very excited for us to come to the Valentine's party. The relationships we make are incredibly meaningful, and our more important than any of the work we do or events we run. Our volunteers can rest assured knowing they have made a difference. Even the smallest signs of caring are greatly appreciated at Peter's Retreat. The staff is very supportive and excited when we come in. The residents are all called down, and the events are fun for everyone. If you are interested in getting involved, feel free to contact Nicole Sagullo at nicole.sagullo@trincoll.edu.
Habitat for Humanity—Collegiate Challenge 2012 by Byron Doefer ‘14

This semester, Trinity’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity continued to raise money in the hopes of sponsoring another house in the South Marshall Street housing development through Hartford Habitat for Humanity.

For fundraising, we distributed care packages for Valentine’s Day and finals week. Parents can buy various care packages through the Office of Community Service for their children, who will receive an email and note in their mailbox if they have received a package. Our most successful fundraiser this semester was our Spare Change Drive. We were able to raise over $300 by going through the dorms on campus and asking students if they had any spare change to donate towards our chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Mary Parducci kindly collected spare change for our Spare Change Drive in Accounting Services. All money raised goes towards our annual spring break trip or to housing developments in Hartford.

In February and March, Amnesty International held a screening of the film Homeless in Paradise and a homelessness panel during common hour, which Habitat for Humanity co-sponsored. Both of these events shed light on the prominent issue of homelessness across the country and in Connecticut.

Unfortunately due to weather, we were only able to attend 1 build this semester.

Trinity Adopt A Platoon by Jessica Fortin ‘14

For Trinity AdoptAPlatoon, spring of 2013 was an incredible semester of growth with revival in the form of new members, more soldiers, and more care packages. Once a two member club, we were able to recruit fourteen members, a faculty advisor (Joan Murphy), and secure funding from the SGA. Trinity AAP works closely with the national AdoptAPlatoon organization to secure soldier assignments and for assistance in running the club. Two members are assigned to one American soldier serving overseas and write a letter to their soldier every week (including the summer!). We currently support seven soldiers and have addition-ally been able to send each soldier a care package this semester. Trinity AAP also accomplished a one-time support of an platoon in need of supplies by sending them a shipment of care packages. Care package items requested range from toothpaste to magazines to antibiotic ointment, and the Trinity Advance-ment Office kindly donated blankets to send as well. We have been pushing full steam ahead this semester.

Trinity AAP is a unique club in the way that many members write to soldiers their own age, which lends a new perspective on gratitude and being a student. Some soldiers are able to write back, while some are not. For example my soldier, Kristina, recently returned to the states and is giving me and her other supporter and Vice President of AAP, Lisa, an American flag which flew above her camp in Afghanistan and is signed by her squad. It is such an amazing and rewarding experience to be able to provide support and thank those fighting overseas. Trinity AAP hopes to increase membership next year and support more soldiers.

We had about 8-10 people participate at the South Marshall Street development site where they did dry-walling and putting up walls.

Finally, we held a meeting in April with e-board and active general members to discuss our chapter. We were able to evaluate our chapter and decide what we would like to change to make it even better. With the help of our members, we will hopefully have new fundraisers for next year as well as more events on and off campus.

If you are interested in joining Habitat next year, we meet Sundays at 7:30 pm in the Community Service Office. You can also contact us at trinityhabitat@gmail.com for more information. We hope to see you soon!
This year, Relay for Life held its 7th Relay at Trinity. We held smaller events throughout the year, such as the “Boob Cookies” sale during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With cookies frosted to look like breasts, they would attract attention of those in Mather, as well as raise awareness about cancer and Relay for life. Though we had a slow start with the annual Ice Cream Social this year, the 15 member planning committee didn’t let it get them down. Our final fall event was the “Save the Balls” Dodgeball Tournament. The winning team of the tournament, and the team with the best costumes, won shirts that said “Save the Balls”. Held right after Thanksgiving Break, over 70 students participated.

In the spring semester, we turned our sights to our biggest event of the year, the all-night Relay for Life on April 26th. By the end of the night, we had registered 66 teams, 495 participants and raise $39,504.45. Though the night had fun events like the date auction and lip sync contest, the Ceremony of Hope is always the most moving part of the night. The Ceremony is to remember those who have fought cancer. It serves as a reminder to why we all Relay. The money we fundraise goes to finding a cure, while also providing care to survivors.

Bantam Bazaar by Giuliani Lopez

The 4th Annual Bantam Bazaar, held on February 12, 2013 in the Washington Room, successfully raised over $1,500 for Hurricane Sandy Relief in Connecticut. Students, faculty and administrators and alum donated a wide variety of goods for the Bazaar including clothing, books, electronics, and household items. There was something for everyone at the Bazaar, be it a vintage outfit or a new movie to watch during Trinity Days.

2013 Honors’ Day Awards

The Samuel Fishzohn Awards for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Community Service was established in 1966 in memory of Samuel S. Fishzohn, Class of 1925, a prominent figure in social work and welfare. These awards are given each year to two students in each of the two categories:

1. Community Service- for a student who has demonstrated initiative and creativity in community service related to important social issues.
   Recipient: Shawna Berk and David Pierce

2. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties--for a student who has worked with dedication in civil rights, civil liberties or race relations.
   Recipient: Ada Chai and Sarah Kacevich

Alexander Goldfarb Award for Community Service is awarded jointly by the City of Hartford and Trinity College to the Trinity student who, through community service, has done the most during this current year to benefit the City of Hartford and its citizens.
   Recipients: Emily Howe and Gracie Phillips

The St. Anthony Hall Community Service Award was established by the St. Anthony Hall Foundation. It is awarded annually to a Trinity College fraternity or sorority member who has demonstrated initiative, creativity, and commitment in the areas of service, activism, and/or civic engagement during the academic year. In conjunction with this award, a financial contribution will be made in the recipient’s name to support a nonprofit organization or community programming initiative of his or her choosing.
   Recipient: Michael Atsalis and Kathyrn Masi