

HI-Y Volunteer Initiatives
HI-Y Leadership Center
Ohio-West Virginia YMCA

November 30, 2011

Bend Area HI-Y (Mason County, WV) brought downtown Point Pleasant *Alive* by decorating three store front windows for Christmas on November 13! The windows are downstairs from HI-Y's office. Already the Mason County Development Director, Charles Humphreys, has praised the Bend HI-Y for taking a lead in downtown Point Pleasant "light up for Christmas" campaign. After decorating the group held a meeting in the HI-Y offices where they enjoyed cookies and pizza.

The Bend Area has also collected change for the Cancer Society in October. Their next meeting is Christmas Caroling to shut-ins in their community.

Elkins Middle School HI-Y (West Virginia) 100 HI-Y teens conducted their 11th annual school-wide **Veterans Appreciation Day** on November 10, 2011. HI-Y members organized the program, invited veterans, led an appreciation assembly, and hosted a luncheon where veterans were at each table to talk with students and answer their questions about their military service. Veterans appreciate being honored by students and especially the opportunity to share their stories with an interested younger generation.



McClain HI-Y, Jackson HI-Y and TRI-HI-Y (Ohio) tackle hunger and homelessness with food drives and clothing drives plus held "Cardboard City" overnights on the school lawn to draw public attention to the plight of the homeless in



their communities. **Weirton HI-Y and TRI-HI-Y** (West Virginia) offer local children a safe night out for Halloween with games, food and a full range of activities in the school gym.

This year HI-Ys in Ohio and West Virginia will invest more than 100,000 hours of volunteer service helping their schools, communities, organizations, and individuals in need. **Valley HI-Y** (West Virginia) has already given more than 20,000 hours of volunteer service this year.



Buckhannon Upshur HI-Y reaches out to help with Pennies for Puppies, Coat Drive, Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Shoot for a Cure, Stadium Clean-Ups, raising money for a person whose house burned.

Carroll HI-Y (OH) holds Pop Tab and Turkey Collections.

Fostoria HI-Y (OH) Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, Grocery shopping to create Christmas Baskets for the Salvation Army; Box City; Human Society, Nursing Home assistance.

Grafton HI-Y leads Food Drives, helps the Humane Society, Reads to Children in the Hospital, Valentine's for Seniors, and does a Clothing Drive for Youth Opportunity Camp.

Horace Mann Jr. HI-Y (Charleston, WV) School tailgate serving food to the school community prior to the football game plus build school and community spirit, TrickOrTreat for UNICEF disadvantaged children, Ambervision – signed school members up for this tool to locate missing children, Food Drives, Thanksgiving week baking 8 turkey for the homeless dinner hosted by the Frank Veltry Community Dinner, Adopt A Family with items to a local family in need.

Herbert Hoover HI-Y (Charleston, WV) Food Bank campaign or food and toiletries, Cardboard Center, Davis Child Care, LERMA.

Jackson HI-Y and TRI-HI-Y (OH) Shoe Box Ministries (Operation Christmas Child), Make Blankets for Clothesline, Canned Food Drives, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes and Community, Sponsor Needy Family at Christmas.

Mason County HI-Ys (Bend Area and Point Pleasant HI-Ys) Christmas Boxes for Soldiers, Clothes Collection for YOC, Thanksgiving Meal, Christmas Cards to Elderly and passed out the cards in the Nursing Home, Dog Rescue Volunteers, Bottles for Breast Cancer, Virgil Lewis House Museum Restoration, Hi-Y Awareness Table at Wahama HS Homecoming.

McClain HI-Y (OH) Trash pickups in Greenfield and on our school campus, Making Placemats for food trays at the nursing home; Holiday Cards for Ronald McDonald House.

Morgantown HI-Y helps out in Days of Caring and raked leaves for the local AIDS Center.

Oak Hill HI-Y (WV) Pennies for Patience, Cardboard City, Teacher Appreciation, Blood Drive, Socks for Soldiers, Soldier Appreciation, Walk Your Socks Off, Sock it to Cancer, Nursing Home Tie-dye, Chili Feed, School Supply Drive, Bulletin Board to Recognize School Alumni in the Military, Card Box City, Chelsey Light, Bridge Day Volunteers, Homelessness Awareness, .

Ripley HI-Y (WV) Trick-or-Treat for Canned Food, Penny Wars, Adopt A Family, Make Blankets for Hospital Patients, Shoe Boxes for Soldiers, Cards for Soldiers, Read to Me Day, Food Pantry, Collect Items for Animal Shelter, Cards for Nursing Homes.

Sherman HI-Y (WV) Assisted with Miner's Re-Training Class; Helped with Freshman Orientation; worked at the Big coal River Heritage Fair at John Slack Park; raised money for Breast Cancer Awareness; Halloween Party for 50 area children; Money and canned food to food banks to help 30 families for Thanksgiving; Respond to letters to Santa from Kindergarten children; help the Home Health Care Program; Weaving blankets for the homeless from plastic bags.

Spencer Middle School HI-Y Food Drives, Weekly Recycling, Book Drives, Yard Sale for YOC, YOC Clothing and Toiletry Drives, Dance to benefit YOC, Sponsored Four Children to YOC, Appreciation Dinner for School Janitor and Office Staff, Basket Bingo for HI-Y Missions.

Summersville Jr. HI-Y – Appreciation Cards to Teachers and School Staff for American Education Week; Created individual cards with personal messages to each faculty and staff member; Decorated a tree in the front entry of the school for Christmas; Visit elderly/disabled at Summersville Regional Medical Center's convalescent wing; Decorate bulletin board for a month at the Board of Education office featuring activities of the school/ Trash pick-up around school and a local park, Tutor students; Help local mission projects; Angle Tree gift purchase and wrapping for 2 children.

Tucker County HI-Y Search and Rescue in Dolly Sods, Food Drives, Angel Tree, Valentines and Christmas Cards for Elderly.

Martinsburg HI-Y (Berkeley County, WV) Blood Drive for American Red Cross, Mentoring at Boys and Girls Club, Food Drive, Thanksgiving Assistance, Caps for Chemotherapy Patients, Pet Food and Supplies Drive, Berkeley Heights Project.

Roane County HI-Y Canned Food Drive, Basket Bingo and Food Drive for YOC Donations, Donations to help Blessed Hope Foundation Orphanage in Uganda, Christmas Cards to Nursing Home, Great American Bake Sale, UNICEF Tap Project to fund drinking water for 3rd world nations.

Tyler Consolidated High School HI-Y (WV) Adopt a Highway, Salvation Army Bell-ringing, Adams House Food Bank, Bingo at the Nursing Home, OC Drive, Socks for Soldiers, Cards for Veterans, College Night.

Wheeling Park HI-Y Day of Caring in the Upper Ohio Valley, Stockings for US Soldiers in Afghanistan; raising money for the Miracle League baseball field; assist the local Easter Seals Telethon; Can Food Drives; Toys for Tots at Christmas.

Wirt County HI-Y Trick or Treat in the Halls, PTO Babysitting, Pioneers Day breakfast, Operation Christmas Child, Horseshoe Project Stuff Campaign, Trick-or-

treat for Canned Goods, School Official Appreciation Week, Freshmen Week flyers, Homeless Ministry Clothing Drive, Concessions, Football Reserved Parking, Very Special Arts Day, Operation Prom, Artsbridge, Secret Santa, Feinsein Challenge, HI-Y Mission Contributions, Trash Pick Ups, Christmas Cards to Troops, Teacher Appreciation, Football Field Sign, Bleacher Clean Up, Museum Christmas Tree, Museum Sentinels, Clothing Drive, Park Clean Up.

Wyoming East Food Drives, Care Packages for Soldiers.