

Heart 2 Heart

Spotlight on: Community Ministries

Community Ministries is one way Cedarville "equips students for lifelong leadership and service" with over 80 weekly ministry teams, 11 Spring Break trips, and over 100 other ministry opportunities from local churches and organizations. Most ministry teams meet weekly to minister to the surrounding community. There's someplace for everyone to serve whether it is in church ministry, crisis pregnancy/abstinence ministry, evangelism/urban outreach ministry, tutoring ministry, youth and children's ministry, prison ministry, hospital ministry, nursing home/elderly visitation ministry, or special needs ministry.

John Wambold, director of Community Ministries, works mainly behind the scenes with the ministry teams. The most rewarding part of his job is reading the team leader and student evaluations at the end of the year. "It's almost overwhelming to read all the stories of how God worked in a student's life or in a life of a person they serve. It's neat to see how God puts the right people in the right place at the right time."

Community Ministries student team leaders serve as the contact for students, Community Ministries, and the ministry leadership. Mark Kwast, team leader for Forest Ridge AWANA, joined a ministry because he wanted to make an impact in others lives. "So many people have helped me out and have made an impact in my life. Because of my ministry, I changed my major

to education and am thankful for every minute of my new major. Working with kids is definitely what I have been called to do."

Kelly Witte, one of the team leaders for STARS, joined the ministry because she realized people and relationships make life more full. "Some days it's hard to get away from my homework but I'm never disappointed when I return from investing that three hours in someone other than myself. I am so humbled to think God would use me to show His love to others. Community Ministries is a way to think about others and not get caught up in the grind of school work. Ten years from now it will not matter if you get a 'B' or an 'A' in a class, but it does matter if you took time to build a relationship with others and with God. Community Ministries is one way of doing that!"

Kristen Neal, Greene County Residential Treatment Center for Girls team leader, got involved because of the many opportunities on campus she may not have later in life. "We are a big sister/little sister kind of ministry and just seeing how impressionable these young girls are has made me realize the affect I can have on these girls. It has made me realize the responsibilities that God has given me. Someday I would like to open a home to girls who have nowhere to go and need help. Being in this ministry has helped affirm the desire of seeing that dream fulfilled."

Jenny Eby, team leader for the Pregnancy

Resource Center (PRC), got involved because she wanted to give back to the community and be able to share Christ's love with those in need. "Being involved with Community Ministries helped open my eyes to the needs of the community around me. Serving at the PRC helped me realize how many hurting women there are just a few miles from our campus who need love and support. It's been a fun and rewarding experience and has helped me put into action what I have learned in Bible classes and chapel."

These four team leaders recommend getting involved in a ministry because it helps take the focus off you and onto others, as well allowing you to meet other students with a passion for serving God's Kingdom in the same ministry. Involvement with Community Ministries allows to you get out of the 'Cedarville bubble' and have opportunities to share your faith while at Cedarville.

It's never too late to join a ministry, so contact a student leader today. In addition to these student-led ministries, Community Ministries keeps a list of local churches and organizations who are looking for one-time or regular volunteers. For more information about Community Ministries, contact John Wambold or visit www.cedarville.edu/community.



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Ministry Opportunities

The IOOF Nursing Home team needs more volunteers. Contact Deborah Young for more information.

Adopt-a-Block could use more volunteers. Contact Mike Hubenthal for more information.

Castle Knoll nursing home needs more volunteers. Contact Caroline Stewart for more information.

Clowns for Christ would love to have more participants. Contact Rob Cook for more information.

Far Hills Community Kreation Kidz needs more volunteers, especially males. Contact Shanna Banks for more information.

Forest Ridge Baptist AWANA needs more volunteers. Contact Mark Kwast for more information.

Northside Baptist AWANA needs more males to help with 4th-6th grade boys. For more information, contact Hannah Mingonet,

"What are you doing today that only a Christian can do?"

Corrie Ten Boom

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

John 13:14-15

If you have any questions about Community Ministries or Heart 2 Heart, contact Brynn Paine or stop by Christian Ministries in the DMC.