

**Indiana State University
Community Engagement Activities
Department Annual Report
2007**

Project Name:

Bringing the First Year Experience into View

Description

Entering freshmen from different ethnic groups, geographic origins, and levels of high school performance were asked to take pictures of factors influencing their decision to stay or to leave Indiana State University. The participant selection method did not ensure a representative sample, but did provide a glimpse into diverse experiences students encountered during their first year of college. Students returned the cameras and came in for an interview about their experiences and pictures.

The pictures were then transferred onto 36" diameter foam board made to look like ViewMaster reels and mounted onto rotating easels, allowing the users to interact with the display.

How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?

OSPIRE does and will continue to actively participate in community engagement activities. Our office is able to provide unique and much-sought-after expertise in the current data-driven world we live in.

What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

Feedback has been very positive and enthusiastic from both prospective students and their families, as well as professional colleagues from across the state.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

None.

Who from the community is involved?

At present, all prospective students and their families who come on campus for an Admissions-related function. Hope to make it a traveling exhibit around campus.

Who from ISU is involved?

Staff from OSPIRE, the President's Office, and CIRT.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
30	All across campus and Terre Haute	No

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Project Name:
Habitat for Humanity

Description

Building a Habitat for Humanity house sponsored by ISU

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What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

We helped build a home for an underprivileged family; the long-term impact is huge.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

None

Who from the community is involved?

Various

Who from ISU is involved?

OSPIRE staff, among many others

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
None	Terre Haute community	No

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Project Name:
Days of Caring

Description

United Way Days of Caring are community-wide events that connect volunteers to local nonprofit organizations and promote volunteerism through community service.

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What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

Helped CC staff meet some important deadlines in their efforts to do outreach to the community. Hopefully, we helped make a couple hundred kids' Christmas a little brighter.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

None

Who from the community is involved?

Families from the surrounding communities.

14th and Chestnut Community Center is an ecumenical ministry of the Terre Haute District of the United Methodist Church. The center's programs include after-school and summer programming for children and

Who from ISU is involved?

OSPIRE staff, among others

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
None	14th & Chestnut Community Center	No