

OSU ALUMNI CLUB OF KNOX COUNTY PARTICIPATES IN THE COUNTY-WIDE FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY DECEMBER 2010

I. Mount Vernon Christmas Walk November 28

Our club's entry was a truck decorated with OSU and club signs. Driven by Dave Daniels and carrying 4 musicians – 3 are OSUMB Alumni and one is currently in OSUMB.



Playing the Buckeye tunes were Timm Mackley, Andrew Mackley, Bob Atwell, and Steve Bechtel, all from Knox County.

Carrying an Alumni Flag and leading the truck was Garrett Rassing. Passing out candy were Joyce Skocic and Jan Schild.



Parade Prep with Garrett, Jan, Joyce, Dave spelling out O – H – I – O -in front and Steve Bechtel and Bob Atwell tuning up.

II. Community Auctions to benefit Food for the Hungry



Fredericktown: Amy Seward created the wreath for the Fredericktown live auction that sold for nearly \$40. →

← Danville: Joanne Snow created the wreath that sold for \$100 in the silent auction.



Mount Vernon: Our club joined with the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County to fill an OSU cooler that was part of a silent/live auction. The cooler contained all the necessities for a picnic/tailgate party as well as an OSUMB CD, a king-sized Buckeye checker game, pompoms, chips and salsa, and a #1 foam finger. It sold for a whopping \$425 to benefit local food pantries.

All three of these items also contained an OSU football ornament that had been autographed by Craig Krenzler at our October Spirit Event.

Our Club's auction items raised a total of **\$563**. But that is just the beginning. When that money is spent at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, each dollar is equivalent to **\$8** spent at a local grocery store. In other words, we will account for **\$4,504** worth of food if purchased locally.

III. December 11, 2010 Mount Vernon Collection Day

Eleven club members and one outside “Friend of OSU and Food for the Hungry” drove trucks from local auto dealers to the area collection points in the morning and then on to the food pantries to be unloaded in the afternoon. Four other members shuttled the truck drivers back to their own vehicles.



New member Bob Boyd drove in a full truck to be weighed and unloaded to fill shelves at the Salvation Army.

IV. Conclusion

Food for the Hungry continues to be the major service project for our Knox County Alumni Club. Throughout the autumn, Board Member Jan Schild represented our club at Food for the Hungry organizational meetings. Jan then coordinated the auction items as well as the trucks and drivers. Many members are aware of the project and notified Jan as early as the Spirit Event in October that they wanted to take part. In all, 20 Knox County Club members took part in some aspect this club project. We also know that many other members donated time, food, and cash to Food for the Hungry.

The 2010 Food for the Hungry drive collected just shy of \$160,600 and 52 truckloads of food, with 100% staying here in Knox County. The collections benefit Interchurch Social Services and the Salvation Army.

You can read more about Knox County's Food for the Hungry at www.foodforthehungrycares.org.