WORTHINGTON SCRANTON STUDENTS BRING JOY TO Make-A-Wish Children of North-Eastern Pennsylvania.

By: Anthony Fabrikant

Shawn Booths, a student at Penn State Worthington Scranton, lifts the spirits of Make-A-Wish children as they board a bus bound for Lehigh Valley International Airport (LVI).

Forty-seven children, upon arrival to LVI, boarded a 727, donated by South-East Airlines, and, along with Shawn, took-off for a flight to the North Pole, at least that is what the kids thought. Upon landing at LVI, they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, who arrived by Airport fire-engines.

Shawn stated, “To be able to brighten a child’s life, if even for a brief time, is a gift that I will cherish for years to come. It was a privilege to be able to help these kids.”

The Cub’s Roar Editor, also a PSU Worthington Scranton student, Anthony Fabrikant, donated the photography of all the children with Santa. Thereafter, he collected monies from faculty, staff, and students to develop the photographs. However, because Sam’s Club pitched-in, the $55.00 which was raised, were given to the Make-A-Wish foundation on behalf of Penn State Worthington Scranton students, faculty, and staff. The full list of contributors will be posted in the on-line edition of the Cub’s Roar.

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Welcome to the Spring Semester 2004 at Penn State Worthington Scranton! For all of you who were here last fall, I hope your grades were all you hoped they would be and that you are returning refreshed and ready to complete the academic year. For all of you who are new students to the Worthington Scranton campus, I welcome you to an environment where you can achieve your academic goals in ways more responsive to your personal circumstances, have a lot of fun, and meet interesting faculty, staff and fellow students. Penn State Worthington Scranton is a great place to pursue a diversity of opportunities.

To get the most of your college experiences, it is essential to be involved. Here at Penn State Worthington Scranton, there are many club and activities where you can meet people, provide a service to others, and enjoy being in college. Get involved in athletics—join a team, go to a game, try out for cheerleading. Being involved helps you to develop in many ways; you can hone skills you already have and develop new ones as you study and attend class. Getting involved in student activities is a great way to further develop leadership skills and the skills necessary for interacting with people. For more suggestions on how to get involved, drop by the student activities office or speak to anyone in the Student Government Association.

You can succeed here at Penn State Worthington Scranton. We have lots of resources here to help you. Review all your academic debts first with your faculty adviser or some one at the Learning Center. Make use of the career services available to plan for your future. Two or in Student Affairs if you are experiencing any personal challenges and need to talk to someone. If you want to share your experiences as a college student, please make an appointment to speak with me. I really enjoy being a college student and will do everything possible so that you will too.

Good luck with the Spring Semester 2004!

Paul Shang, Ph.D.
Director of Student Affairs

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For anyone interested, please contact the Community Human Service Organization president, Dominick Chipriano, at 484-991-5699.

Making a difference, reach out and touch someone, leave no child behind, all of these slogans show vigorous care. The act of caring is essential to our nation as well as our world, and there is a campus club that focuses on its attention completely on caring. The Community Human Service Organization is a Penn State Worthington Scranton club that promotes professionalism as well as personal growth for club members through service-humanitarian deeds. Every semester, the CHSO club members embark on various missions with the ambition to help less fortunate people who live in the surrounding regions. In most cases the organization focuses on missions to help less fortunate children and the elderly; however, some missions also contribute to the homeless. Although the club may seem to be primarily for Human Development and Family Studies majors, the club is open to all Worthington Scranton students.

Last semester, the fall semester of 2003, the Community Human Service Organization conducted many of their annual missions, mainly the Friendship House fundraiser, the Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive, and the Secret Santa Program. In October, the annual Friendship House fundraiser took place at the Stroudsmoor Inn in Stroudsburg. At this event, CHSO club members sold Christmas merchandise packages, a children’s basket full of small toys and drawing materials, and a basket consisting of Penn State affiliated items provided by the Worthington Scranton bookstore. Because of contributions from the bookstore and club members, we were able to present the Friendship House with a fair amount of money.

The Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive is an annual project that the Community Human Service Organization conducts under the direct supervision of the United Neighbor hood Center of Lackawanna County. Last year, the CHSO club supplied Thanksgiving baskets full of holiday foods to twelve families of very low and low incomes. Because of monetary contributions as well as food contributions from Worthington Scranton faculty, staff, and students, the Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive gradually became an overwhelming success. A message was sent to the Faculty Latin Serve showing the club’s appreciation for the assistance given by the faculty and staff on campus.

The last project of the Fall 2003 semester for the CHSO club was the Secret Santa Program. Through the Friendship House and Mr. Mervin O’Donnell, our club members and their families as well as faculty/staff members were able to provide more than 40 presents to less fortunate children in our area. Gratitude for the mission was also expressed to the faculty and staff through the Faculty Latin Serve.

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A “welcome” Message From Paul Shang, Ph.D., Our DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS