

The *Graduate Student Social Work Association (GSSWA)* had a successful year during the 2008-2009 school year. Elected Officers included *President Nicole Pierson*, *Vice President Amanda Eppley* and *Treasurer Stacy Arbaugh*. Appointed officers included *Secretary Amy Smith* and *First Year Liaison Kristen Lamb*. The GSSWA raised over **\$3,200** for local organizations during the last 9 months. Each month the association had one activity that they concentrated their efforts on. Below is a breakdown of each activity.

- September:** First Organizational Meeting, Acceptance of the first ever By-Laws, Constitution, and Mission Statement
- October:** Meet and Greet. Amy Smith hosted the first annual meet and greet where the two years were able to meet and get to know each other outside of the academic atmosphere.
- November:** Members of the GSSWA raised over \$400 (including one corporate donation) for NAMI/The Gathering Place and participated in Walk the Walk.
- January:** Coffee Drive for The Timothy House. Approximately \$100 worth of donations were given to the shelter.
- February:** Stacy Arbaugh participated in the Polar Plunge benefiting the Special Olympics and raised over \$2,100. She was the top fundraiser this year (after coming in second place last year by \$1).
- March:** The GSSWA planned on participating in the first annual Spring Fling Carnival, but due to lack of support and timing, we were forced to drop out.
- April:** T-Shirt Sale began with proceeds to be donated to The Second Harvest Food Bank.
- May:** The GSSWA designed and sold 51 t-shirts, long-sleeved shirts and hooded sweatshirts to benefit the local food bank Second Harvest. An Anonymous faculty donor matched the proceeds raised and the GSSWA was able to present the Logan Food Bank with \$500 to be applied to the food pantry most in need. Students in Dr. Carlson's Integrative Seminar Class also donated their time to pack food boxes for the senior program. Approximately 15-17 skids, with 40 boxes per skid were packed on loaded onto a semi-truck. We completed filling one semi-truck and made a nice dent in the next truck. Stacy Arbaugh has donated 5 bicycles to UCM on behalf of Mount Aloysius.
- June:** We will be training the two newly elected officers. Congratulations to *President Sarah Webb Burkett* and *Treasurer Elma Walker*.