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2011 Extraordinary Community Service

Bonnie Callen
Bonnie Callen of the College of Nursing has helped others through her classes in transcultural and community health nursing, benefiting students and local organizations. With her guidance, students work with multiple organizations to build strong, mutually beneficial partnerships. One example is Project Live, a program that aids local senior citizens. Last year, her students provided flu shots to homebound elderly people who were unable to get to a doctor's office. Her work provides a needed community service, but also giving her students a more challenging, hands-on learning experience.

Nursing students also provide health care to the homeless through Lost Sheep Ministries and to many people without insurance through Remote Area Medical. Under her direction, students teach new foster parents how to properly use medications for the Department of Children's Services. And in another program, Cardiac Kids, students help measure body mass index and collect blood to measure cholesterol in fourth and fifth graders throughout East Tennessee.

Sara Malley
Sara Malley is a Ph.D. candidate in sociology from Narragansett, Rhode Island. She is the co-founder of the Haitian Pedagogy Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides free secondary education to children in Haiti. In 2010, Malley worked with the UT Center for Social Justice to collect three planeloads of medical supplies for a Haitian orphanage, and she also traveled there to volunteer at a boy's home. Her master's thesis explored the social effects of mountaintop removal coal mining and she has since worked to educate people of its effects. She also organized and hosted a benefit dinner for the families of the miners killed in Twilight, West Virginia.

Karlescia Perkins
Karlescia Perkins, a senior in sociology with a criminal justice concentration, began volunteering early in life. At fourteen, she founded an organization that gives school supplies and uniforms to underprivileged children in her hometown of Memphis. She also joined the NAACP, becoming one of its youngest members, and she remains involved today by helping coordinate the Black Issues Conference at UT and leading fundraising. She also volunteers with Out4Life, an organization that facilitates the social re-integration of former prison inmates into communities. Last spring, she interned with The Next Door, where she worked with women in need of assistance after incarceration.

Alicia White
Alicia White is a senior in microbiology from Morristown. She has been the Student Alumni Associates' Member of the Year and vice president of membership, alumni liaison for Mortar Board, Panhellenic Council recruitment counselor, and Team Vols alternative break leader. In 2010, she was the Boys and Girls Club chair for Team Vols and led a group of UT students to the Western Heights club every week. White has given more than 1,300 hours of community service while at UT.

CLINIC VOLS
Clinic Vols was established in 2002 to combat the shortage of school nurses in inner-city schools by training students through the American Red Cross to be health clinic volunteers. The organization has grown tremendously and is now one of the largest pre-health organizations on campus, with more than five hundred members. Clinic Vols now staffs twelve inner-city school health clinics in Knoxville where students provide basic first aid to students. Last year, they provided more than ten thousand hours in the clinics. In addition to clinic duties, students volunteer with other community agencies and groups, such as the National Kidney Foundation, Remote Area Medical, and Toys for Tots.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY
The mission of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is to "inspire service in the public interest," and they're certainly doing that at UT. In the past year, members have organized a variety of community service opportunities that are open to all students at places like the Caswell Boys and Girls Club, the YWCA, Beardsley Community Farm, and Race for the Cure. They've also organized student seminars on topics like women's self-defense, money management, and an upcoming program which will provide a chance for students to mentor orphans and at-risk children in South Africa on an ongoing basis through video conferencing.