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Worksheet 1: Goals

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<td>List the long-term objectives of your campaign</td>
<td>What Oxfam America issue will you select as your primary campaign this year?</td>
<td>I want to work with the Economic Justice Campaign to educate my campus about the Millennium Development Goals, the effects of Social Exclusion, and the necessity for Aid Reform. Politically, I want to push for the Global Food Security Act and the Foreign Assistance Reform Act, as well as a Global Development Strategy for the MDGs.</td>
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<td>State the intermediate goals for this issue campaign. What constitutes victory?</td>
<td>How will the campaign: Win concrete improvements in people’s lives? Give people a sense of their own power? Alter the relations of power?</td>
<td>I will have legitimized my club and established positions of leadership I will have visited at least 3 classes and taken part in the Stand-Up event I will have looked into the possibility of a Hunger Banquet, Photo Exhibit, and a Lecture for Extra Credit, and planned at least one</td>
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<td>What short-term or partial victories can you win as steps toward your long-term goal?</td>
<td>What is something attainable within your first semester back?</td>
<td>I want to identify the influential and informed people on campus with whom I can develop a relationship and support base. I want to use e-mail, tabling and teach-ins to develop a list of interested students. I want to create an informative binder for the club and campaign to help throughout the year</td>
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Make sure your goals are SMART: Sensible, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely
Worksheet 2: Organizational Considerations

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<td>List the resources that your organization</td>
<td>What is the budget, including in-kind contributions, for this campaign?</td>
<td>Until we are official, we have no money, but can get donations of resources.</td>
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<td>brings to the campaign. Include: money,</td>
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<td>We will have a President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and PR chair, plus members.</td>
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<td>number of staff, facilities, reputation,</td>
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<td>We can utilize Departments for speaker contacts, Student Government for financing, the Newspaper and Peace Center Newsletter for publicity, contacts in Student Life and the Honors College for e-mails, and Housing and Residence for distribution of flyers.</td>
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<td>skills, etc.</td>
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<td>List the specific ways in which you want</td>
<td>Expand leadership group</td>
<td>I want each person to feel they can contribute by creating small committees</td>
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<td>your organization to be strengthened by</td>
<td>Increase experience of existing leadership</td>
<td>I want to hold a lobbying teach-in for members, perhaps joining with the student political groups</td>
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<td>this campaign. Fill in numbers and methods</td>
<td>Build membership base</td>
<td>I want to have at least 10 regular members that come each week and are willing to help, beside the Exec. Board. (publicity, speaking in classes)</td>
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<td>for each:</td>
<td>Expand into new constituencies</td>
<td>I want to hold fundraisers and tabling in different areas of campus to get a variety of students.</td>
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<td>Raise more money</td>
<td>We can hold “sugar and social justice” bake sales</td>
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<td>List internal problems that have to be</td>
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<td>considered if the campaign is to succeed</td>
<td>Long Term Goal</td>
<td>Strengths: Diversity of backgrounds, passion for social justice, leadership capability</td>
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<td>Complete a SWOT analysis: identify your group’s internal STRENGTHS and</td>
<td>Weaknesses: Knowledge of Aid reform, time commitments, lack of funding</td>
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<td>WEAKNESSES; and the external OPPORTUNITIES and THREATS you may encounter</td>
<td>Opportunities: Activities fairs, partnerships with other organizations, Friday Night Filmworks “previews” for publicity</td>
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<td>through a brainstorm.</td>
<td>Threats: DNTJs, internal disagreement within the club, bureaucracy, complacency, feeling of futility, lack of general student body response.</td>
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Worksheet 3: Constituents, Allies, and Opponents

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| Who cares about this issue enough to join in or help the organization? | Whose problem is it?  
What do they gain if they win?  
What risks are they taking?  
What power do they have over the target?  
Into what groups are they organized or represented? | Everyone’s problem! Underdevelopment in other countries is not only a problem of health, hunger, education, and economic misery for them, it can also affect inflation rates, national security, and economic security in developed nations.  
People will join if they realize the enormity of the problem, that they can feel empowered by taking action to make a difference, and that they are needed to put pressure on our national leaders.  
This campaign may attract all peoples but especially those concerned with matters of peace, economics, domestic and international injustice, media, and those with religious backgrounds. |
| Long Term Goal | Complete the COLLABORATION worksheets to identify way and means to initiate creative and mutually beneficial collaborations | The Service Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, may be holding a benefit concert and will allow nonprofits to booth for free.  
The Social Justice League is willing to cooperate on events, but their meetings are held around the same time which makes planning more difficult.  
Free The Slaves holds a few events, and may be willing to allow Oxfam to table at their Fondue Party. |
| Who are your opponents? | What will your victory cost them?  
What will they do/spend to oppose you?  
How strong are they? | Opponents include politicians, other social justice groups competing for activists and volunteers, and staff who may feel the issue is not of pressing concern.  
These opponents may compete for advertising, may use bureaucratic methods to prevent activities, or refuse us funding.  
However, they are not that strong. Support can come from the general population as well as the usual activists, funding isn’t always needed, and there is always some way to reach the students. |
Worksheet 4: Targets

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<td>Primary Targets</td>
<td>who has the power to give you what you want?</td>
<td>Cathy Bickel. —oversees publications and fundraising in the residence halls and on campus property. We have to be open, flexible, non-controversial, and follow the strict school guidelines for her to allow our activities.</td>
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<td>What power do you have over them?</td>
<td>Matt Whitlock- President of SGA, has the ability to give us funding for activities, must present a strong reason behind the cost and a specific budget.</td>
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<td>Mitch Isaacs- controls budget for the Week of Action</td>
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<td>Secondary Targets</td>
<td>who has power over the people with the power to give you what you want?</td>
<td>Linda Wiley- Director of Student Life, oversees Mitch and his responsibilities. We can directly speak with her about our wants in the Week of Action, but have little power. Also oversees SGA, unsure of power over her though.</td>
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<td>What power do you have over them?</td>
<td>Alan Hargrave- Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Housing and Residence Life. – may have the ability to override Ms. Bickel if she is unwilling to allow our work. Unsure of our persuasive ability.</td>
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<td>These issues will be tackled as they come up, but will be addressed as possible obstacles with the executive board in the club, in order to keep our club cohesive and on our toes.</td>
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Long Term Goal

Review what you learned about power and negotiating in the TESTING YOUR POWER and the ADVOCACY: LOBBYING modules
Worksheet 5: Tactics

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<td>Target 1</td>
<td><strong>Tactics must be:</strong></td>
<td>Cathy Bickel- be prepared and knowledgeable of fundraising and publicizing rules. Also don’t argue, just be flexible.</td>
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<td>1. In context</td>
<td>Matt Whitlock- Be formal, prepared and thorough when presenting to seem put together and responsible with funding.</td>
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<td>2. Flexible and creative</td>
<td>Mitch Isaacs- Be friendly, but also more formal and purposeful. He can be invited to a meeting to see our purposes, or a few of us can speak to him privately about our plans for week of action.</td>
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<td>3. Directed at a specific target</td>
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<td>4. Make sense to the membership</td>
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<td>5. Be backed up by a specific form of power.</td>
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<td>Target 2</td>
<td><strong>Tactics include:</strong></td>
<td>Linda Wiley and Alan Hargrave only need to be addressed if we feel our mission has been thwarted by Target 1. These people will be less available and harder to lobby, but talk-tos, a petition of signatures, or a group meeting with these people may be ways to influence them. Also inviting them to events may give them a sense of what we are doing and how determined we are.</td>
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Review the SELF PACED LEARNING modules to identify your strengths and developmental needs. Where you have deficits, identify ways and means to develop the competencies you need – and give yourself realistic timelines to accomplish your goals. Or, recruit people with the skills, knowledge, and/or experience your group requires to implement these tactics.
Tell President Obama: “we need a US strategy to fight global poverty”

President Obama, right now, your leadership is needed to bring U.S. foreign assistance into the 21st Century, so that we can more effectively use taxpayer dollars to drive greater results for people in need. I urge you to follow through on your pledge to “modernize U.S. foreign assistance” with two important actions: 1) Create America’s first-ever Global Development Strategy, to provide our nation with a clear roadmap for reducing global poverty. 2) Partner with Congress to rewrite the existing, Cold War-era Foreign Assistance Act and build a stronger foundation for all U.S. development efforts.

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Working together to end poverty and injustice

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Dear Member of Congress:

Support communities around the world in their efforts to feed their families and build resilience to climate change.

1. Pass the Global Food Security Act. Strengthen it to support communities in their efforts to build resilience to climate change—and combat the adverse effects of climate change.

2. Urge President Barack Obama to make accessible, and accountable global climate agreement by 2012.

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Urge Congress to fight hunger: Invest in Women Farmers

"I support fully funding innovative bilateral and multilateral programs, such as the Feed the Future initiative and the multi-donor Global Agriculture and Food Security Program trust fund, to help farmers grow more food and earn more income, build resilience to climate change and improve maternal and child nutrition."

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Working together to end poverty and injustice
The facts

More than 1,700 people died in the floods, and more than 2,000 have been reported injured. Nearly two million houses were damaged or destroyed, while rushing water swept away roads, bridges, and villages, ruined crops, and triggered landslides. Though some of the flood waters have receded, as of mid September large areas of Sindh province are still underwater.

Many of the flood survivors now find themselves facing a health crisis. For families living in temporary shelters or out in the open, without access to clean water and sanitation facilities, the risk of disease and infection is high. In the first two weeks of September, the number of cases of acute diarrhea, skin disease, acute respiratory infections, and suspected malaria in Pakistan tripled. Malnutrition also is a growing threat.

Who is affected?

Though Pakistan has a history of divisive conflict, the majority of people affected by the flooding are civilians—including an estimated 8.6 million children.

"Pakistan's children should have gone back to school in mid August, but with more than 8,000 schools destroyed or damaged, and a further 3,000 [schools] being used as temporary shelters, they face months of disruption to their education," says Noor Khan, Oxfam's country director in Pakistan.

Family farms—the primary source of food and income for many Pakistani families—also suffered tremendous losses, with 8.4 million acres of crops lost in the flooding. Due to damage to their seeds, fertilizers, and soil, many farmers may not be able to recover in time for the September and October planting season.

I got married just four years ago. I have three small children, an ailing mother, and a blind father. There is water flowing where my home was. I have lost 20 acres of cotton crops... So now we are here, in front of you, empty-handed. Look at the sky above and the hovering clouds; I have no place to hide these small innocent children and old parents if it rains now.

Mohammed Naseem, 27, flood survivor, West Kalot, Pakistan

Oxfam America

We’re an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and injustice. We are part of Oxfam, a confederation of 13 organizations working in more than 90 countries. Together with individuals and local groups in these countries, we save lives, help people overcome poverty, and fight for social justice. Learn more about us at oxfamamerica.org.

Above: We are happy that we can play around the camp, but we are not happy about the heat and flies," says Nazia (left) and Ummi, whose brother was among the people displaced by the floods in the Naushera district of Pakistan. When Oxfam’s country director visited the camp, she was struck by the resilience of the children living there. "It requires a lot of courage to smile when there is little or no food to eat, no home to live in, very little clean water to drink, [and] not even a place to sleep," she wrote.

Muhammed Haider, Oxfam
**Oxfam's work in Pakistan**

Oxfam has been working in Pakistan since 1943. We support local partners and work with government authorities to improve the livelihoods of those living in poverty and provide humanitarian assistance to those affected by disasters and conflict. In the aftermath of the major earthquake that rocked northern Pakistan in 2005, Oxfam provided hundreds of thousands of people with clean water, sanitation facilities, and shelter.

Oxfam works closely with partner organizations on the ground, conducting careful checks before accepting any local organization as a partner. We have well-developed financial reporting procedures, and we monitor and assess the work we fund to ensure that aid is being delivered in a fair and responsible manner. Working with local partners helps ensure that our response to emergencies like the Pakistan floods is swift, effective, and culturally appropriate.

For example, in early August, a navy of Punjab province fishermen known as 'Malah' and volunteers worked with local groups, Oxfam, and the Pakistani authorities to rescue families cut off by rising flood waters. Using wooden fishing boats and their knowledge of the zigzagging waterways, they were able to evacuate more than 50,000 people.

**Responding to the floods**

Oxfam and our partners have launched a rapid-relief effort to reach more than one million people with essential aid. Despite major damage to the region's transportation and communication systems, we are installing latrines and water-storage tanks and delivering clean water by truck to prevent deadly waterborne diseases from sweeping through communities of displaced people.

As of mid September, Oxfam and our partners have made significant accomplishments:

- Provided safe evacuation to more than 240,000 people, using local search and rescue boats.
- Provided emergency shelter materials to more than 70,000 people.
- Provided clean water to nearly 745,000 people displaced by the floods.
- Distributed hygiene supplies like soap to more than 470,000 people.
- Provided more than 85,000 people with cash vouchers to purchase food and household items from local vendors.
- Provided more than 7,500 people with cash payments in exchange for community-service work.

To help people keep their remaining livestock in good health, we are planning a vaccination and deworming program. And throughout the response, Oxfam will look for cash-for-work opportunities to help people earn badly needed income while accomplishing key recovery tasks.

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People need water. They drink from the river, but the river water isn’t clean; we’re worried about outbreaks of disease.

Qasim, Bedish, Oxfam partner in theAdministrator, Mardan Region, Pakistan, on the importance of delivering clean water to an affected village in the Upper Swat Valley, Aug 28, 2010.

Above: A woman draws water from a tap in a camp for displaced people in the Lower Swat region of Pakistan. Over 200 similar camps have sprung up in the region during the last month, providing temporary refuge for families who lost their homes in the floods. Oxfam is working to ensure displaced people can access clean water and other essential needs.

Aamir Qureshi / Oxfam
Appendix A.6

Sample Oxfam America Hunger Banquet® event script

Introduction
Welcome to the Oxfam America Hunger Banquet. We are here today because more than 2.5 billion people live in poverty.

Over 1 billion people suffer from chronic hunger.

A child dies from hunger or a preventable disease every 3.4 seconds. That’s 25,000 children a day.

You may think hunger is about too many people and too little food. That is not the case. Our rich and bountiful planet produces enough food to feed every woman, man, and child on earth.

Hunger is about power. Its roots lie in inequalities in access to education and resources. The results are illiteracy, poverty, war, and the inability of families to grow or buy food. Today, you join Oxfam’s fight against hunger.

Oxfam believes that human rights are not contingent on our country of origin, our gender, our ethnicity, our sexual orientation, or the money we have or have not. Rather, human rights are fundamental and nonnegotiable.

Over the more than 35 years of Oxfam America’s work, millions of dollars have been raised to support human rights and end poverty. Millions of people have participated in Oxfam America Hunger Banquet events or skipped meals to acknowledge the plight of the world’s hungry.

While the proportion of the world’s population living in hunger has decreased, hunger endures for millions of people. In sub-Saharan Africa, for example, average poverty rates remain above 50 percent.

Your presence here today shows that you are concerned. You want to learn more. You want to make a difference.

Since 1970, Oxfam America has been making a difference. We continue to promote change "from the bottom up" through hundreds of grassroots organizations around the world. Oxfam doesn’t impose solutions. We believe that people have the power, the right, and the understanding to create solutions for their own communities. Oxfam provides financial and moral support to enable communities to control their own futures. Let me give you two examples.

Envisioning a new future for San Pablo
San Pablo, Ecuador, is a village of farmers. They grow corn and raise cattle, but the prices are low and money is scarce. When the Brazilian company Petrobras offered money to the town to explore for oil, the 48 families affected considered the offer carefully. With no school, electricity, paved roads, health clinic, or telephones, people were ready for a boost. But if Petrobras finds oil in San Pablo, the resulting operations would be damaging. The people of San Pablo saw other communities with oil wells and pipelines passing through their towns. Instead of enjoying the benefits of oil development, those people suffered from polluted water, soaring cancer rates, and unemployment.

The community of San Pablo worked with the Amazon Defense Front, an Oxfam America partner since 1998 and a stalwart defender of communities and the environment. Together they created a development and a proposal to Petrobras that was not just a list of requests, but a longer term strategic vision for the community.

The result? The local farmers persuaded Petrobras to fund a comprehensive health program, as well as a program to help them improve their livestock activities and raise organic cacao. In exchange, Petrobras can explore for oil. If Petrobras decides to pump, negotiations will continue.

Water pumps a better life into an Ethiopian community
Dhara Botama, a mother of eight in a remote, rural community in Ethiopia’s Oromiya region, used to spend more than three hours each day walking to fetch water, sometimes accompanied by several of her children. The surface water she collected was often dirty and contaminated with parasites, which made her family ill.

Today, Dhara gets clean water twice a day from a new pump located just minutes from her home. In the morning and again in the afternoon, she visits the pump and fills back 20-liter water containers. The water, from an aquifer 60 meters deep, comes out pure and cool. In addition, she and her family now have access to a private bathing shed and a concrete washstand where they can wash their clothes and dishes. For these benefits, Dhara pays a modest fee of 12 cents per month.

The Gura praicel is one of three developed by the Oromo Self-Reliance Association. Oxfam’s $42,000 contribution covered the cost of pumps, bathing sheds, and laundry stations here and in two other communities. Altogether, some 1,600 people are benefiting from these water projects.
Oxfam supports other groups, including the following:

- Small-scale farmers in the US who are forming cooperatives to sell organic produce;
- Indigenous people in Central and South America who are working to overcome discrimination; and
- Women participating in savings groups and starting their own microenterprises in Africa and East Asia.

Altogether, Oxfam America supports partners around the world, and as part of Oxfam International, we do work in over 100 countries. While we are committed to our community-based work, we recognize that there are also larger barriers that keep people from thriving. Our policy and advocacy work allows us to challenge the national and international laws and policies that reinforce poverty. We also educate the US public on hunger and poverty issues, which is what this Oxfam America Hunger Banquet is all about.

This event is a metaphor for how food and other resources are inequitably distributed in the world. As such, an Oxfam America Hunger Banquet event can only touch upon the issues. We cannot recreate the many complex ways poverty manifests itself. We will not have time to go into all the problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

But most of you don’t worry about getting health care. You have access to the best medical care in the world. It’s a given that your children will attend school, the only uncertainty is how many years they will study after high school. Access to credit? You turn down more offers than you can count. You and your family live in a comfortable and secure home. You probably own at least one car and two televisions.

When you take your annual vacation, you don’t worry about your job disappearing in your absence.

You have access to virtually everything you need and the security to enjoy it.

MOVE NEAR HIGH-INCOME GROUP

If you are sitting here, you represent the 15 percent of the world’s population with a per capita income of $12,000 or more per year. You are fortunate enough to be able to afford a nutritious daily diet. Since many of you exceed your daily requirement of calories, you are likely to face health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

MOVE NEAR MIDDLE-INCOME GROUP

If you are sitting here, you represent roughly 35 percent of the world’s population. You earn between $987 and $11,999 a year. The levels of access and security you enjoy vary greatly. You live on the edge. For many, it would take losing only one harvest to drought or a serious illness to throw you into poverty.

You probably own no land and may work as a day laborer, a job that pays a pittance—but it’s better than nothing. Your small income allows for some use of electricity and a few years of schooling for your children—especially if they are boys. Alternatively, you may have left your family to go work in the city. You hope that the money you earn from your less-than-minimum-wage job as domestic help or a sweatshop worker will eventually allow you to move back home and make a better life for your family.

Le me put a real name to a person in this middle-income group: Romeo Ramirez. In an effort to support his struggling family, Romeo left his home in Guatemala when he was 13 to find farm work in Mexico. Two years later, he made the difficult journey to the US to pursue “the American dream.” But the promises of this dream were unattainable. Instead, Romeo toiled in the fields of Florida, where he needed to pick nearly two tons of tomatoes each day to make just $50 a day.

MOVE NEAR LOW-INCOME GROUP

Now I would like to introduce you to the three segments of this world. But remember—it’s too easy to measure this world purely in economic terms. It is really about each person’s ability to achieve a sense of security and to access resources.

Le me put a real name to a person in this low-income group: Romeo Ramirez. In an effort to support his struggling family, Romeo left his home in Guatemala when he was 13 to find farm work in Mexico. Two years later, he made the difficult journey to the US to pursue “the American dream.” But the promises of this dream were unattainable. Instead, Romeo toiled in the fields of Florida, where he needed to pick nearly two tons of tomatoes each day to make just $50 a day.
If you are sitting on the floor, you represent the majority of the world’s population—roughly 50 percent. Your average income is less than $66 a year—about $2.70 a day—although many of you earn much less.

Every day is a struggle to meet your family’s basic needs. Finding food, water, and shelter can consume your entire day. For many of you women, it would not be uncommon to have to work five to 10 miles every day to get water, spend several more hours working in the fields, and of course, take care of the children.

Many of you are frequently hungry. It is quite likely that you don’t get the minimum number of calories your hardworking life requires. Many of you are homeless or living in structures so flimsy that a hard rain or strong wind could cause a major catastrophe.

Even though education is the single most powerful weapon against poverty, school is a luxury few of your children will ever experience. Most girls don’t even bother to dream about school.

Adequate health care is not a given. For most of you, early death is all too familiar; with many mothers expecting to lose one or two children before they turn five. If you are lucky enough to work, you are probably a tenant farmer who must give your landlord 75 percent of your harvest. Or you may get occasional work as a day laborer at a large plantation growing bananas, sugar, or coffee for export. You reap few benefits from these crops; you’d prefer to grow food your children could eat.

Meets Gemada. Meets lives in the Rift Valley of Ethiopia, which has been plagued by chronic drought. Her husband died and left her with seven children. In good times, they eat one meal a day. Her children have suffered from malaria and malnutrition. Meets had three goats but was forced to sell them in an attempt to feed her children and overcome these problems. “I have nothing left to sell,” she says.

[Gestureing to the whole of the room]

Take a moment to look around you now. Eighty-five percent of you are not seated at the table. Eighty-five percent of you do not share in the bounty of our planet.

Now, I have some news that will affect several of you.

As we’ve said, no one can choose the circumstances into which they are born. Some people have the good fortune to change their lives for the better, but for most the circumstances of life are determined by factors outside of their control.

You are Rocillo Martinez, Alejandro Lopes, Liana Castillo, Juan Benavidez, Beatrice Ortiz, and Maira Alvarado. You each live within an hour’s bus ride of San Salvador, El Salvador’s capital. A maquila—a garment-assembly factory—that produces clothing for a popular American company (which finds it cheaper to produce its goods in Central America and then ship the finished clothes back to the US) has just opened in downtown San Salvador and needs several hundred workers for the factory floor.

Once hired, you will earn a few dollars a day, and you anticipate your life becoming much more secure. You will be able to feed your family on a regular basis and you hope that you might build your own small house if you can save anything in the next few years. I invite you to make a place for yourself in the middle-income group. But before you go...

You are Estela Ruiz, and these are your five siblings: Melida, Luisa, Patricio, Javier, and Ernesto. You are fortunate to have a job and to be able to generate income for your family. Your siblings cannot find paying jobs, given the poor state of the economy. All rely on your income to survive. You have been working for several years in another maquila in San Salvador, and despite dangerous working conditions and low wages, you have never jeopardized your income by complaining. What good would it do? There are no unions for maquiladoras like you. Several months ago, however, a new shift manager was hired, and he has been making your work life intolerable. Hoping that your spotless record will speak for itself, you go to the floor manager and voice your concerns. Your direct manager denies your allegations and you are fired. You must now find another job. You have been living week to week; you have no savings and nothing to live on until you, hopefully, find work. I invite you and your siblings to take the seats of those six from the low-income group who managed to find jobs at the new maquila in town.
You are Peter Graham—a middle manager at a large US-based coffee company. You're a hard worker and devoted father of two young girls. When the world market price of coffee reached record lows in 2001, your company was paying less for the coffee than ever before, but it did not lower the prices it charged US consumers. When prices rose, your company was quick to pass on the cost to the consumers, and your company's profits continued to increase. Congratulations! Maybe you'll take a Caribbean vacation. While you're deciding how to spend your bonus, please remain standing while I introduce two people you wouldn't ordinarily speak to.

You are Joseph Mkomo. You have once again been laid off from your job picking coffee beans, which allowed you to provide the basics for your family in Kenya. Your employer was driven deep into debt in 2001 when the price of coffee hit a 30-year low, and because he is still struggling to recover, he cannot afford to hire you for permanent work and pay you a stable wage. Please move to the low-income group.

Please meet Lillian Kenyatta. You live in the same village as Joseph, and you eke out a living selling maize and other vegetables from your garden at the local market. Because Joseph and many of your other customers have been unable to find steady work at the coffee plantation, they are buying less from you, and you can't afford enough corn for your family. You will receive only a half-portion of rice today.

This is just a small slice of life as it plays out each day around the globe. Now, we invite you to eat. Those of you in the high-income group will be served a nutritious meal. Those in the middle-income group may proceed to the buffet tables, where rice and beans are available. People in the low-income group soaked on the floor, help themselves to rice and water. Bon appetit!

[PLAY MUSIC OR SLIDE SHOW DURING MEAL. AT THE END OF THE MEAL, TURN OFF AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO.]

Please join me in a moment of silence to reflect on our experience here today [MOMENT OF SILENCE]

[SHARING PERIOD. MC WALKS AMONG AUDIENCE MEMBERS, ASKING HOW PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT BEING IN THE GROUP THEY ARE IN.]

Suggested discussion questions

Young audiences

• Do you think it's fair that the world is divided this way? Why or why not?
• Do you think that the people who got the big meal should help the others? Why or why not?
• Do you think people in the low-income group are there because they don't work hard? Or why do you think the people in the low-income group are there?

Older audiences

• Would anyone like to share any of the thoughts they have on what has taken place here?
• Has anyone witnessed poverty in the US or elsewhere that they would like to share?
• Does anyone have any ideas on how our personal choices as Americans affect the world's unequal distribution of resources?
• What might we all do to bring about a fairer distribution of resources?

If people are only focused on the dynamics of the banquet itself, remind participants that this is a simulation, not reality for most of us. Challenge the audience to discuss what this represents in the real world and ask what can be done to change things for the better.
CONCLUSION

There is still a lot of work to be done, yet there is also hope.
Let me update you on Adis’s situation. The Rift Valley continues to be plagued by periodic droughts. With Oxfam’s support, however, people in the area have received camels to help transport water—saving women and children a 10-hour walk with a heavy load. There are new irrigation systems as well, but life for Adis and others is still fraught with uncertainty.

Now let me tell you more about Romeo. Romeo ended up in Immokalee, Florida, where he encountered an employer who refused to pay him. Friends directed him to an Oxfam partner called the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, or CIW. CIW helped Romeo peacefully confront the grower and demand his rightful wages.

In 2001, working with CIW, Romeo went undercover in a slave camp in Lake Placid, Florida, to gather information that would help free 700 workers being held captive and place three growers in jail. In 2003, Romeo was one of three CIW members to receive the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award. This was the first time in its 20-year history that the honor was bestowed on a US-based organization.

Oxfam invites you to join Adis, Romeo, and many others in our fight to beat global hunger and poverty.

By attending this Oxfam America Hunger Banquet, you have deepened your awareness of world hunger and poverty. The key is how you put this knowledge to use. Our Hunger Banquet ends here, but this is just the beginning for each of you. As I look around the room today, I can see that this experience has had an impact on many of you. If what you’ve learned or experienced has stirred something in you, take action now. Today. Before you leave.

(IF YOU’VE PLEDGED TO ACT FAST WITH OXFAM, TELL GUESTS ABOUT YOUR PLEDGE AND INVITE THEM TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO BEAT POVERTY. GO TO www.oxfamamerica.org/acfast TO DOWNLOAD OR ORDER FREE MATERIALS TO HELP YOU)

As we conclude, make sure to add your name to our sign-up sheet. When you sign up, you’ll join Oxfam’s online community, and you will also receive regular updates on issues affecting millions around the world. You can get as involved as you like. The important thing is just getting involved—joining a community of people who are working together for change.

I want to leave you with the words of someone whom many have found inspiring, in large part because—he was able to bring about changes that few believed possible. I quote from a speech he made to a group of people like yourselves at an event organized by Oxfam in 2005. I am honored to close with his words:

“Massive poverty and obscene inequality rank alongside slavery and apartheid as social evils. In this new century, millions of people remain imprisoned, enslaved, and in chains. They are trapped in the prison of poverty. It is time to set them free.

“Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is manmade and it can be overcome. Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life.

“We thank you for coming here today. Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.

“Of course the task will not be easy. But not to do this would be a crime against humanity, against which I ask all humanity now to rise up.”

*PAUSE*

The speaker was Nelson Mandela.

Together, we can change the world. Join Oxfam today and thank you for coming.
Appendix B

Appendix B.1

Action Plan: Right to Know, Right to Decide Campaign

- **Long term objectives:**
  - I want to work with the Right to Know, Right to Decide Campaign to educate my campus on the rights of affected communities and Oxfam as an organization
  - I want to push for the implementation of the Transparency Bill
  - I want to encourage Ball State to issue a statement supporting community rights amid Extractive Industry projects

- **Intermediate Goals:**
  - I will have legitimized my club or be established with another Social Justice club
  - I will have conducted a film screening and visited at least 3 classes
  - I will have looked into the possibility of a Hunger Banquet, Photo Exhibit, and Lecture for Extra Credit, and planned at least one

- **Short term Goals:**
  - I want to identify the influential and informed people on campus with whom I can develop a relationship and support base
  - I want to use tabling and teach-ins to develop a list of interested students
  - I want to create an informative binder for the club and campaigns to help throughout the year

- **First Steps/Deadlines:**
  - Write Constitution and apply for club status
  - Email friends, find a partner to work with
  - Engage the Social Justice League and other related student organizations
  - Find out how BSU approached the community regarding the geothermal plant
  - Talk to: Kathy Smith, Pols Dept. Head, Chair of Peace Dept, Honors Dean, Dr. Stedman, professors of related classes

- **Next Steps/Timeline:**
  - I will table at the Activities Fair (date?)
  - I will table in the Atrium/Student Center
  - I will work on a petition (photo petition!)
  - I will visit freshmen and related classes, speak in my own

- **Additional Steps/Tools needed**
  - I will develop a club packet/binder
  - I will begin a tabling kit and poster collection
  - I will get a club mailbox/storage place
  - I will raise/apply for funds
  - I will utilize the school newspaper

Action Plan: Rights in Crisis Campaign

- **Long term objectives:**
  - I want to work with the Rights in Crisis Campaign to educate my campus on the devastating effects of disasters and wars in poor communities, and how they can help
I want to push for the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) and the Haiti Empowerment, Assistance and Rebuilding bill (HEAR)

**Intermediate Goals:**
- I will have legitimized my club or be established with another Social Justice club
- I will have conducted a film screening and visited at least 3 classes
- I will have looked into the possibility of a Hunger Banquet, Photo Exhibit, and Lecture for Extra Credit, and planned at least one

**Short term Goals:**
- I want to identify the influential and informed people on campus with whom I can develop a relationship and support base
- I want to use tabling and teach-ins to develop a list of interested students
- I want to create an informative binder for the club and campaigns to help throughout the year

**First Steps/Deadlines:**
- Write Constitution and apply for club status
- Email friends, find a partner to work with
- Engage the Social Justice League and other related student organizations
- Find out how what crises students are aware of and interested in
- Talk to: Kathy Smith, Pols Dept. Head, Chair of Peace Dept, Honors Dean, Dr. Stedman, professors of related classes

**Next Steps/Timeline:**
- I will table at the Activities Fair (date?)
- I will table in the Atrium/Student Center
- I will work on a petition (photo petition!)
- I will visit freshmen and related classes, speak in my own

**Additional Steps/Tools needed**
- I will develop a club packet/binder
- I will begin a tabling kit and poster collection
- I will get a club mailbox/storage place
- I will raise/apply for funds
- I will utilize the school newspaper

**Action Plan: Economic Justice Campaign**

**Long term objectives:**
- I want to work with the Economic Justice Campaign to educated my campus about the Millennium Development Goals, and the effects of social exclusion
- I want to push for the Global Food Security Act
- I want Ball State to make it a policy to research fair trade options before ordering food/products (?)

**Intermediate Goals:**
- I will have legitimized my club or be established with another Social Justice club
- I will have visited at least 3 classes and taken part in the Stand-Up event
- I will have looked into the possibility of a Hunger Banquet, Photo Exhibit, and Lecture for Extra Credit, and planned at least one

**Short term Goals:**
• I want to identify the influential and informed people on campus with whom I can
develop a relationship and support base
• I want to use tabling and teach-ins to develop a list of interested students
• I want to create an informative binder for the club and campaigns to help throughout
the year
• First Steps/Deadlines:
  o Write Constitution and apply for club status
  o Email friends, find a partner to work with
  o Engage the Social Justice League and other related student organizations
  o Find out what fair trade products BSU offers and how they approach fair trade
  o Talk to: Kathy Smith, Pols Dept. Head, Chair of Peace Dept, Honors Dean, Dr. Stedman,
professors of related classes
• Next Steps/Timeline:
  o I will table at the Activities Fair (date?)
  o I will table in the Atrium/Student Center
  o I will work on a petition (photo petition!)
  o I will visit freshmen and related classes, speak in my own
• Additional Steps/Tools needed
  o I will develop a club packet/binder
  o I will begin a tabling kit and poster collection
  o I will get a club mailbox/storage place
  o I will raise/apply for funds
  o I will utilize the school newspaper
Constitution for Oxfam America

Preamble
We, the members of Oxfam America, subscribing to the policies and regulations of Ball State University, do hereby establish this constitution to govern the matters within our organization.

Article I – Name
The name of this organization shall be Oxfam America, henceforth referred to as Oxfam America and/or the Oxfam America Ball State Chapter.

Article II – Purpose
Section 1. The purpose of the Oxfam America Ball State Chapter shall be to support Oxfam America and its goals by educating students about and challenging students to exercise their voice against social injustices around the world; henceforth empowering members and students with practical experience in public education, advocacy, and campaigning in accordance with the Ball State University mission to offer “action-oriented learning, including immersive out-of-class experiences, research, and study-abroad” and engage “state, national, and international communities to enhance educational, economic, and cultural development.” (Ball State University Mission Statement, accessed online at www.bsu.edu)

Section 2. The Oxfam America Ball State Chapter will adopt Oxfam’s vision and mission as described on Oxfam’s website, www.oxfamamerica.org: “Our vision: A just world without poverty. Our Mission: To create lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and social injustice.”

Article III– Membership

Section 1. Membership Eligibility. Membership in Oxfam America shall be limited to Ball State University faculty, staff, and students currently enrolled at the University. Members of Oxfam America Ball State University can be classified as active or inactive with members of active status having voting rights. Individuals may become members by filling out the membership form, available from any current member of the organization. Members become active by attending three or more meetings per semester and volunteering, planning, and/or advertising for a minimum of one event per year.

Section 2. Non-discrimination Policy. Oxfam America shall not discriminate against any individuals by refusing membership based on age, race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, political views, or national origin.

Section 3. Membership Responsibilities. To remain active, and thus retain voting rights, members of Oxfam America shall attend at least seven of the approximately fifteen weekly meetings per semester. Members shall also support the organization in at least one event per year by volunteering, planning, and/or advertising. Members must also appropriately represent the organization by refraining from illegal or irresponsible activity while attending meetings or events put on by Oxfam America.
Section 4. Resignation. Members shall be asked to resign from Oxfam America if they fail to meet membership responsibilities as stated in Article III Section 3. If a member wishes to resign from the organization voluntarily or resign from an officer position, they shall approach the President or Vice President of Oxfam America with a written request to resign.

Article IV – Officers/Advisor

Section 1. Elected Officers. Elected officers of Oxfam America shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. A quorum of three-fourths active members shall be present in order to select the elected officers with a majority vote needed to pass the vote. Elected officers shall serve a term of two semesters, after which time new officers will be elected.

Section 2. Officer Duties.

A. President
   1. Shall be responsible to call, preside over and adjourn all meetings.
   2. Shall maintain regular contact with the faculty advisor
   3. Shall be responsible for the overall function of the organization
   4. Shall address any officer not appropriately carrying out their duties.

B. Vice President
   1. Shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President if he/she must resign for that position.
   2. Shall preside over meetings if the President is unable to attend, assuming the responsibilities and duties of the President for that meeting.
   3. Shall supervise any temporary committees within the organization and will settle any dispute between or among committees.

C. Treasurer
   1. Shall be responsible for all fiscal matters pertaining to the organization
   2. Shall be the sole signatory for the funds of the organization.
   3. Shall maintain up to date records of the budget, expenditures and account of the organization.
   4. Shall be responsible for managing any dues the executive board agrees to collect from members

D. Secretary
   1. Shall maintain updated minutes of all the meetings.
   2. Shall be responsible for facilitating correspondence between appropriate parties.
   3. Shall be responsible for maintaining a membership list of all official and active members.

Section 3. Executive Board. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall serve as the executive board for Oxfam America. This board will oversee the overall operation of Oxfam America and will correspond regularly about matters within the organization, including dues, membership, and group improvement.
Section 4. Advisor. The advisor of Oxfam America shall provide logistical support and advice to the executive board whenever such advice is requested or warranted. The advisor will attend the organization’s meetings when possible. The advisor is also the liaison to the Office of Student Life.

Section 5. Removal of Officers. A quorum of seventy-five percent of the voting members must be present to conduct a vote to request the resignation of an officer with a majority vote needed to pass the vote and remove the officer.

Article V – Meetings

Meetings shall be held weekly, approximating 15 meetings throughout each semester, with additional meetings and/or cancellations to be deemed necessary by the Executive Board. Specific dates and times will be determined by the members of the Executive Board. At least one half of the total voting membership must be present in order to conduct business in a regular meeting setting, two of which must be officers. For voting on elected officers or to expel a member, three-fourths of the total voting membership must be present with a majority vote needed to pass a vote.

Article VI – Parliamentary Authority


Article VII – Amendments

For meetings in which Oxfam America wishes to amend their constitution, three-fourths of the voting membership must be present and a majority vote is needed to pass the amendment. The proposed amendment must be announced at the meeting preceding the meeting where the amendment vote will occur. The constitution shall include the date it was last revised.

Also, the constitution shall be reviewed for revision each year by the Executive Board of Oxfam America. The Executive Board shall decide if any amendments need to occur, but in the event that the constitution needs no revision, a majority vote of the entire Executive Board shall pass the constitution until the following year.
Oxfam America is an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and injustice.

Join the Ball State chapter to take action and make a difference!

Meeting Times: Tuesdays, alternately at 5 and 7pm

Contact: Mnwhitacre@bsu.edu
At the United Nations Millennium Summit in 2000, world leaders from EVERY NATION signed the Millennium Declaration, agreeing to work to achieve these eight development objectives by 2015:

1. Eradicate poverty and hunger; halve the number of people living on less than $1 per day
2. Achieve Universal Primary Education
3. Promote Gender Equality
4. Reduce Child Mortality
5. Improve Maternal Health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other diseases
7. Ensure Environmental sustainability; reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water
8. Create a Global Partnership for Development; develop effective aid and trade programs

However, President Obama has yet to unveil a plan. Tell him to create a Global Development Strategy to reach the Millennium Development Goals!

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7. Ensure Environmental sustainability; reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water
8. Create a Global Partnership for Development; develop effective aid and trade programs
Interested in social justice?

There's a new club on campus!!!

Who we are:

A group of students interested in social justice and making a difference! Oxfam America is an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and injustice.

What we do:

We will run an Oxfam-specific campaign such as: Rights in Crisis, Economic Justice, Climate Change, or Oil and Mining, while making a difference and having a great time! Together we will educate students on important issues and provide opportunities to take action. Possible events include: hunger banquets, teach-ins, movie screenings, photo exhibits, lobbying, letter-writing campaigns and more!

Meetings Tuesdays alternately at 5 and 7pm in WB 139 and 153

Student contact: Megan Whitacre: MNWhitacre@bsu.edu
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Appendix B.5

Oxfam America @ Ball State University

1st Meeting, September 7th, 2010

Agenda

5:00-5:10 Welcome, Introductions 😊

5:10-5:15 More about Oxfam!!

5:15-5:30 What am I doing here? Meeting times, club goals and intro to campaigns

5:30-5:35 Vote on a campaign!

5:35-5:40 Officer and general member roles, interest

5:40-5:50 Stand up for Poverty event! September 17th

- Make Posters next meeting
- Sign up sheet

5:50-6:00 Goodbye 😊
Introduction: What is Oxfam?

Forty percent of the people on our planet—more than 2.5 billion—now live in poverty, struggling to survive on less than $2 a day. Oxfam America is an international relief and development organization working to change that. Together with individuals and local groups in more than 90 countries, Oxfam saves lives, helps people overcome poverty, and fights for social justice. www.oxfamamerica.org

How do they do it?

Direct Service/Humanitarian Aid:

Oxfam America started in 1970 in response to a humanitarian crisis in Bangladesh. In the 1980s, the organization started to focus on international development as well. Oxfam America and the Oxfam affiliates work directly in the developing world by partnering with regional offices. These regional offices are in charge of funding local projects and maintaining a presence in certain countries in the event of a natural disaster. Now, Oxfam America has regional offices in El Salvador, Peru, Senegal, South Africa, Ethiopia and Cambodia. All together, these regional offices work with partners in 27 different countries!!

Policy work and advocacy:

In the 1990s, Oxfam America added policy work and advocacy to its approach to ending global poverty and hunger. The organization recognized that the United States was passing socially irresponsible legislation and that lobbying against such legislation would greatly help the world’s poor. Oxfam America’s office in Washington, DC is wholly dedicated to advocacy and lobbying for key legislation.

Grassroots awareness and activism:

At the beginning of the 21st century, Oxfam started to campaign domestically. Oxfam realized that grassroots awareness and activism were imperative to effect change in current world paradigms. Climate Change and Extractive Industries are examples of current campaigns that seek to build public pressure to change unfair rules that disproportionately affect the poor.

So.... Where do you fit in?

“The purpose of Oxfam America at Ball State University shall be to support Oxfam America and its goals by educating students about and challenging students to exercise their voice against social injustices around the world; henceforth empowering members and students with practical experience in public education, advocacy, and campaigning in accordance with the Ball State University mission...” (as found in our constitution)

We Will:

1. Choose a campaign and educate ourselves
2. Educate the student body through events and media (i.e. tabling, movie screenings, etc.)
3. Take action politically, and make it easy for students to use their voice for justice 😊
Oxfam’s Current Campaigns

1. Climate Change
   a. Over one billion people – one in every six – are suffering from hunger, a problem that will only get worse as climate change makes weather less predictable and farming more difficult. Women and children are often the hardest hit by hunger. In 2009 alone, hunger and malnutrition contributed to the death of more than 3 million children. No one should have to go hungry, and we have the tools to improve global food security.
   b. Political Actions:
      i. Tell your senators to help pass the Global Food Security Act.
      ii. Urge your senators to keep climate change a top priority
      iii. Tell Obama to Help Poor Communities at the Global Climate Summit

2. Right to Know, Right to Decide
   a. Aims to arm local citizens with the information they need to weigh the costs versus the benefits and decide whether to provide consent for the projects to move forward.
   b. More and more, poor people are asserting their right to decide if or how they want oil, gas, and mining development to take place in their community—and their right to know about the impacts and benefits of these projects.
   c. If they are consulted in advance, local people can decide whether they want companies to begin or expand operations on their land. And if they know how much companies are paying their government for their natural resources, they can call for a fair share of the profits to go to community needs like education, health care, and jobs.
   d. Political Actions:
      i. Ask your Senator to make BP clean up their mess
      ii. Urge Congress to pass a bill requiring extractive industries to be transparent in the amount of money they pass on to governments. (SUCCEEDED!)
      iii. Ask Ball State to issue a statement supporting community rights amid extractive industry projects (unsure of feasibility)

3. Aid Reform
   a. Focus US aid on saving lives and helping people. We believe that effective aid focuses on long-term human security for poor and vulnerable people, rather than short-term national security interests.
   b. Update US foreign aid for the 21st century. Today’s aid machinery was designed during the Cold War and has not evolved with the times.
   c. Ensure greater local ownership of aid projects. Our aim is to support and strengthen local ownership of aid by accountable governments and empowered citizens.
   d. Political Actions:
      i. Tell President Obama that we need a global development strategy
      ii. Call on Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to push the Haiti organizers to give Haitian citizens and community leaders a seat at the table and a voice in the deliberations
      iii. Strengthen the US Aid Agency: Tell your senators to co-sponsor the Foreign Assistance Revitalization and Accountability Act of 2009

**Additionally to our campaign focus, we may choose to deviate and address immediate global crises**
The purpose of Oxfam America at Ball State University is to support Oxfam America* and its goals by educating students about and challenging students to exercise their voice against social injustices around the world; henceforth empowering members and students with practical experience in public education, advocacy, and campaigning.

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Name ________________________________________________________________

Major/Minor(s) _______________________________________________________

Year in School: Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior □ Graduate □

Residency (check the box that applies): On Campus □ Off Campus □

Why do you want to join Oxfam America at Ball State University? ____________________

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How did you hear about Oxfam America at Ball State University? (Check all that apply)

Posters □ Email □ Word of mouth/friend □ Class □ Other ____________________

Thank you! You can become an active (voting) member by attending 3 meetings per semester and volunteering to help with at least one event during the year.
Appendix B.6

Want to save the world?
Join the Oxfam America club right here on campus!

Lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice
Meet with us Tuesdays at 7 in WB 139 to talk about ways to fight global inequality and the effects of poverty on an international scale.

Contact us! Oxfambsu@gmail.com
HUNGER BANQUET

Hosted by Ball State University's Oxfam America Chapter and Social Justice League

NOVEMBER 18, 2010
4:30-6:30pm

L.A. PITTINGER
STUDENT CENTER
BALLROOM

FREE!!

More people die from hunger each year than from AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. Come learn more about global inequality and learn how recent events, particularly the Pakistan floods are contributing to hunger.
Appendix B.8

Order of Events: Hunger Banquet 2010

1. Set-up 4:00-4:30

2. Welcome 4:30-4:45
   a. Play music to make it less awkward – Becca will find music
   b. Greet guests and have them draw tickets
   c. Encourage people to sign in and take information
   d. Volunteers direct guests to their income group

3. Begin 4:45-4:50
   a. Host gives welcome address
   b. Host acknowledges sponsors and people who made the event possible

4. Readings 4:50-5:00
   a. Readers theater group reads Oxfam America Hunger Banquet event script

5. Meal 5:00-5:20
   a. Attendees eat meal – invite guests to think about the inequality
   b. Play slideshow with instrumental music- Matt, Katie, and Becca will work on this

6. Education 5:20- 5:40
   b. http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/video/2010/oct/05/pakistan-floods-sehwan

7. Reflection and Sharing 5:40-5:50 (or until reflection dies down)
   a. Reflection leaders asks for a moment of silence to reflect on the Oxfam Hunger Banquet event, lead reflection

8. Action (5:50-6:00)
   a. Host concludes and invites attendees to take action, Guests can participate in the letter to Senator and/or video.
Appendix B.9

Contract for use of official copies of Rankin photographs taken in the DRC for Oxfam

I, Megan Whitacre (NAME) will be using the DRC Rankin photographs at an event at Ball State University (CAMPUS/ORGANIZATION) on the dates of March 14th through March 25th. I will ensure the photographs are handled correctly, the case they arrive in remains intact, and that I return them promptly to either Oxfam America or to the next destination as designated by Rasa Dawson, as other organizations are scheduled to exhibit the photographs after our use.

I understand that the cost of producing and shipping the photographs are covered by Oxfam, but that I am responsible for displaying them without damaging them. This means there will be no use of glue, nails, tacks or damage to the photographs in any way. I understand that the preferred method for displaying these photographs is on easels.

Megan Whitacre

(PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

Oxfam America’s Ball State Chapter will be displaying the Rankin photos in the Special Collections section of the campus library. They will be located inside locked glass cases, set on shelves, on the second floor.

(EVENT DETAILS)

The location is in a public area of the library, so it is hard to gauge exactly the viewership, but over a 2 week time period, I would say at minimum 200 students and faculty.

(ANTICIPATED AUDIENCE/VIEWERSHIP)

In addition to the exhibit, Oxfam America’s Ball State Chapter will advertise the display through flyers and (if possible) through the Ball State Daily News. We will periodically table near the exhibit to advertise our own club and collect petitions on the Feed the Future initiative and Global Food Security and Agriculture Trust Fund Program (the newest Economic Justice Petition)

(PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY PLANNED ASSOCIATED ACTION, e.g. petition, sign ups, donation, etc)
The Oxfam America club on campus presents:

FROM CONGO
WITH LOVE

 Violence in the Congo

The civil war in the Democratic Republic of Congo began in 1998 and although it officially ended in 2003, fighting has yet to cease. Today, more than 5 million people have died. A lack of food and health care, exacerbated by the war, have caused the majority of these deaths.

Women in particular have been adversely affected by this conflict. Highly vulnerable to gang rape and physical abuse, women must somehow find ways provide for their families. Culturally, rape carries great shame for the victim and often causes husbands to abandon their wives and families to reject their daughters. Women are then expected to become completely self-dependent in a male-dominated culture and heal from their physical or psychological wounds in isolation.

This abuse doesn’t affect only women but their entire families and communities. Women are the key to developing and promoting greater stability in communities and allowing them to suffer is to allow everyone to suffer.

What are the Rankin photos?

In 2008 and 2009 renowned photographer Rankin visited the Congo to take portraits of people struggling to live through this brutal war. His goal was to capture their humanity—not the sensationalism of their circumstances. The purpose of these photographs is to facilitate understanding; an understanding that they are human, just like us.

Talking about his photographs Rankin said, “They are neither ugly images of brutality, nor sentimental images of suffering. The world needs a more sustainable form of imagery that, instead of encouraging pity and powerlessness, promotes understanding, connection, and ultimately action. It’s about making people accessible to each other.”

How bad is it still?

Since 2009 alone, 1,000 civilians have been killed, 7,000 women and girls have been raped, and about 900,000 people have been displaced from their homes.

What is Oxfam?

Oxfam America is an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and injustice. Together with individuals and local groups in more than 90 countries, Oxfam saves lives, helps people overcome poverty, and fights for social justice. We are one of the 14 affiliates in the international confederation, Oxfam.

Our vision: A just world without poverty.

Our mission: To create lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and social injustice.
2011 Ball State Peace Fair

Learn about poverty while having fun with tie dye, henna tattoos, face paint and games!

April 13 from 1-5 p.m. on the University Green

Come at noon to be part of a human peace sign picture!
PEACE FAIR!!

When? April 13th 1-5pm on the University Green

What? Learn about poverty while having fun with: Tie Dye! Henna Tattoo Art! Face Paint! Games!

Sponsors:
* Oxfam America
* Free the Slaves
* Amnesty International
* Nuru
* Students for Peace in Israel and Palestine
* Social Justice League
* Center for Peace and Conflict Studies
* SGA

(Come at 12pm to be in a human peace sign picture!!)
http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CentersandInstitutes/Peace.aspx

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Budget for Peace Fair, April 13th 2011

1. 10x10ft Canopy for information tables $70
2. Spray tie dye materials (3 kits at 25 each + tax): $80
3. 8 dozen white bandanas for tie dying $100
4. Henna tattoo materials (1 kit + 2 refills + shipping) $75
5. Face Painting materials $30
6. 3, 24 packs of soda for prizes $15
7. Peace-related coloring pages and markers $20
8. Advertising costs (flyers and posters) $100
9. Food- Donations $0

Total: $490

P.S. I forgot to write down the time. The event will be held from 12pm to 5pm on April 13th
Appendix B.12

Organization Leaders,

The Peace Fair is only two weeks away!!! That being said please read carefully and follow these directions to make sure our event runs smoothly, then respond to this message to let me know you have read and understood everything. (Yes, this is sort of like a contract, but our event is only going to go well if we can count on each other to be prepared) If it helps, you can print out this email and discuss it with your club to make sure everyone understands what is going on.

Budget:

Today at the meeting we went over the budget, and expectations for groups. If I budgeted you for project money, please just give me the receipt and SGA will reimburse us.

- Oxfam - tie dye materials and bedsheets for photo background $80
- Free the slaves - face painting materials $30
- Social Justice League - Henna $75
- Amnesty International - $20 for peace-related coloring pages and crayons or markers
- SP/IP - you joined after I submitted the budget, so I don't have you in for a craft. One idea we had is to have someone do 'gods eye' crafts or something relatively inexpensive. Let me know what you would like to do and if we can help in any way, because we should have funding left.

Please keep your receipts. Otherwise SGA CANNOT reimburse you and you will end up paying with your own meager college student funds, which we don't want.

Advertising:

I attached a flyer you can use to advertise the event. Please print some and have your members pass them out during classes and such. We are still working on printing bigger colored flyers to put around campus. I will let you know if we plan to do a scramble light handout or otherwise need your help. Until then, just do your best to spread the word! There should be an article in the DN about the Peace Center's "peace mob" at noon which will be kicking off our event in a spectacular fashion! Also, invite your friends to the Facebook event: http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/event.php?eid=119482578129370.

On the actual day:
1. PLEASE have a presentation about some aspect of poverty for your table. This event is first and foremost being held to raise awareness of all different aspects of poverty, and how it relates to peace. You can use your regular promotional materials as long as you add a fact sheet or information on a specific aspect of poverty. For example, Oxfam will be emphasizing the importance of women to rural development. Each group will have two tables, one for presentations and one for games/crafts. If you don't need both that's fine, but two tables will be available.

2. If you need/want to order materials online, please order them soon to leave enough time for shipping.

3. Be at the University Green to set up your booth and project around 11:30am, or 12:30pm if you can't be there that early to set up.

4. The event will go from set-up until around 5pm at the latest. Please make sure your booth is staffed at all times with enough people to run your craft or game. For some of you, that may be one person, for other groups it may mean three or more. Just make sure it is taken care of so we aren't searching for people to help.

5. You are each responsible for cleaning up your materials at the end of the event, and folding your table and chair so that the university can pick up the tables and chairs at the end of the day.

6. As for weather, let's use our best judgment. If it sprinkles we can do our best, but if it rains hard, unfortunately we will have to cancel the event.

If anything comes up, and you will not be able to attend the event, please tell me ASAP so I can plan accordingly. Otherwise I will expect each of your groups to be represented.

Thank you! I hope you all can come and that the event runs smoothly. This is an AWESOME opportunity to show Ball State what fabulous social justice movements we have started on campus. I am so glad you are all willing to participate. Together we are a serious force for peace!

Thanks again,

Megan
New social justice group comes to Ball State

Ball Bearings Online

By Emily Thompson

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After spending a week in Boston training at the Oxfam America headquarters, junior Megan Whitacre founded a student chapter of Oxfam at Ball State this year.

"Oxfam America is an international relief and development organization that works with over 90 countries in the world helping to create sustainable development and foreign aid," said Whitacre, a political science major.

With 24 members, Ball State's chapter of Oxfam America has already hosted an event and is planning several more. This weekend, they will be hosting "Sow the Seed" on the tailgating field from 9 a.m. to noon before the football game. In support of World Food Day, Oxfam will encourage tailgaters to paint a banner of the world with their fingerprints. In addition, they will have participants sign postcards to send to Sen. Evan Bayh, urging him to support the Global Food Security Act.

At the beginning of the year, the group held a photo petition, in which supporters could take a picture with a call-to-action sign that said, "I support a global strategy to fight poverty."

Whitacre got involved with social justice issues after high school when she took a year off before college to get involved with AmeriCorps. She volunteered at a preschool and a nonprofit medical clinic in Raleigh, N.C.

"In that experience, I came to realize the importance of policy in the world and in nonprofit work, and
Colleen Wiley, a sophomore elementary education major and Oxfam member, said she got her start on social justice issues in her Honors 189 class last semester. Her section, taught by Brent Blackwell, was focused on global politics and issues.

"That class really helped open up my eyes, as well as many others in the club were in the class last semester," Wiley said. "It helped us to realize that we, the United States, are a lot more involved in the global economy than we might have realized beforehand."

Although the issues discussed in the class and in Oxfam do not directly relate to Wiley's major, she said it is still important for her to learn about them.

"I think it's important as an education major to understand what's happening in the world around. That way, I can unbiasedly show my students what's happening in the world," Wiley said. "And I can help to bring peace into my classroom, even if I can't affect the whole world."

Wiley said before her experience in the honors class, she didn't know much about global politics. "On a college campus, it's really easy to get shut off from the world," Wiley said. "I know a lot of times, I feel like I have no idea what's going on off this campus. And so it's really important to get involved in a social group in general, but especially one that's about promoting a better life for people."

With a strong background in social justice issues, Whitacre applied for and was accepted to the Change Leader Program last year. This program allowed her to work directly with the Oxfam organization. She trained in Boston with 49 other people from across the nation to learn how to run a campaign on a college campus.

Every year, Oxfam works on three campaigns, and each campus organization chooses to address one. The three 2010 campaigns are Climate Change; Right to Know, Right to Decide; and Aid Reform, according to the Oxfam America website. The Ball State chapter has chosen to focus on the Aid Reform Campaign.

"This year we will be doing a lot of advocacy and education on aid reform and what that means for the U.S.; international communities and the International Monetary Fund," Whitacre said. "Specifically we're going to be pushing for the Global Food Security Act, which is in the Senate. So we'll be lobbying Mike Pence on that bill."

Whitacre explained that Oxfam gives students the opportunity to help better their community, and even the world. "There are so many times that we hear things on the news, and we don't really know what to do," Whitacre said. "And it's our kind of organizations that help you realize that you can make a difference, and you can help. I think that's something that students don't really realize; that it's so easy to make a difference."
Interview: Megan Whitacre on supporting the Global Food Security Act

By William Lambers Published on November 3, 2010

Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana says, "Achieving food security for all people also would have profound implications for peace and U.S. national security. Hungry people are desperate people, and desperation often sows the seeds of conflict and extremism."

Lugar, along with Senator Bob Casey (PA), has co-sponsored the Global Food Security Act (S. 384). There is ample reason for the Senate to pass this bill swiftly. There are nearly 1 billion people suffering from hunger worldwide. Hunger is crushing millions in Pakistan following massive flooding. Funding for the World Food Programme and other agencies remains low.

Read the full article at Examiner.com
Interview: Megan Whitacre on supporting the Global Food Security Act

The Oxfam America chapter at Ball State University is calling for passage of the Global Food Security Act to fight global hunger.

Credits: Megan Whitacre

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Yemen, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and many other countries face their own food emergencies. The U.S. has to step up its leadership role to face this massive crisis. That is what the Global Food Security Act hopes to achieve through the creation of a special coordinator to oversee the U.S. response to hunger. Along with this top-level food ambassador, the bill emphasizes agriculture, rural development and nutrition.

Oxfam America is rallying support nationwide for passage of the Global Food Security Act. Within Senator Lugar's own home state, the Oxfam chapter at Ball State University is taking a leading role. Megan Whitacre, a junior majoring in Political Science, leads the group. Megan recently took time to discuss what the group is doing to advocate for the Global Food Security Act. She also discusses how everyone can get involved.

Tell us about some of the activities your group is holding to build support for the Global Food Security Act?

Within the Ball State chapter of Oxfam America, we reviewed summaries of the Global Food Security Act and discussed how it will help developing nations combat food insecurity. We then held an event for the larger Ball State community during football tailgating on October 16th for World Food Day. The event was a national movement through Oxfam America to "Sow the Seed," and teach people how Climate Change is
affecting poor communities the hardest. At the event we collected signatures on postcards that will be sent to Senator Evan Bayh, and created a banner on which people could put their handprint, or "make their mark" on the world. The postcards urge Senator Bayh to pass the Global food Security Act and pressure Obama to establish a fair, accessible, and accountable global climate fund in Cancun later this year. This was a great opportunity for the Ball State community in particular to connect climate change to hunger. Ball State University is a leader among higher education institutions to "go green," the most significant contribution being the switch from coal to geothermal energy.

Lacking on campus however is the connection between climate change and hunger. We are working locally to bring awareness through events, and nationally by advocating for the Global Food Security Act. Our next event will be a Hunger Banquet held November 18th, which will focus particularly on the Pakistan floods, climate change and hunger. At the event, students will be given the opportunity to write to our newly elected Senator (replacing Senator Bayh), or Representative Pence from the sixth congressional district in Indiana. Next semester we plan to actually lobby Representative Pence on the legislation at one of his offices. We hope our events will bring awareness to the community and empower students to take political action regarding food insecurity.

**What has been the response on campus so far to your efforts? Do you feel there is a growing awareness of global hunger and the need for U.S. leadership through this legislation?**

I believe there is significant understanding among our generation about global hunger and inequality. Globalization and the advancement of technology have brought innumerable benefits, including the spread of news and global awareness. Our actions on campus have led us to believe this is true. We have been overwhelmed and surprised at the high response from students and community members regarding political action.

**Have you received any feedback from the legislators who will be voting on this bill?**

Our Oxfam America Ball State Chapter has not yet contacted our legislators on this bill. We are planning to take the postcards we made to Senator Bayh's in-district office early in November. Copies of the postcards are also being sent to his D.C. office. We leave out Indiana's other senator, Senator Lugar, because he is actually the bill's sponsor. That makes it more exciting for us in Indiana, because while we are being politically active and lobbying, we also get to support Senator Lugar. Once mid-terms dwindle and our members can relax, we will write to Senator Lugar to applaud his efforts and make him aware of our support at Ball State. We do anticipate a response from him. However, we are most looking forward to the response from Representative Pence after our lobby visit. As one of the top-20 Republicans in the House, his support would be extremely beneficial to passage of the Global Food Security Act.

**What would you recommend to a student wanting to get involved in supporting the Global Food Security Act? What if there is no group similar to yours on their campus?**

To students who want to get involved, I would say don't shy away from political action. We are blessed in this country to have a voice in government, and by not using it you give your share to someone else. There are a few things you can do individually, or as a group: Write a short letter to your local politician supporting the bill. You do not have to be an expert, but if a community can show concern for global hunger and poverty our leaders are more likely to support relevant legislation. If you do not have the time to write a letter, call
the Congressional Switchboard (202) 224-3121, ask for your Senators office, and leave a short message explaining the hunger crisis and ask for their support on the Global Food Security Act. It’s really easy, and only takes about two minutes! If you are a little more daring and committed to change, get a group of people together and hold a meeting with your Congressman or Senator to review the act and ask for their support. Make sure to check out Thomas.gov to see whether your representatives have already co-sponsored the bill. These can all be tailored to fit your needs, whether it be for a group project, a class presentation, a club event, or just something you want as an engaged and active citizen. Any action is better than no action at all.

Visit Oxfam America's take action page on the Global Food Security Act.

*Article first published as Interview: Oxfam's Megan Whitacre on Supporting the Global Food Security Act on Blogcritics.*
Ball State organizations to show impact of world hunger

By Sara Nahrwold

Published: Wednesday, November 17, 2010
Updated: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 23:11

Don't expect to receive a full meal at the Oxfam America and Social Justice League's hunger banquet.

The majority of students who attend today's banquet at 4:30 p.m. in the L.A. Pittenger Student Center Ballroom will receive a small portion of food, depending on the card they receive.

Students will be divided into the socioeconomic classes of poor, middle class and wealthy. Their class will determine the amount of food they eat.

This exercise is meant to show students the state of the world hunger situation and increase understanding of how little food many people throughout the world live on.

"85 percent of people in the world go hungry each day," said Megan Faulkner, media relations coordinator of Oxfam America's Ball State chapter.

The Ball State chapter formed at the beginning of the semester and focuses on creating lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice.

Students will also learn about the floods in Pakistan that happened during the summer, Faulkner said.

"It seemed to us that not enough people in America know about it right now," she said. "The Haiti earthquake had so much media attention but not so much in Pakistan. It's still a problem there, and people need help."

The Ball State Oxfam chapter wants to change legislation regarding the floods. The 15 members of the organization have written letters to senators, Faulkner said.

The group was at the Scramble Light and asked people to take a picture holding a sign that said, "I support the world food program."
Faulkner encourages people to attend the event.

"Our organization wants them to know they can make a change," she said. "One person can make a difference."

The event will have speakers, videos and other forms of media to teach about Oxfam and what it does.

Who: Oxfam America and the Social Justice League

What: Hunger banquet

When: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Student Center Ballroom

Cost: Free

To learn more about Oxfam, visit oxfamamerica.org
Hunger benefit teaches students about world hunger

By Sara Nahrwold

Published: Friday, November 19, 2010
Updated: Friday, November 19, 2010 03:11

Students were inspired to write Rep. Mike Pence after attending the hunger banquet sponsored by Oxfam America and the Social Justice League.

Junior Leisha Sigler wrote her letter to Pence at the end of the banquet and is supportive of Oxfam after attending their event.

"Anything else the organization is doing, I will support," she said.

Sigler said the event, which focused on the floods in Pakistan and world hunger, taught her more than she bargained for.

"It opened my eyes to a lot of issues I wasn't aware were going on," she said. "I learned how I can help now."

Students wrote the congressman to take action and support the Global Food Security Act, which is co-sponsored by Sen. Richard Lugar, and the Global Climate Fund.

Megan Whitacre, Oxfam America's Ball State chapter president, said Oxfam will be taking the letters to Pence next semester.

As students entered the L.A. Pittenger Student Center Ballroom on Thursday, they were given a card. On this card, they were either lower class, middle class or upper class.

About seven lucky students were assigned to the first-class table, where they were able to dine on a full meal.

A slightly larger group was designated as middle class. This group sat in chairs and had bread and
day laborers or in sweatshops.

The biggest group of students was the lower class and sat on the floor. These students were given bread and water to eat. This group represents the majority of the world's population whose income is less than $986 a year.

The purpose was to illustrate the disparity of food throughout the world's social classes.

The event was organized with many different speakers taking part in the activity. Whitacre took the podium first and encouraged students to take action from the start.

"Use your position, as an educated and free American, to fight for those who cannot," she said. "Use your voice to speak for those without the freedom to speak for themselves."

Students were then given statistics on the current world hunger crisis.

"A child dies from hunger or preventable disease every 3.4 seconds," Colleen Wiley said. "That's 25,000 children a day."

A sharing period followed dinner where students gathered in small groups to discuss questions and share with the whole room. Some groups discussed how big corporations don't pay their workers well and others mentioned how poverty is in our backyard -- you don't have to go to a foreign country to realize this.

Senior Nathan Erwin was impressed with the organization of the event and had a change in his views.

"I'm motivated just to do more. My view on actually doing something has changed," he said.

Megan Faulkner, media relations coordinator for Oxfam, was more than satisfied with the organizations first event.

"I think a lot of people's eyes were opened, and hopefully they will go and tell other people about it," she said.

Faulkner said the group hopes to have another event either in the spring or the fall.
Ball State department, organization to host peace mob

By Katelynn Thys

Published: Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Updated: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 00:04

To promote a message of nonviolence during April, the Ball State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies will work in collaboration with Ball State's Oxfam Chapter and several other student organizations, and host a Peace Fair on Wednesday.

According to an email they sent to Ball State students, April has been historically a violent month, with events such as the Columbine High School shooting, Virginia Tech University shooting, the Oklahoma City bombing and the Waco, Texas Davidian Standoff.

"We're standing up for peace. We don't have to wait for violence to happen here to raise awareness," Emily Mastroianni, a graduate assistant for the Center of Peace and Conflict Studies, said.

The peace fair will start at noon on the University Green with a "flash mob," where students will stand in formation to create a human peace sign.

All participants are expected to wear Ball State colors and will receive "BSU 4 Peace" pins as a thank you for their participation.

During the flash mob, Larry Gerstein, director of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, and Megan Whitacre, president of Oxfam, will speak in remembrance of those lives that have been taken by violence in America.

Mastroianni said people can prevent tragedies from happening at Ball State if students acknowledge other violent situations.

"This event brings a lot of people together and helps form a sense of community, and you're less likely to hurt people who are your friends," she said.

The flash mob will transition into a peace fair where students can visit student organization-sponsored booths and activities that are focused on world poverty. There will also be other activities such as tie-dyeing and henna tattoo art.
Learning more about poverty is one way students can take a step towards being peacemakers, both on campus and in the community, according to a press release.

More than 160 students already signed up to participate in the flash mob, but anyone willing to participate may go to the event.
Flash mob calls for peace

By Katelynn Thys

Published: Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Updated: Thursday, April 14, 2011 12:04

This story has been corrected since its original publication to reflect that 2 and a half billion people live in poverty, according to Megan Whitacre, founder of Ball State's Oxfam chapter. The Daily News earlier reported 2 million people.

The Ball State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies teamed with Oxfam and a few other similar organizations to raise awareness for nonviolence and poverty.

To promote their hope of ending violence, students gathered at the University Green to create a human peace sign and chant "BSU for peace." About 175 students participated in the flash mob.

Megan Whitacre, who founded Ball State's chapter of Oxfam, said the university isn't known for peace movements and getting the chance to work with other organizations was fun.

After the flash mob, Whitacre said a few words, which were followed by a moment of silence to remember friends and loved ones.

"You get another day. You get more chances to take steps towards peace," she said.

Whitacre shared information with the group about poverty and how many counties are not accessing their citizens' basic needs.

"Two and a half billion people live in poverty," she said. "That's 2 billion people whose hopes, dreams and wishes..."
won't be achieved because they don't know what tomorrow brings."

George Wolfe, coordinator of outreach for the Peace Center, set up a table with a djembe drum, tambourines and other musical instruments to draw people in to the rhythm of life.

"If we live in harmony with rhythm, there is less conflict," Wolfe said. "There is only conflict when the rhythm is off."

In order to restore the natural flow of life, he said, you must listen to find out how you fit in with the world's rhythm.

Other booths offered pins, stickers, henna tattoos, face paintings and make-your-own tie-dye shirts.

April has historically been a tragic month for Americans, including events like the Columbine High School shooting, the Virginia Tech massacre, the Oklahoma City bombing and the end of the standoff with the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas.
Ball State students moved by Invisible Children documentary, speaker

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Ball State students were motivated to join the Invisible Children after viewing the emotional documentary "Tony" and hearing about war from a Ugandan woman.

About 160 students watched the documentary about a former child soldier named Tony. The film also tells of the beginnings of Invisible Children, and the students involved in spreading the organization's message across the United States.

The crisis hit home for students as the organization brought in a Ugandan woman to speak about what has been going on in her home country for many years.

"I grew up in a family of seven and at 9 years old, I lost my dad. Three years later my mom and I stayed with my uncle, and four months later he was abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army," Achiro Fionah Rwaga said. "I am what I am today because of Invisible Children."

The LRA has affected Uganda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan and Central African Republic.

"The LRA is killing, looting and displacing people and abducting children to become child soldiers and [making] girls sex slaves," Rwaga said. "I believe the Invisible Children protection plan can become a reality."

The founders of Invisible Children, three young American men, are on a mission to implement the protection plan, which involves radio towers, rescue missions and child soldier rehabilitation. The protection plan has raised $1.7 million, which will be used to build the rehabilitation center and to add more radio towers.

Chelsey Outcalt, president of the Ball State chapter of Invisible Children, said she thought the event was a success.

"We've had some more interest in the group with people coming by the booth and signing up to get involved," she said.
Student organizations similar to Invisible Children such as Free the Slaves, Oxfam America, Alpha Phi Omega and Alpha Kappa Alpha were there to provide information on their organizations. Invisible Children also had items for sale, including T-shirts, hand made bags, bracelets and DVDs.

The documentary stressed that the work is not done yet because the LRA is on the move and needs to be stopped.

Students said they were impressed with the documentary.

"It was very surprising and sad," junior Spanish education major Karina Villa said. "I had no idea this was going on. It was definitely life changing."

Villa said she was particularly touched by one North Carolina man, Nate Henn, who was an active member in Invisible Children and gave his life for the cause. He was killed in a bombing attack in Uganda with other members of the organization.

"That he gave his life doing what he loved is amazing," she said.