

## Center for Youth Evangelism turns 25

The Center for Youth Evangelism celebrated its 25th anniversary with an open house on March 8, 2004. Former center directors were invited to come and share stories from their tenure.

The Youth Resource Center started in 1979 with Des Cummings as director. In a video message he recorded for the open house, he said, "We must not teach the youth to be afraid of spiritual war, but to equip them to fight in it."

When he moved on, Steve Case, currently the president of Piece of the Pie Ministries, was hired by the Seminary to teach youth ministry and became the center director. There was a gap of several months between Cummings' departure and Case's arrival

and Case remembers the center being "a box with files in Roger Dudley's office. He gave me the box and said, 'Here, Steve, this is what you'll need to run the Youth Resource Center.'"

When Case left in 1989, the center was without a director for two years until

Randy Wisbey took over. Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen said he remembers that soon after his appointment as president of Andrews University, Wisbey approached



*Ron Whitehead (center), current CYE director, enjoyed reminiscing with Randy Wisbey (left) and Steve Case (right), former directors, about how God has led the Center.*

him about changing the center name. "The Youth Resource Center wasn't a very descriptive name. Plus, it was really hard to say," Wisbey joked. He met with Andreasen and the center's executive committee and changed the Youth Resource Center to Center for Youth

Evangelism. In 1998, when Wisbey answered a call to be president of Canadian University College, Ron Whitehead was hired and is the current director of the Center for Youth Evangelism. Elder Don Schneider, president of the North American Division, dedicated the center and its efforts to prepare each generation for service to God.

The Center for Youth Evangelism offers an environment that fosters a vision for creative youth ministry. Its mission is to provide the research methods, resources, and leadership necessary to train young people in various forms of effective youth evangelism. YouthNet Extreme, Impact Toronto 2000, and Mission Possible are the past ministries that the center has sponsored. Current ministries include the Faith on Fire

Camporee, 411 E-Mail Newsletter, We Care Domestic Mission Trips, AY Internet Radio, Giraffe University, Giraffe News, and the Andrews University Passion Play.

For more information on the Center for Youth Evangelism, visit [www.adventist-youth.org](http://www.adventist-youth.org) or call 800-YOUTH2U.



## Auction is for the birds

The Andrews University Division of Architecture hosted their 7th Annual Birdhouse Auction on April 17. Twenty-nine entries were auctioned off for a grand total of \$1,850. Carey Carscallen, director of the Division of Architecture, built a glass tower which went for the highest bid of \$110. All proceeds will go to help Cerenid, a home for boys in Lajas, Bolivia.

## Instruments of outreach

What do pep-per-o-ni-piz-za and “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” have in common? For Anthony Moore, a third grader from Benton Harbor, Mich., it’s all about rhythm. Anthony is just one of the fifteen children taking free music lesson from Andrews University students as part of the Benton Harbor String Outreach Program.

The program developed when Carla Trynchuk, associate professor of music and accomplished violinist at Andrews University, felt a burden to use her talents to reach out to the community. She began by attracting media attention and requesting instrument and financial donations. Carla then enlisted the help of several music majors in her department to teach the lessons.

Once there were enough instruments and money in place to begin the program, Carla and her instructors went to four Benton Harbor schools to find eager and interested kids. At the school, Andrews music majors performed a demonstration recital, resulting in over fifty parents and their children interviewing to see who might be the best fit for the program. When it came to choosing, Carla said, “We were looking for students who were interested and enthusiastic about learning a new instrument, and who also had a commitment to stick with it.” In the end, fifteen lucky children were chosen to begin free violin, viola, or cello lessons.

Each Saturday afternoon, students meet with their Andrews University

teachers at the Benton Harbor Salvation Army. “We are so fortunate to have this location for lessons,” Carla said. When most people think of a Salvation Army, they think of used clothes or a red kettle around Christmas time. However, the Salvation Army is currently in its seventh year of providing extensive arts and education programming for Benton Harbor. Besides providing voice and music lessons for nearly every instrument, the

noticed improvements, no matter how small, in each of their students. “We try to make music not just a lesson but a part of life,” Isaac said. While in lessons, these teachers build relationships with their students by asking questions about school, home, and, of course, how much they practiced that week. After tuning, students are taught proper hand positions for their instrument as well as different rhythms to use when playing.

These rhythms are put to words or songs, such as “pepperoni pizza” and “Mississippi stop, stop.” Ginnie Roa said, “When they learn a song or rhythm and are happy with what they’ve learned, that’s success.”

Parents of these children have also noticed success. Pat Whitelow’s fourth-grade daughter, Crystal Jennings, is learning how to play the violin. “She started in October and looks forward to coming for her lesson every Saturday,” Pat said. Katrina Spann,

mother of third grader Jermario Eddie, said that “his memory is very quick with the violin. It seems like he has become more mature and responsible.” These lessons are providing a different outlet for students to express themselves, making other areas of their lives stronger.

In December 2003, students had the opportunity to show off their progress in their first recital. “It was so fun to see a new student with a new instrument in their lives,” Carla said. “I was impressed with how the students performed and the creativity of the teachers.” There was a great sense of achievement for all the parents, students, and teachers.



*Anthony Moore enjoys cello lessons with Aaron Sinnett. Anthony is one of 15 Benton Harbor kids taking string lessons from Andrews students.*

Benton Harbor Salvation Army also offers dance, writing, and tutoring programs, just to name a few. Susan Dietrich Reed is the Arts and Education Director for the Salvation Army and oversees the many programs held there. When she found out about the need for this outreach, she said, “we have the facility, and there was a space.” Thanks to the generosity of the Salvation Army, students are able to have their one-on-one lessons in private music rooms.

Ginnie Roa, Isaac Sinnett, Aaron Sinnett, Cecilia Coe, and Abigail Doukhan, string instructors, have all



## An international affair



The 38th Annual International Food Fair took place April 4 in the Johnson Gym.

The food fair, an Andrews tradition, marked the beginning of the university's International Student Week. The event was hosted entirely by Andrews' international student population, who worked together to create culinary specialties from their home countries for the general public to sample.

Chinese egg rolls, Korean stir-fry, Indian curry, Mediterranean baklava, and even Krispy Kreme donuts were just a few of the many delights that were available. With twenty international clubs on campus, many use the food fair as an opportunity to raise funds for their club and to share their culture with other students and the community. This year, the fair set a sales record earning over \$20,000!

Director of the International Student Services office and food-fair coordinator, Najeeb Nakhle, looks forward to this event each year. "I like to see many people coming to the food fair, enjoying not only the wide variety of foods, but also interacting with different cultures," he said.

## Wind Symphony tours England



*Posing in front of the London Tower*

The Andrews University Wind Symphony spent spring break touring the London area. They performed at the Croydon SDA Church, Southwark Cathedral and Newbold College.

In addition, the group of nearly 60 students and chaperones visited Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Windsor Castle, and attended a concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall.



*Performing at the Southwark Cathedral*

## 2nd Annual Beach to Bank Challenge



*As the only solo female competitor, Clara Bernstein completed the entire course in 3:13:41.*

The 2nd Annual Beach 2 Bank Challenge took place April 23. Beginning at Weko Beach with a 4 mile run, followed by a 16 mile bike ride to Berrien Springs, a

4.5 mile canoe trip up to Beaver Point, and a 1.5 mile run to the finish line on the AU track, this year's course proved to be a solid test of contestants' physical stamina. The brainchild of now departing director of social recreation Jack Mentges, the Beach 2 Bank has become one of the most

anticipated activities of the AU spring calendar, as over twenty teams (ranging from 1-6 participants) competed.

## Student Solutions Consultants aid local small businesses

Students and faculty at the Andrews University School of Business are passionate about helping small businesses in Michigan's Great Southwest. As the result of a partnership between the school, Adventist Health Systems Midwest, and Cornerstone Alliance, the Student Solutions Consultants program was developed to match a student intern to a specific project within a local business. "We collectively have spent a year working together to develop an internship model that actually produces results for the student and the sponsoring organization," said Dr. Ann Gibson, dean of the School of Business at Andrews University. "Our purpose was to create an approach and infrastructure for an intern program that differentiates us, provides real-world experience, and offers value to local businesses."

Jeff Noel, president of Cornerstone Alliance, commented on the program's impact on the local community. "What makes this program different than other intern programs is that the School of Business worked directly with the business community and we collectively developed a series of functional modules that have potential solutions defined for the small to medium-sized business. The intent is to define solutions that businesses need and to assure that the students, based on faculty assessment, can perform those tasks."

Deb Terry, president of Skillblender, LLC, worked with the School of

Business to match students' skills to the needs of two local businesses. The Council for World Class Communities (CWCC) and the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, both expressed a need for students to work on certain projects to make each organization more effective. A group of students and facul-



*Leon Saverus (right) works with Lisa Gonzales-Kramer at the Council for World Class Communities in Benton Harbor.*

ty from the School of Business chose three students to recommend to the organizations, one with the CWCC and two with the Symphony.

Erin Olson and Erika Piekarek, both senior marketing majors, started working with the Symphony in late February to develop a comprehensive marketing plan for their 2004-2005 season. The package includes a brochure, press releases, a magnet with subscription series dates, reminder postcards, and appointments on morning shows before each concert. Leon Saverus, a senior, was chosen to work with the CWCC because of his strong background in information systems. According to Mark Mitchell, president of CWCC, they had several databases of information for dif-

ferent programs the organization sponsors and there was a great need to make the databases coexist. "Leon brings a level of expertise to our organization that we didn't previously have," Mitchell said. Faculty advisors are assigned to each project so that students can use them for help or ideas.

Ernie Sadau, a member of the Business Advisory Council for the School of Business and CEO for Adventist Health System Midwest based in Hinsdale, Ill., is excited about what this program can do for students' perceptions of the "real world." "The School of Business is going to see this program grow and the community will benefit from it," he said. "I believe all universities should implement a program like this."

Cornerstone Alliance helped initiate the project because of the potential benefit to the community. In their "Summary of 2004 Goals and Programs" they state that to "better link the diverse and talented Andrews University student population to the overall community" is one of their goals and cite the action step to accomplish this as support of the "creation of a customer defined and professor supported internship pilot at Andrews University." They have provided one-third of the funding for the program pilot, and plan to assist in the development of the program with the targeted participation of twenty students by 2005.

The School of Business is currently making plans for its summer Student Solutions Consultants program with local businesses, and plans to offer this program throughout each school year to meet the needs of both businesses and students.