



2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

LAKWOOD HELP TO OTHERS PROGRAM

2010 was a dynamic year for H₂O, full of blessings and new beginnings. Blessings came unexpectedly, like the community's overwhelming response to H₂O's inaugural "For the Kids" annual fundraising campaign. The financial support H₂O received in response to its program needs was amazing!

H₂O's Summer Service Camp forged new frontiers in its 18th season with the addition of three new service sites: Laura's Home, Hope Lodge and ASIA-Asian Services in Action. The 2010 Camp was also blessed to have five local heroes, of diverse background and ages, share their inspirational "Power of One" stories.

Another new beginning emerged from a fond farewell, as Nora Steele retired after 17 years with Help to Others. Nora's incredible dedication to H₂O and its student volunteers played a significant role in the program's success. Her years of service are a blessing too big for words.

H₂O greeted 2011 with a new Assistant Coordinator, Emmie Hutchison. Emmie is a long-time resident of Lakewood and a huge fan of H₂O. Her wide array of skills and experience from past volunteer positions, and employment in the youth services department of Lakewood Library, made Mrs. Hutchison the ideal candidate.

It has been a year of amazing growth and change. The year ahead is filled with excitement and great anticipation. H₂O programs are overflowing with energetic youth, full of wonderful ideas for new projects. We are so grateful for the joy, enthusiasm and caring hearts of the students who serve in our community. Please help us communicate their positive impact by passing the word about their good works, or sharing this report with others.

H₂O could not exist without the support of the entire community. Thank you, from our hearts to yours!

Celia Dorsch
H₂O Coordinator



PROFILE

H₂O "Help to Others" is a service learning program for middle and high school students in Lakewood, Ohio. Through H₂O, youth in Lakewood have the opportunity to give their time and talents to community events, organizations, and student identified areas of need. H₂O is sponsored by the City of Lakewood, Division of Youth through a strong and supportive partnership with Lakewood City Schools. From the initial launch in 1993 with 10 high school students, the program has grown far beyond its original boundaries. Today, H₂O includes abundant volunteer opportunities for all high school age youth in Lakewood, a thriving after school program at both middle schools and Lakewood Catholic Academy, and a summer camp that engages 200 middle school youth in service throughout Lakewood and Greater Cleveland.



598 volunteers
8,314 hours

Dozens of agencies and organizations were positively impacted by the work of H2O's young volunteers. Students donated thousands of hours of service to improve and enhance life in Lakewood and Greater Cleveland. Their gifts spanned every facet of the community: schools, families, city government and non-profit organizations.



American Cancer Society

Relay for Life Team

Asia Services in Action

Refugee tutoring

Barton Center

Monthly pancake breakfasts

Beck Center

Volunteer recruitment

Cleveland Foodbank

23 visits –processed **tons** of food

Crestmont North

10 visits through year

Hope Lodge

4 visits

Hospice of the Western Reserve

3 activities

Jordan Family Foundation

Recess Rocks

Junior Women's Club of Lakewood

Great Pumpkin Fun Run

Keep Lakewood Beautiful

Spruce up Lakewood

LakewoodAlive

Streetwalk
Spooky PoochParade
Light Up Lakewood

Lakewood Arts Festival

H2O Craft Booth

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp.

Pumpkin Palooza Fundraiser
Food Distribution Nov. and Dec.
Spring Cleaning Distribution
H2O Member on LCAC Board

Lakewood Christian Service Center

H2O Camp garden harvest
Recycled school supplies
Sharefest
LCSC Farmers' Market
Pumpkin Palooza Fundraiser

**Lakewood City Departments
Early Childhood Services**

Super Saturday Fair
ShareFest
Pumpkin Palooza

Aging

Leaf Raking & Yard Help
Spring Fling

Animal Shelter

Cat Toys
Pet Food Collection

**Fire, Police, Public Works,
Refuse & Recycling**

Clothes 4 Kids
Recycling School Supplies
ShareFest
Pumpkin Palooza

Early Childcare Centers

Family Life Center
Lakewood Hospital Child Care
Lakewood Beginnings Child Development
St. James Child Care
St. Peter's Child Care
Lakewood Community Care Center

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

Meet the Trucks
Baby Bargain Bonanza
Breakfast with Santa

Lakewood Historical Society

Lakewood House Tours

Lakewood Hospital

Pumpkin Palooza
Volunteer recruitment

Lakewood PTA/PTSA Units

Childcare for meetings
Assistance at special events
Reflection Project

Lakewood Public Library Foundation

Benefit featuring Eva Weissman
Benefit featuring Lisa Black

Lakewood Public Library

Pumpkin Palooza
MLK Day book shelving
Madison Park Library Garden

Lakewood Recreation Department

Camp Can Do
Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Lakewood Y.M.C.A.

Halloween Hullababoo
Sports activity volunteers

Laura's Home

4 visits

L.E.A.F.

Harvest Festival
H2O L.E.A.F Garden

Live Well Lakewood

Eat Well Lakewood

Matthew's Lending Library

Adaptive trike for Lakewood child

North Coast Health Ministry

Personal hygiene collection

Ronald McDonald House

27 visits

Salvation Army

Easter baskets for homeless

Seeds of Literacy

Assistance at benefit

U.S.O

Overseas care packages

**U.S. Armed Forces –
Active and Veteran**

Cards for patients at V.A. Hospital
Veteran's Day Breakfast - Garfield
Memorial Day Breakfast - Harding
18th annual Grave Decorating at
Lakewood Park Cemetery
Project America Runs tribute to fallen
soldiers in Iraq War

Youth Challenge

Educational sessions at camp
Volunteer recruitment



In 2010, H2O middle and high school members raised \$6,751 for charities

H2O HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

In 2010, H2O expanded its high school leadership opportunities with the creation of an executive planning team. This dedicated group of students made a significant time commitment to H2O. Their leadership inspired new projects for all high school members.



NEW this year - MLK Day of Service

On January 18, 2010, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, 75 students spanned out across Lakewood, dedicated to helping others during their holiday from school.

Where they served

- Lakewood Alive Office** - created Valentine cards for soldiers
- St. James and Lakewood Hospital childcare centers** - disinfected toys
- Lakewood Library** - shelved books
- Hospice of the Western Reserve** - made Valentine notes for caretakers
- Ronald McDonald House** - helped with chores at RMH.

After their service, students gathered at Lakewood Park for a potluck lunch and a presentation on Dr. King by the Lakewood High's R.A.D. (Race & Diversity) Club.

☀️ **252 high school volunteers donated 3,019 hours at more than 90 community events**

Other H2O High School inspired 2010 community events included:

Pumpkin Palooza - H2O's 11th annual Halloween festival raised \$4,648 for LCAC and LCSC and provided lots of fun for Lakewood families.

H2O's Holiday Shoppe at Light Up Lakewood - featured inexpensive student handcrafted items that children could purchase for gift giving and raised \$644 for H2O.

Breakfast with the Bunny - H2O was delighted to continue the tradition of the popular event for young families. The event raised \$2,100 for H2O.

SpringFling - H2O members helped organize, decorate and serve at the annual spring variety dinner show for senior citizens at Garfield Middle School.

Earth Day Spruce Up - H2O joined forces with Westgate Kohl's employees and cleaned up the lower promenade area of Lakewood Park.

H2O's NEW All Middle School Dance - H2O high school leaders had a blast chaperoning, dancing and hosting a donut eating contest for their younger peers from Harding, Garfield and Lakewood Catholic Academy.

H2O MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

H2O staff and trained high school leaders held after school meetings for 6th-8th graders at Garfield and Harding Middle Schools and Lakewood Catholic Academy.

H2O's Middle school program evolved from H2O Summer Service Camp. Middle school students wanted to continue service activities they had been exposed to during camp and urged the formation of school year clubs that would be open to everyone.

Based on camp's successful balance of service and fun, volunteer high school leaders facilitated ice-breakers, on-site service projects, and team building games for the younger students. The leaders created an atmosphere of acceptance and inclusion, which are key components of H2O's highly successful youth mentoring model.

☀️ **192 middle school students spent 1,475 hours helping others**

Middle School Service Projects

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| Care packages for soldiers | Neighborhood litter cleanups | Ronald McDonald House decorations |
| Cards for V.A. Hospital | Hope for Haiti relief | Visits to Crestmont - Garfield |
| Toys for animal shelter | Afghans for homeless | Teacher appreciation gifts |
| Visits to daycare - Harding | Teacher appreciation gifts | Breakfasts for veterans |
| Spring Fling decorations | Breakfasts for veterans | Memorial Day grave decorating |
| Bake sales for charity | Leaf Raking for disabled | |

☀️ **H2O Meetings held October - April from 3:00pm - 4:30pm**
Harding - 2nd & 4th Tues. Garfield - 2nd & 4th Wed. LCA - 3rd Tues.



H2O SUMMER SERVICE CAMP

For the 17th year, Lakewood High School was a hub of activity and energy during H2O Summer Service Camp. Over a span of four 2-week sessions, 200 middle school campers enjoyed a classic camp experience with small groups, counselors, themes, personal enrichment experiences, and a sense of belonging - all while serving the community.

Camp's 2010 theme, "The Power of One", inspired everyone. Campers, challenged by their counselors and outside speakers, explored their own potential to be a "Power of One" and foster positive change in the world.

Each morning campers checked in and were quickly dispersed to one of the many service sites. Campers reconvened at lunch to share their service experiences, participate in personal development activities and enjoy group games.

Summer Camp Service Sites

The Cleveland Foodbank
Crestmont North Nursing Home
Childcare facilities
H2O L.E.A.F. garden plot
Senior gardening

Hope House
Laura's Home
Ronald McDonald House
H2O clothing drive



H2O is about looking past your wants and providing someone with things they need. H2O helped me understand that even though I may have just been a kid at the time, I was important and what I did could make a difference in someone's life.

— Natalie Bello, H2O alumni



H2O is one of the most important programs in our city. It provides kids with a way to positively affect their community from a young age. Every year, hundreds of kids come to the summer camp and have a blast!

— Annalisa Perez
High School H2O member

200 student summer campers
logged a total of 3,820 volunteer hours



CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

For the 15th straight year, campers sorted thousands of donated clothing items in preparation for H2O's Clothes 4 Kids Sale. With most items being priced at fifty cents or less, the one-day August sale provided inexpensive back to school clothes for hundreds of families and raised \$3,764 to benefit H2O Summer Service Camp.

Recycled School Supplies - scores of gently used school items were cleaned, sorted, repackaged, and donated to LCSC which helped more than 250 Lakewood students head back to school with needed supplies.

H2O Camp hosted its 13th annual **ShareFest** carnival for preschoolers which raised \$225 for Lakewood Christian Service Center.

A **Penny War** that ran through every session of camp raised \$1,245 which was used to purchase an adaptive tricycle for a Lakewood child fighting brain cancer.

FOR THE KIDS CAMPAIGN H2O's successful new annual drive reached its \$30,000 goal to support year-round programs. Hard work by H2O volunteers was rewarded with a generous response from the community. Students participated in all aspects of the campaign. They held formal business presentations, contacted H2O families and alumni, and organized fundraising events. H2O is appreciative of all its donors, first-time and long-time givers.

THIS COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT MADE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE!

MAJOR DONORS



Castele Family Foundation
Hal & Connie Cooper
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Junior Women's Club of Lakewood
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Lakewood Arts Festival
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Lakewood Commission on Aging
Lakewood Community Festival
Lakewood Congregational Church
Lakewood Division of Aging
Lakewood High School
Lakewood High School PTA



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ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Our wonderful adult volunteers not only generously offered their hearts and hands to the program, they modeled community dedication and involvement every time they helped.

Nick Aylward
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Laurie Young



IN-KIND DONORS

Around the Corner
Elmwood Bakery
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Fridrich Moving and Storage
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LHS Consumer Science Classes
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John & Traci Burke



H₂O provides our youth with a place to focus their energy in a positive and constructive way. The majority of H₂O participants continue this trend of community service long past when their time with H₂O ends. H₂O is responsible for turning literally hundreds of people onto the joys of community service.

— Jeremy Trancredi
alumni H₂O camp counselor



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