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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – For the 10th consecutive year, students from Cedarville University's social work honor society, Phi Alpha, are partnering with local restaurants to host a Dine Out for Hunger event. This years event takes place November 13-17.

Restaurants participating in this year's Dine Out for Hunger week include Chick-fil-A and Buffalo Wild Wings in Beavercreek; Colonial Pizza, Mom & Dad's Dairy Bar, Cassie Jo's, Grill-N-the Ville, and Beans & Cream in Cedarville; Rinnova in Cedarville's Stevens Student Center; and Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs. The detailed schedule is listed below.

Participants can eat at local restaurants throughout the week, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Daybreak, an emergency center for youth ages 10-19 in Dayton. Daybreak provides homeless and runaway youth with food, clothing, transitional housing, life-skills education and an employment program.

Phi Alpha began the Dine Out for Hunger event in 2008 to raise awareness about National Hunger and Homelessness Week. Thirteen students are involved in planning and organizing Dine Out for Hunger this year, which raised more than \$1,300 last year.

"My hope is that Dine Out for Hunger reflects the heart of Christ for the hungry and homeless," said Gabe Cyrus, senior social work major and Phi Alpha president from Newbury, Ohio. "Because we have been changed by the love of Christ, we pour that love into the hopeless who are among us."

While Dine Out for Hunger supports local businesses and raises awareness about poverty, it also gives Cedarville students hands-on experience with fundraising, event planning and utilizing community resources.

"The students learn how to get the community involved through fundraising and organizational skills," explained Melissa Brown, associate professor of social work. "They also have the opportunity to research organizations in the community that serve homeless and hungry populations."

Cedarville social work students must complete a 425 hour internship with a local nonprofit during their senior year, and many students intern with Daybreak. This year, Alyssa Kelly, a senior social work major from Kenosha, Wisconsin, is interning with Daybreak.

"Interning at Daybreak has shown me that there is a lot of power in a strong support system in the life of homeless youth," said Kelly. "Daybreak offers holistic services to address the multilayered needs of homeless youth in crisis."

Monday

Chick-Fil-A (all day, Fairfield Commons Mall location only, mention "Daybreak" or "Dine Out for Hunger")

Mom and Dad's Dairy Bar (Cedarville, Ohio 5-11pm deliveries only)

Colonial Pizza (Cedarville, Ohio 5-8pm, mention Dine Out For Hunger)

Tuesday

Chick-Fil-A (all day, Fairfield Commons Mall location only, mention "Daybreak" or "Dine Out for Hunger")

Cassie Jo's (all day)

Young's Dairy (Yellow Springs, Ohio 4-8pm)

Wednesday

Chick-Fil-A (all day, Fairfield Commons Mall location only, mention "Daybreak" or "Dine Out for Hunger")

Buffalo Wild Wings (11am-1am, Beaver creek location only, and you will need a flyer which will be emailed next week)

Thursday

Chick-Fil-A (all day, Fairfield Commons Mall location only, mention "Daybreak" or "Dine Out for Hunger")

Grille-in-the-Ville (Cedarville, Ohio all day)

Beans-n-Cream (Cedarville, Ohio 1-9pm, mention "Daybreak" or "Dine Out for Hunger")

Friday

Chick-Fil-A (all day, Fairfield Commons Mall location only, mention "Daybreak" or "Dine Out for Hunger")

Rinnova (Cedarville University all day, specialty coffee drinks and drip coffee)

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