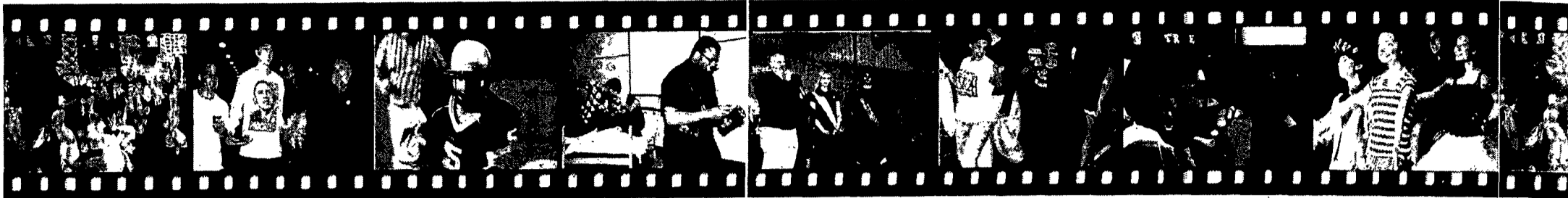


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Labor of love

Teddi, Relay combine to raise more than \$100,000 for charity

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Teddi Dance for Love. Relay for Life. Service club Students With a Vision (SWAV).

What do these things have in common? They are just a few of the many ways in which Fisher students give back to the community.

Fisher has a long-standing tradition of serving others, and this year was no exception.

2009's Teddi Dance for Love and Relay for Life, for example, raised astounding amounts of money for their causes. Teddi collected over \$51,000 for Camp Good Days and Special Times, while Relay raised \$52,500 for the American Cancer Society.

However, it wasn't all about the money for these groups.

"It is also important that we raised awareness about Camp Good Days and Special Times in addition to being able to give them so much financial support," Teddi Chair Stefanie Gruber said.

Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) President Beth Griffith, said, "It's not about the money you raise, it's about the goal of fighting cancer."

Fisher's Service Scholars and First Generation Scholars were active in the community this year. Service Scholars

totaled about 19,000 hours of service at schools, hospitals, youth programs and non-profits such as the Red Cross and Special Olympics. First Generation Scholars worked with schools and youth programs and also attended events such as Teddi, Relay and the Breast Cancer Walk, amassing 5,000 total hours of service.

SWAV has also participated in various service projects this year, such as Project Community Convergence, which had a record-breaking 175 volunteers.

As part of an initiative to incorporate service into curriculum, 10 service learning courses are being offered.

Service Director Sally Vaughan said that these service opportunities, while assisting the community, are just as beneficial to students.

"Sometimes I think they get more out of the volunteering than those they serve," Vaughan said.

Despite their already tremendous success, the service groups on campus are always aiming to improve their services. At the last CAC meeting,

for example, members brainstormed how they could make next year's Relay even more successful. Ideas discussed included pushing bank nights and online registration, as well as finding ways to involve Nazareth students.

Fisher's service opportunities, while providing valuable experiences helping others and a way for students to become involved in the local community, also reveal much about the campus community and the types of people that it produces.

"I think that student participation really says a lot about the values that Fisher tries to, and does, instill in its students," Gruber said. "When coming to Fisher, a student not only receives an excellent education, but also has the opportunity to grow into a giving and productive member of society. Fisher advocates becoming more conscientious about the world around us and how our actions can make changes for the better."

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"Spirit People" run onstage to greet each other during the 2009 Teddi dance.



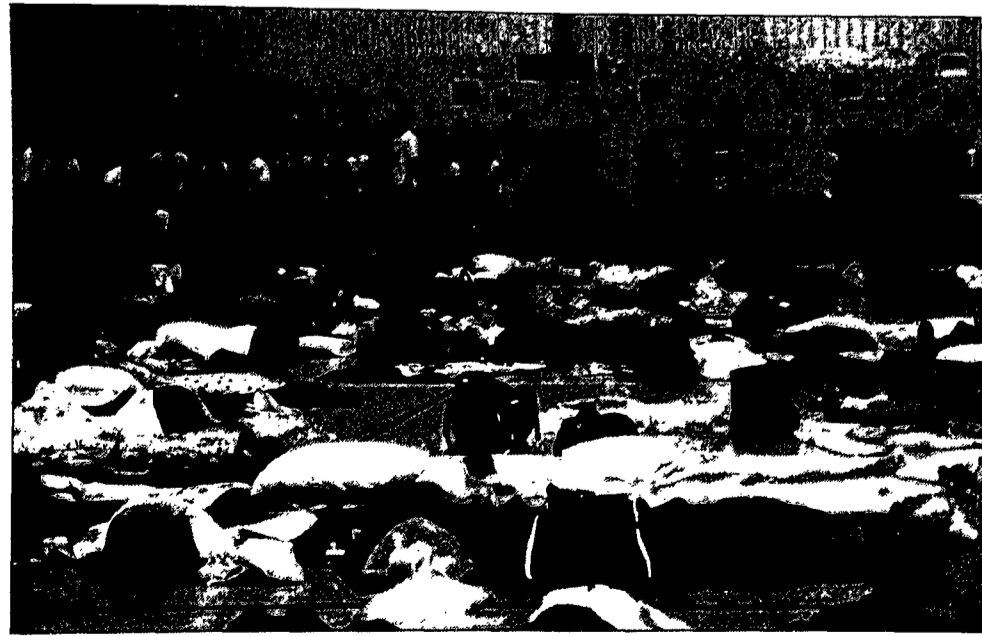
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Cancer survivors walk in the "survivor's lap" to honor them at the 2009 Relay for Life.



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Father Joe Lanzalaco blesses the feet of dancers during opening ceremonies at Teddi.



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Relay for Life 2009 took place in the SLC over 12 hours from April 3 to April 4.



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Junior Mary Kate Comfort tries to catch a football thrown to her by a teammate at Relay.