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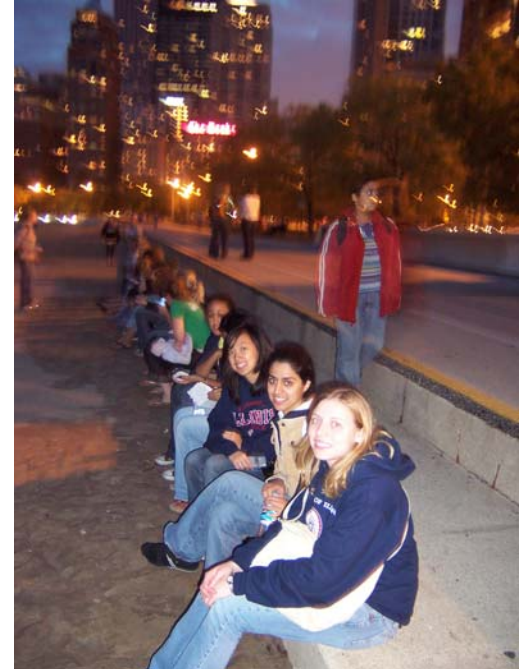
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Light up the Lakefront

By: *Emily Finchum*

On Monday, October 1, 2007, a small group of Golden Key members including: Maham Lodhi, Emma Pearson, Salwa Halloway, Melissa Aguilar, Neelima Kartha, and myself attended the 13th annual Luminaria: Light Up the Lakefront event hosted by Between Friends. The goal of the project was to remember the more than 3,000 women who have died in instances of domestic abuse in the United States last year. In the early evening, we spent time filling paper bags with sand and scattering them about Oak Street Beach – others helping at the event represented several universities, sororities, and non-profit organizations through out the Chicagoland area.



Golden Key Members Salwa Halloway, Melissa Aguilar, Maham Lodhi, & Emma Pearson at Light up the Lakefront

It was great to see so many people united with the intention of honoring those who were lost and educating the public about the scourge that domestic violence presents in the United States. Passers-by would stop to ask about the project; it was encouraging in the sense that people were finally starting to see, in a very real way, what domestic violence can do. The real sight was when the sun went down and all of the candles were lit. Three thousand candles covering the lakefront with the backdrop of the Chicago skyline was a poignant sight and one that will surely not be forgotten. Representatives from Between Friends spoke to the crowds and the night ended with a massive clean-up effort.

If ever Golden Key had a worthy cause to support, this was certainly it. It was as if to assert that there is hope for the future, but in order to alleviate the problem of domestic violence we must raise awareness today.



November Event Calendar:

GIVE Events:

Friday, November 2nd, 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm:

*Help set up and serve at a local soup kitchen.
Meet in front of SCE at 2:30 pm and we'll take
public transit there.*

Sunday, November 11th, 9:30 am - 4 pm:

*Help with the annual Ronald McDonald House
Fashion Show and silent auction.
Meet in front of SCE at 9:30 am and take a UIC
bus to the Oak Brook Hills Marriot Resort.*

Date and Time TBA:

*Chicago Cares Greater Chicago Food
Depository
Packaging and sorting food for shelters*

All month long:

*Toiletry and Canned Food Drive
Look for boxes in SCE and Dorms*

*CCIL Tutoring
Every Thursday evening – Contact Salma at
ssayee@uic.edu*



*Drop your used books in these boxes,
located in the bookstore and throughout
SCE and in the dorms*



Make the World Better—through Books!!

By: Maham Lodhi

Do you have textbooks lying around from previous semesters that are of no use to you anymore? Well they may be a great gift for students in Africa who are not able to purchase books for their own knowledge. Golden Key here at UIC is working with Better World Books to promote literacy and give the gift of reading and knowledge to those who cannot afford it. Better World Books partnered with Books for Africa to collect books and deliver them to Africa to promote literacy. Since 1988, they have sent over 15 million books to 28 countries in Africa and have kept more than a million pounds of books from hitting the landfills.

Better World Books has worked with Books for Africa since 2003 and has become their largest single source of funding, raising over \$1.3 million. Better World Books drives have also sent over 500,000 books to Books for Africa for use in their programs and we are their largest source of post-secondary books. Do your part in this HUGE movement toward a better world and donate your used books! Look for our boxes in the book store and around the UIC Student Center East as well as in the dorms!!

This is one of our greatest achievements. We have had so much success and we hope to continue this amazing effort this semester. Furthermore, if you would like to assist us, you can simply talk to any officer for more information; we are always looking for volunteers! Look for more information to come!!

Chicago Christian Industrial League

On the corner of Roosevelt and Fairfield is the Chicago Christian Industrial League (CCIL) campus. For almost 100 years, CCIL has been the shelter for thousands of Chicago's homeless men, women, and children. Over a course of two years, the center focuses on helping their tenants stabilize their lives and find a house. Many of them have been jumping from shelter to shelter, interrupting their education as well as their lives. UIC's close proximity to CCIL gives us an excellent opportunity to spread our own knowledge to kids who deserve a good education but often cannot get it.

Each volunteer is paired with one or two kids. Our designated tutoring night is Thursday from 6 to 8. However, there is no time commitment; volunteers are welcome to come at their leisure. Golden Key has been collaborating with CCIL's tutoring program for over two years. We hope to continue this relationship and make this activity one of our basic programs at UIC. Contact CCIL Coordinator Salma Sayeed at ssayee@uic.edu if you are interested in participating in this program.

Are you interested in being on the Golden Key Board? We're looking for new applicants, especially freshmen and sophomores. If you're interested, see any of the board members or email Maham at mlozhi2@uic.edu or Emily at efinch3@uic.edu

Boys and Girls Club Halloween Event

Golden Key will be helping with the Boys and Girls Club Halloween Event this Thursday, October 25th and Friday, October 26th. On Thursday we will be going from 5 – 9 pm to set up the Haunted House and Friday from 3 – 9 pm will be the Halloween party. (Dress up!) If you would like to attend, listen for information at the meeting or email Emily at efinch3@uic.edu.

*Happy
Halloween!*

