

# I N F O R M E R

## Community Service Day

- *Dedication*
- *Commitment*
- *Service*

*“Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead*

### Messiah College

#### Community Service Day Volunteers

- Tyler Chick
- Kat Fulton
- Sarah Helm
- Josiah Long
- Chris Showe



## SERVICE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

**W**here do some of the best volunteers come from? The answer - Messiah College. When it comes to lending a hand to help the community and providing enthusiastic and truly caring volunteers, there are none better than the Messiah College students. It is clear that they have a passion and commitment to helping make their community and the world a better place in which to live.

Thursday, April 23, 2009 was Messiah College Service Day. Service Day is a chance for



the Messiah students to take a break from studying and spend time with a local organization volunteering their time, energy and talents. Five students from Messiah College, Josiah Long, Tyler Chick, Kat Fulton, Sarah Helm, and Chris Showe, volunteered to help us out at OIC.

Their task for the day was to help get the OIC container garden ready for spring planning. Without hesitating the students started to weed, clean, mulch and move plants from the greenhouse into the full sun. The container garden is an outdoor classroom that the OIC parents and children use to learn about the fun of container gardening. Children learn about the different smells, textures



and colors of the plants, flowers and vegetables. Parents learn about nutrition, vitamins and saving money by growing their own food.

Volunteerism is big at OIC. At any time there might be as many as 25 volunteers at our many sites in the Greater Harrisburg Area. Volunteers are used as tutors, administrative support, maintenance workers and teacher's aides. If you are interested in volunteering at OIC contact Vicki Hoffman, Volunteer Coordinator, at 238-7318 or [vhoffman@tricountyoic.org](mailto:vhoffman@tricountyoic.org).

## SERVICE DAY SERVES ITS PURPOSE

**T**hanks again to the Messiah students. From their comments you can tell that they enjoyed the experience. *Getting the chance to come out, take a break from academics and do some good, simple work is a real blessing.* **Josiah Long** ♦ *It's exciting to get away from the rural and suburban culture around Messiah College and.... see plants and people growing and working together.* **Tyler Chick** ♦ *It was nice to get away from school and work with our hands.* **Kat Fulton** ♦ *Working at OIC was fun, but it was also great to help out a program that's doing so much good.* **Sarah Helm** ♦ *...it's great that Messiah endorses a day for students to .... get involved in the community. I didn't really know what OIC was until coming here today, but it seems like a great organization and I'm honored to help, even in a small way.* **Chris Showe**