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Events to Spotlight Issues During National Awareness Week

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— As the holidays approach, many are thankful for the shelter of a warm home and the nourishment of hearty meals. But others aren't as fortunate and face hunger and homelessness.

Students spend a night on the Quad in 2010 to raise awareness of homelessness.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is Nov. 15-23, and Gardner-Webb University will join organizations across the nation in spotlighting those issues. Campus events will include a panel discussion with representatives from local homeless shelters, a hunger banquet, and a canned food drive. The events are organized by the GWU Campus Civitan, a branch of the national volunteer service club.

“With the many opportunities that Gardner-Webb provides students for reaching out into the community, we hope that this week will inspire students to lead their own campaigns to help those who are hungry or without a home,” said Chasity McCraw, a GWU sophomore and secretary/treasurer for Campus Civitan. “So many people are suffering from homelessness and hunger today, and our main goal this week is making people aware of that and getting people interested in helping.”

A homelessness panel discussion, featuring men from local shelters, is set for Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in Ritch Banquet Hall on the bottom floor of the Dover Campus Center.

More information on global poverty, as well as a meal, will be shared during a Hunger Banquet on Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. in Ritch Banquet Hall.

To RSVP to the panel discussion and banquet, email volunteer@gardner-webb.edu.

A canned food drive will collect non-perishable items through Dec. 5 at drop-off locations in the Tucker Student Center and the Caf in the Dover Campus Center.

Food will also be collected during Gardner-Webb's Dec. 3 wrestling match versus VMI at 6:30 p.m., GWU's women's basketball game at 3 p.m. on Nov. 22 versus N.C. Central, and the men's basketball game versus Brevard at 2 p.m. on Nov. 29. All of those athletic events will take place in Porter Arena in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center, and food donors will get free admission at both basketball games.

For more information on the canned food drive, email mrichardson6@gardner-webb.edu.

Gardner-Webb also supports an ongoing effort to fight hunger through the Healthy Bulldog Backpack Program. The initiative provides food to local elementary school students and their families.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).