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University of St. Thomas Reaches out to the Community with 'Awareness in Action Week'

WHAT: The Office of Volunteer Opportunities at the University of St. Thomas presents "Awareness in Action Week," a week of service activities leading up to the President's Day of Service on Feb. 18.

BACKGROUND: "Awareness in Action Week" was created in order to engage, inform and motivate the students of UST and others in the community. The week-long events all relate to the impact that volunteers have on certain issues and the call to incorporate one's beliefs into a lifetime of action.

Monday, Feb. 13
Oxfam/One Campaign Hunger Banquet
5:45 p.m., Scanlan Room
Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon
This interactive event will be narrated by Ramon Fernandez, UST assistant professor and will feature keynote speaker, Seth Wispelwey, Southeast One Campaign fellow from Bread for the World. Participants will experience the challenges of the less fortunate. Few will leave the banquet will full stomachs, but all will leave more aware of the millions who struggle against hunger every day.

Wednesday, Feb. 15
Film: "Berkeley in the Sixties"
7 p.m., Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon
Feel the impact that the student protests at Berkeley had on the free speech movement and subsequent campaigns for human rights. Discuss the film with two noted activists Dr. Craig Oettinger, associate professor, University of Houston-Clear Lake, and Deloyd Parker, Jr., founder, SHAPE Community Center.

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Thursday, Feb. 16
Paper Houses Across the Border
12:30-1:30 p.m., Scanlan Room
Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon
Bob Decker, founder, Paper Houses Across the Border will discuss weekend mission trips to Del Rio/Ciudad Acuña to better the lives of children and adults who live in cardboard houses.

Saturday, Feb. 18
President's Day of Service
8 a.m. – 1 p.m., meet at Dining Hall, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark
After breakfast, participants will be bussed to one of four projects and will return to campus at 12:30 for lunch. Houston Habitat for Humanity, the Houston Zoo, The Children's Museum and an on-campus craft project are the opportunities for service.

COST: All events are free and open to the public.

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