

## IU Kokomo Staff Council

Staff Council is open to all full-time and part-time appointed staff of the Kokomo Campus, consisting of about 90 members at present. This organization fosters the spirit of teamwork, cooperation: creativity and innovation towards helping IU Kokomo become one of the state's best universities for education and employment.

December 2005 – **Kokomo Rescue Mission** gift wrapping and sponsored single-parent family. Several Council members volunteered to wrap Christmas presents for the Rescue Mission. The council also sponsored a family with a food gift card and gifts for family members at a total of \$400.

February 11, 2006

February 10, 2007

February 9, 2008 - **Walk a Mile in My Shoes** is a walkathon to benefit Open Arms shelter for homeless women and children. Open Arms provides safe shelter, nutritious meals and Bible-based programs addressing the underlying causes of homelessness, such as substance abuse, incomplete education and lack of adequate life skills. It's a 1-mile round trip walk from the mission headquarters at 321 W. Mulberry St. to Open Arms 929 N. Main St. This event is sponsored by the Kokomo Rescue Mission. Seven to ten Staff Council members walk as a team each year for this event and raise \$600-\$800.

October 14, 2006

October 6, 2007

October 18, 2008 - **Make your own Scarecrow** - Making a scarecrow can be a wonderful family activity. All proceeds benefit the IU Kokomo Staff council, which raise money for student scholarships, campus improvements, and projects to benefit the surrounding community. One thousand flyers are sent to local schools as well as articles placed in the *Center for Early childhood Education Newsletter*, The Kokomo Perspective, and the IU Kokomo Website. Staff Council members volunteer their time to help organize and help families make their scarecrows.

November 4, 2006

November 3, 2007

November 8, 2008 - **Annual Arts and Craft Show** - Collect can goods to assist the Kokomo Crisis Center which is a not-for-profit social service agency that helps the low-income and those who are less fortunate than others. Their food pantry serves 75 to 100 people per month. During our Annual Arts & Craft Show we ask shoppers to bring a non-perishable food items. Donations are deposited in marked boxes at each entrance of the Kelley Student Center and Alumni Hall and then delivered to the Crisis Center.