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**10.08.2007 | Service and Giving, Students** Once again, University of Dayton students will devote their vacation time to help the less fortunate. Forty-two students have filled every spot in these fall breakout trips:

**New Orleans** — Participants will work with the Archdiocese of New Orleans' Catholic Charities to help restore the homes of the elderly on fixed incomes who were greatly affected by Hurricane Katrina. More than 200 UD students, faculty and staff already have volunteered on Katrina relief projects. Following their trip, the latest group to visit the Gulf Coast will recap their experiences throughout UD's Humanities Symposium Oct. 16-18. "Race, Class and History: New Orleans Post

Katrina" also will include talks by:

Ansel Augustine, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16; "Faith after the Storm." Hurricane Katrina destroyed Augustine's home.

Jed Horne, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17; Horne, a former metro editor of the New Orleans Times Picayune, is the author of *Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City*.

Gregory Squires, 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18; Squires is the chair of the George Washington University sociology department and editor of "There is No Such Thing as a Natural Disaster: Race, Class and Hurricane Katrina."

All lectures will be held in Sears Recital Hall in the Jesse Philips Humanities Center on campus and are free and open to the public. For more symposium information, call 937-229-3490.

**Chicago** — Participants will examine the causes and solutions of urban poverty while living on Chicago's west side for four days. This is an educational experience rather than a work experience. Scheduled activities include visits to the Nation of Islam's world headquarters and Operation PUSH. Discussion topics will include racial profiling, ghetto policing and building a framework for understanding poverty.

**Camden, N.J.** — Participants will confront issues like poverty, race and class in a prayerful and constructive environment. During the day, the group will help at schools, hot meals programs, a drop-in center for persons affected by HIV and AIDS, and the South Jersey Food Bank. In the evenings, there will be discussions on urban poverty and social and economic justice.

For more information on the fall breakouts, contact Mary Niebler at 937-229-2012.