

MCC Monthly VISTA Feature - December 2011

April Meyers Davenport University



April Meyers is a second year Michigan Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA serving her first year at Davenport University. After graduating from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor's degree in Public and Nonprofit Administration, she knew that her calling was to service. After serving one year at Schoolcraft College, April found a new challenge as the AmeriCorps*VISTA at Davenport University. She serves in the student services office on the Warren campus and serves both the Warren and Livonia campuses and communities by creating capacity for service projects and experiential learning to expand at the University.

Since she has been at Davenport, April has been worked on Davenport's Adopt A Family efforts. The Adopt-A-Family has been going on at Davenport University for a few years. This year, the Livonia campus wanted to duplicated the same project that they did last year which entailed providing Thanksgiving dinners to three families in the Livonia area that have fallen on hard times. April decided that this was an excellent cause and wanted to set a new goal this year of supplying five families with Thanksgiving dinners. Through weeks of promotion and donation requests, the Thanksgiving food items poured in and the Livonia campus lobby was filled with non-perishable food items. The campus purchased five large plastic bins and packed each above the brim with a full Thanksgiving meals. April then used her budget to purchase turkeys for the families on the date of delivery to the families. On November 21, 2011, five families were given a much brighter holiday through Davenport University's anonymous donation.

A note from Michael Contesti from Davenport's Livonia campus, : "April was instrumental in the Adopt a Family campaign for this Thanksgiving. Due to her efforts, we were able to increase our efforts by 40%. This effort is greatly appreciated and sets a positive example for our student body, staff, and community."