For supporters of the Obama/Biden ticket, watching the Tuesday night returns was great fun. Fun, that is, after the initial nervousness had abated just a bit early in the evening when Wisconsin, the first swing state and home to the Republican Vice Presidential nominee Paul Ryan, was placed in the Democrats’ column.

That fun, however, has been more than matched in the following weeks as we listen to the comments of Republican pundits who have been left stunned and angry by the actions of their fellow citizens– many of whom they don’t particularly care for, if truth be known.

We hasten to add that most of the angry, over-the-top comments by conservatives about the dire straits the nation will now find itself in due to the failure of voters to toss the president out of office have been spoken with a degree by Republican office holders. To their credit, at least so far, Republicans such as House Speaker John Boehner have conceded the obvious – the American people have spoken, even the 47 percent that Mitt Romney would have no part of, and their decision is pretty clear. As we survey the landscape of disgruntled conservative pundits – Rush, Sean Hannity, Glenn “puck up your guns and head for the hills” Beck, Newt, etc – our favorite by far has been the reaction of Mary Matalin, Republican consultant, advisor to Presidents Bush II and Reagan, CNN contributor.

Matalin characterized the Obama campaign as marked by malice and mendacity. “It was full of division and destruction, distraction and distortion,” she said in an apologetic Matalin.

Whew! Mary is fit to be tied. She and husband James Carville, the Democratic advisor and consultant, say they don’t talk “about politics at home but certainly there must be more than a few evil glares at each other in that household during such times.

We bring this up, not just for our own amusement, and there is certainly an abundance of that, but to highlight the conservatives’ two main problems with the Obama campaign: aftermath – mendacity and divisiveness.

Was the Obama campaign marked by mendacity as Matalin, Limbaugh and countless others are claiming? We went to Politifact to check the record and what we found was that 28 percent of President Obama’s ads or statements during the campaign were rated either mostly false (12 percent); false (14 percent) or “pants on fire” (two percent). On the other hand– are you ready for this, Mary? – Romney’s ads and statements were rated either mostly false (16 percent); false (16 percent) or “pants on fire” (nine percent) a total of 41 percent.

There is a lot of hair splitting in these ratings, so that’s 41 percent.

As Romney pollster Neil Newhouse said early in the campaign: “We’re going to let our campaign be dictated by fact-checkers.” After all, don’t you just hate it when facts get in the way of a good smear campaign?

Did the Obama folks run a negative campaign? Absolutely they did. Just like every ad by national politician in this cycle was negative. Negative works. Voters respond. The Obama campaign decided to attack Romney on his conservatism which, contrary to the deep-seated belief of real conservatives everywhere it seems, is not where the majority of Americans fall these days.

And that belief is why conservatives are having such a difficult time with what happened on Election Day. Virtually all of them felt a victory was in the offing for the GOP, many felt it would be a landslide, contrary to the hundreds of polls that were predicting a close race.

That’s the fantasy land where so many in the Republican Party dwell these days. The Obama campaign divisive? Why? Because they pointed out that Romney’s past included actions that resulted in jobs being eliminated or shipped overseas; that they pointed out that Romney only paid 14 percent in income tax; that they pointed out that Romney has stated that he would not interfere with the right of any 47 percent of this nation’s citizens.

There are two things that happened during the campaign that point out the difficulty the Republicans have in trying to grasp reality.

First there were the statements out of Missouri and Indiana about rape by white Republican male candidates for the U.S. Senate. Todd Akin of Missouri said that “legitimate” rape could not result in pregnancy. Richard Mourdock of Indiana said that if a woman were conceived as a result of rape, she should accept that as a gift from God.

The voters of Missouri and Indiana were able to take a close look at these two clowns and dismiss them as viable candidates. Both lost by large margins in states in which “legitimate” Republican candidates for Senate would have been a slam dunk. They lost as the top of the ticket carried both states decisively. The same was not true for voters around the country.

Women, particularly single women, voted for the Obama ticket in this election. Clearly a drum beat of such statements by anti-abortion forces, coupled with Romney attacks on Planned Parenthood, for example, terrified everyone in the GOP to a certain extent. More so at a distance, in Ohio or Florida, than at home in Indiana.

The second sign of the fantasyland the Republicans inhabit is the issue of climate change. The conservative position, one that Romney came to embrace just over the last two years, is that it doesn’t exist and, if it did, humans are not responsible for it and should not do anything to correct it.

We can understand how conservative positions evolve on economic and social issues – small government, taxation, pro-life, anti gay marriage, etc – as having been generated from commitment to a certain culture. But climate change?

We’re talking science here. When and how did the conservatives decide that an anti-climate change position was supported by a questioning of scientific facts fit into their repertoire of issues? And how did the science change for Romney?

Once claimed, as Obama has discovered, it’s pretty hard to break away from the dogma. In 2010, Romney attributed human action to global warming; by 2012, he had disavowed that belief as he veered to the right to obtain the nomination–in lock-step with Republican orthodoxy.

No wonder conservatives are in a state of shock. Their foundation has been shaken to the core. Not only did the Obama/Biden ticket win decisively, if not by a landslide, but the Dems also added to their majority in the Senate and gained seats in the House. A year ago, not the most optimistic Democrat would have predicted that outcome. Tough times to be a conservative. The world has been trending towards the liberal for the past two centuries – steadily enabling slavery, allowing women out of the home, providing services for citizens, educating even the poorest among us, making health care more accessible, letting gay folks out of the closet. All of this to the chagrin of Romney’s conserva- tive base.

As conservatives wanted their country back. Romney promised to take it back. Instead, blacks, Latinos, the young, the gay, lots of women and not a few white males decided that America belongs to them at least as much as it belongs to the Rush dittoheads.

Forward!
A Couple of At Large Thoughts.....

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

I’m Just Saying...... Based upon the tremendous and positive feedback from my recent article about, “What’s in A Name,” I decided to go a step further and offer some concrete help for those in a naming crisis mode.

I understand the frantic emails and calls from potential parents about the grave importance of giving a child a proper and respectful name. I am fully cognizant that one name can mean so much to a child and how others respond to that name. It is so important to christen a person with a name that will stand in his or place for a lifetime.

When people hear or read your name, you come to their mind’s eye and their opinion of you is made or lost due to what you do or did with that name.

So, in the interest of my dear readers, I have taken upon myself the Herculean task of creating a name bank called: What’s Yo’ Name? You will be glad you did!

Sure Losers Indeed!

Well, the election is over. No more inane ads. No more interviews of Paul Ryan perpetually bunched up. No more pictures of Mitt Romney prancing around as if he is short and perpetually bunched up. No more interviews of Paul Ryan painfully trying to do “magic math” in order to explain his foolish budget cuts.

If you listen to talk TV or radio, the word is out that Mitt Romney was, “shell-shocked” at the election results.

He sat at the tables of political fools and arrogant pollsters and ate their breath and meat and now wonder why he had a case of acute indigestion. You are what you eat! While real life pollsters were telling the American public that Obama was in the favorite to win…..and why?

Mitt’s scorps of minions were concocting their own parallel universe of opinions and trying to morph them into believable facts.

It did not work and Mitt & Company cried their eyes out when they had to peer out their hotel windows and listen to the crowds below cry out,

“Goodbye Mitt!”

Dick Morris, Kay Buchanan, Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, Ann Coulter, Michael Moulton, Michael Medved, Sarah Palin, Karl Rove, Bill O’Reilly, Sean Hannity, Herman Cain, Charles Krauthammer and host of others totally blew it because they were blinkers to the real facts; and because they were phobic about getting this black man out of the White House.

If there ever was a case of the blind leading the blind into a ditch, this was a classic case of barely concealed racist hate posing as political wisdom.

When you wade through the racially balled name calling such as, “retard,” “fag,” “shock and jive,” “un-American,” “bitch,” “communist,” “ghetto trash (about his two girls),” “Ma-Ma,” “racist,” “welfare state,” “not one of us,” “learn to be an American,” those words were also directed at all people of color and not just Obama, for he is one of “us”.

Bill O’Reilly lamented the fact that the traditional American is no more. Translation: Super PACs that spent fortunes trying to destroy President Obama.

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Approval of Issue 25 Will Help in the Fight Against Child Abuse

On November 6, Lucas County residents cast their votes for fighting child abuse by approving Issue 25. This 1.85 mill levy, which will not be collected until 2014, will allow Lucas County Children Services to continue to investigate reports of, and protect children from, the tragedy of abuse and neglect.

Declining state and federal revenues, and reduced levy receipts imperil child quality protective services in many Ohio counties, so your vote of confidence is particularly meaningful. Just two weeks ago, LCCS learned that the Council on Accreditation reaccredited LCCS for the February 2013 through February 2017 period. Had Issue 25 failed, it would have been difficult for the agency to maintain the accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence-based, and outcome oriented services to children and families that COA recognized us for providing.

LCCS is among only 22 public child protection agencies in Ohio and 45 nationwide to maintain this designation.

On behalf of LCCS’ 360 employees, and the hundreds of children and families who serve all year long, I thank Lucas County residents for protecting our community’s most vulnerable citizens by approving Issue 25. Please join us in remaining vigilant by reporting suspected abuse or neglect for 419-213-2273 (CARE).

Sincerely,
Deanne Sparks
Executive Director
Lucas County Children Services

AFT Statement on the Re-election of President Obama

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten released the following statement on the re-election of President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

“The importance of this election was far greater than casting a ballot for one candidate over another! As important as that exercise in democracy is. The American people voted today to create opportunity and shared prosperity by sharing responsibility, and to reject the cynical ‘you’re on your own’ philosophy. The results of this election are a declaration by the American people that to rebuild a strong and vibrant middle class and ensure a voice for the cynical ‘you’re on your own’ philosophy. The results of this election are a declaration by the American people that to rebuild a strong and vibrant middle class and ensure a voice for that kind of responsible leadership, we need to re-elect President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.”

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Election Roundup – Lucas County Voters Decide More Than Just the Presidential Race

By Fletcher Word
Sojourner’s Truth Editor

In the run-up to last week’s general election, it was said by one national pollster, John Zogby, that Lucas County would decide the presidential race. Perhaps a number of counties around the nation might like the “kingmaker” title but Lucas County’s claim would be as solid as any.

This year President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden won 64.23 percent of the Lucas County vote, just a bit lower than the 64.8 percent they garnered in 2008. The overall vote in Ohio was much closer this year than in 2008, however. The president, who won by a margin of five percent in 2008, won by only two percent this year. The loyalty of Lucas County voters was more than a little helpful.

His margin statewide was around 100,000 votes – in Lucas County that margin for the Obama/Biden ticket was 61,000 over the Romney/Ryan GOP ticket.

Other Candidates

Lucas County was also particularly kind to Democratic U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown in his re-election bid against Josh Mandel, Ohio Treasurer. Brown topped his GOP rival here by 62,000 votes.

U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur won the District 9 seat against challenger Samuel Wurzbachter. Her Lucas County constituents voted for her 82 to 15 percent against the challenger also known as Joe the Plumber.

The Plumber stopped campaigning at some point during the summer and was not to be seen again in these parts. He probably went national again, for all the good that did.

Republican U.S. Representative Bob Latta retained his seat in District 5, a historically reliable Republican enclave. Latta, however, just barely topped his opponent, first-time candidate Democratic Angela Zimmerman, here in Lucas County, one of 14 counties in his district. He received only 113 votes more than Zimmerman in Lucas County.

Republican State Senator Randy Gardner will be returning to Columbus thanks in part to Lucas County which gave him almost 61 percent of its votes compared to 39 percent for Democrat Jeff Bretz. Incumbent State Reps Michael Ashford, Teresa Fedor, Matthew Szollosi and Barbara Sears all won their sections of Lucas County handily. Democrats Ashford and Fedor faced no opposition; Democrat Szollosi received almost 65 percent of the votes in his contest against Republican Dave Kissinger and Republican Sears received 58 percent of the vote in her race against Democrat Jeff Bunck.

County Commissioners Pete Gerken and Tina Skeldon Wozniak, both Democrats, easily won re-election, as did other Democratic Lucas County office holders – Prosecutor Julia Bates, Clerk of Courts Bernie Quitter, Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz, Engineer Keith Earley, Coroner James Patrick. Of that group, only Quitter and Kapszukiewicz faced opposition, albeit token.

Indeed the only mildly interesting local race of note was that for Lucas County Recorder between Toledo City Councilmen Phillip Copeland and George Sarantou. Copeland, the Democrat, won by a 56 to 44 percent margin over Sarantou, the Republican.

Lucas County Common Pleas Judge Myron Duhart squeaked by Kenneth Phillips – two percentage points in the only close local contest for judge.

On the state level, however, there was a contest to be had for the state Supreme Court as Sharon Kennedy won her contest against sitting Judge Yvette McGee Brown – Kennedy won by five percent. Aside from the Duhart/Phillips contest, no other local race was as close.

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cal sitting judge faced opposition in Lucas County. Note to those considering running for office in the future – pass on contests when you are facing an opponent named Kennedy.

Issues
There were two statewide ballot initiatives that were both defeated by Ohio voters: Issue 1 sought to establish a convention to alter the state constitution; Issue 2 sought to establish a commission to redraw districts.

On the local level, Toledoans were faced with seven levy requests. A city levy asking for funds to go directly to parks and recreation was defeated by seven percentage points. However, a Metroparks request to improve its parks passed handily by 10 points.

The Toledo Public Schools asked voters to approve a 4.9 mill levy over a 10 year period, that request was denied by five percent. Two county agencies – Lucas County Children Services and Lucas County Mental Health – sought additional funding and received it, LCCS by 10 percent and Mental Health by a very slim margin of less than two percent.

The Toledo Lucas County Library made the best case for a levy approval – both renewal and additional funding – and the voters said yes by 30 percentage points. Imagination Station, on the other hand, narrowly lost its request for more money.
Local Woman Needs Votes to Become CNN Hero of the Year

Special to The Truth

After her father witnessed a drowning when he was young, Wanda Butts was raised with no exposure to swimming and in turn raised her son the same way. When her 16-year-old son drowned in 2006, Butts knew she didn’t want another mother to experience the pain she felt, so she started the Josh Project. This organization, named after her son, has taught more than 1,200 children and adults how to swim. “I believe that swimming is a basic life skill,” Butts said. “The younger one can begin learning this skill, the better.”

In five years, the project has grown, and more children join every day. Since May, the Josh Project has been housed on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation in The University of Toledo Minority Business Development Center, which helps small minority businesses reach their potential. Now Butts has a chance to be recognized nationally for her work — as CNN Hero of the Year. With the help of supporters, Butts can win not only recognition, but also a cash prize that could help the Josh Project immensely.

Butts made it to the top 10 CNN Heroes of the Year and is vying for the top honor with nine people who are changing lives all over the world. For her to win first place — a cash prize and training from the Annenberg Foundation — she needs supporters to vote for her at cnn.com/heroes from now through Wednesday, Nov. 28. Each person can vote 10 times a day.

The Josh Project is assisted in its efforts by UT’s Minority Business Development Center, the Toledo Sail & Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 9th District, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Greater Toledo Aquatic Club. Butts said she hopes to see water safety training included in the Toledo Police Department’s Safety City. The program teaches children about traffic safety with the use of bicycles. Every year on Dec. 9, which is Josh’s birthday, the organization hosts a fundraiser. This year’s event will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 3536 Secor Road in Toledo. Tickets are $50 per person. Bruce Wigo, executive director of the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., will be the keynote speaker.

To learn more about the Josh Project, visit joshproject.org and be sure to tune in to CNN Sunday, Dec. 2, at 9 p.m. to watch “CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute.”
**Lincoln: Self Made in America**

**“I was born and have ever remained in the most humble walks of life.” – Abraham Lincoln**

**March 9, 1832**

*By Rhonda B. Sewell, Library Media Relations Coordinator*

Although he detested slavery, the matter of the institution was noted by historians as one of Abraham Lincoln’s most troubling aspects in his life.

Now, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library presents **LINCOLN: Self-Made in America**, an exhibit honoring the 16th President of the United States – Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865). The exhibit, which gives patrons their own glance into Lincoln’s life and positions on politics, slavery and more, covers his childhood, his self-education, his careers as a surveyor and lawyer, his family life, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, the 1860 presidential election, the Civil War, the 13th Amendment, the Emancipation Proclamation, his assassination, and other important periods and events in his life.

Join us for this special exhibit on loan from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation (ALPLF) located in the Central Court of Main Library, 325 Michigan St. (For more information on ALPLF please visit www.alplm.org)

This “learning station” exhibit is on view now through December 14, 2012 and covers Lincoln’s life from his self-educated childhood through his presidency and assassination. The exhibit is generously funded by the Library Legacy Foundation.

Library organizers state that the exhibit is a perfect opportunity to teach young members of your family more about one of America’s most fascinating presidents, and related topics important to American history such as slavery, the Emancipation Proclamation, the 13th Amendment and more.

While at Main Library, be sure to view the library’s permanent portrait of Lincoln located in the Business Technology Department. “Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America” was created to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of America’s greatest president by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The reproduction artifacts on display, all modeled from originals in the Presidential Library and Museum, include: Lincoln’s favorite books; his son Tad’s toy cannon; the nameplate from his Springfield home; his stovepipe hat, which he used like a briefcase to hold important papers; a Presidential campaign banner; an ax that Lincoln used to chop wood; the bloody gloves found in Lincoln’s pocket the night of his assassination; and many other unique and interesting items. Lincoln, the son of a subsistence farmer, came of age during a dramatic transformation in America’s economic life.

Like many of his contemporaries, he embraced a new emphasis on personal initiative, risk-taking, and ambition. He was only 22 when he left his family home to find his own way. After enduring a series of personal failures in business, he became a prosperous attorney, devoted husband and father, successful politician, and, finally, the 16th President of the United States.

**Scott High School Now Offers Programs for the Community**

Scott High School is now operating as a community hub. This means that not only are they striving to meet the academic needs of their students, they are seeking to serve them in a holistic way by removing barriers to their success by looking at EVERY need of the student, their families and the surrounding community.

Here are the current programs available to the community:

- **ABLE Mobile Benefit Bank**
- **Advocates for Basic Legal Equality Staff** is available by appointment the enroll families in federal benefits i.e., WIC, food programs, medical and other needs.
- They also provide voter registration and legal assistance in areas such as bankruptcy, consumer debt, foreclosure prevention, landlord tenant issues, living wills among other services. ABLE does not assist with criminal or traffic cases. Call 419.671.4000 ext. 4103 to schedule an appointment.
- **GED program for adults**
- **Free GED classes** are available to anyone seeking to register. The classes are offered at Scott on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4p. To register, call 419.661.6555.
- **ZUMBA**
  - ZUMBA is offered Monday evenings at 6p in the second floor auditorium. Classes are $5 each.
- **Knitting classes**
  - Knitters of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join in fellowship on Thursdays from 4-5p.
- **On-site social worker**
  - There is a social worker available daily by appointment. Call 419.671.4000
- **Mobile dental and UT @TPS (UT college courses at Scott)** soon to come!

*If you want to know more about the Scott Community hub, call Candice Harrison, Director at 419.671.4000 ext. 4103 or ‘like’ them on Facebook by searching “Scott High School Community Hub.” chasease@tps.org*
Herzing-Toledo Students Prepare for the Work-World

By Kevin Milliken
Special to The Truth

With today’s job market as competitive as it is, employers can literally pick and choose the best of the best. That makes it even tougher when someone has to sell themselves and their skill sets.

So Herzing University-Toledo students embarked on a unique way to raise the bar before they enter the full-time world of work. Business leaders, a city official, school staff, and workforce reps from the Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services spent the day critiquing and mentoring students.

Various stations throughout campus offered mock job interviews, resume critiques and online employment database registration assistance.

Special assistant to Toledo’s mayor Alan Bannister offered advice on how to conduct oneself when marketing skills at a networking event. Herzing instructor and motivational speaker John Henry Livingston put the job market into perspective and challenged students to “handle your business” to ensure future success.

Some students even volunteered to have their job interviews videotaped so they could go back and look at how they did and receive a critique from the ODJFS pros who routinely screen applicants for local employers.

“Part of our mission is to help our students become career-focused, but there are crucial aspects of the goal that must be taught in real-world scenarios outside the classroom,” said Greg Guzman, Herzing-Toledo campus president. “Our community partners really come through each year to challenge our students to become the best they can be professionally.”

The free, day-long career workshop focused on everything from developing a professional demeanor to networking tips and techniques; interviewing do’s and don’ts, resume review and other critical competencies necessary to enter a tight job market.

Students who honed their skills enough to pass “muster” with their critiques earned a “golden ticket” (a la Willy Wonka) to a follow-up, on-campus job fair the next week. Those students can use their “golden ticket” to meet with employers from the fields of health, business, and technology.

“Many of last year’s participants were quickly called back for second interviews,” noted Angela Rivers, business program chairman at Herzing-Toledo. “I believe students appreciate how we break down each step of the process and allow them to take a critical look in the mirror. The golden ticket approach is a nice reward for their willingness to invest their time to strengthen their professional skill sets.”

The workshop has become somewhat of a tradition at the Herzing-Toledo campus, drawing dozens of students. They receive no class credit for the project.
Owens Community College Joins State Program To Enhance First Time Community College Student Success

Special to Sojourner’s Truth

Owens Community College has been chosen along with nine other academic institutions in Ohio to help first-time community college students succeed in their academic and career aspirations as part of the new AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches Initiative.

The AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches Initiative is part of a collaborative effort between the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC), the Ohio College Access Network (OCAN) and ServeOhio (Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism).

“In this exciting initiative, we are using the leadership skills of recent community college graduates to provide mentoring and coaching to community college students, many of whom are first-generation college students,” said Ronald Abrams, Ph.D., president of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, which represents the 23 community colleges in Ohio. “These ‘coaches’ will provide their students with the support needed to create their educational completion plan, and then mentor them through challenges they may encounter as they move ahead through their plan.”

More than 20 recent community college graduates will serve as coaches at 10 Ohio community colleges. Each coach will provide assistance to a cohort of 100 students who are first-time community college students, enrolled in developmental education courses and Pell-eligible. The coaches will be responsible for helping their student cohort in completing their developmental courses and then helping them to enroll in college-level credit courses. Additionally, coaches will serve as a support system for the students and assist them in progressing through their completion plan.

Serving as AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches at Owens are Adam Masters of Bowling Green and Tiffany Steele of Bowling Green. Masters recently earned his associate’s degree from Owens, while Steele obtained both her associate’s and bachelor’s degrees from Bowling Green State University. Masters is currently pursuing his bachelor’s degree in business management at Bowling Green and Steele is enrolled in the University of Toledo’s master’s degree program in recreational administration.

“Owens Community College is honored to be chosen to participate in the new AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches Initiative,” said Karen Shultz, Owens Manager of Testing Services, who will oversee the College’s AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches Initiative. “This program will provide additional student support service to complement advising, career services, tutoring, classroom instruction and other services on campus.”

She added, “Adam and Tiffany will be working with students individually and through workshops on both the Toledo-area and Findlay-area campuses, as well as at the Learning Center at The Source, to help connect them to services on campus to enhance student success. Often new students can find it difficult to navigate different resources to be successful. The coaches will enable students to navigate for success.”
University of Toledo Freezes Tuition, Offers Free Semester of Housing for Transfer Students

Freshmen back to live on campus in 2013-14 are eligible for 25 percent housing Discount

Special to The Truth

Responding to nationwide concerns that higher education is increasingly unaffordable for students, the University of Toledo announced a series of aggressive measures to help ensure a college degree remains accessible at a news conference last week. The measures are:

- Free on-campus housing for spring 2013 for all new transfer students who come to UT for the semester beginning Jan. 7, 2013 and transfer 12 or more credit hours. Students also must enroll full-time at UT and take 12 or more credit hours during Spring 2013.

- Freezing all undergraduate tuition and fees for the 2013-2014 academic year, including housing, meal plans and general fees.

- A 25 percent housing discount for current, full-time (12 credit hours or more) freshmen living on campus this year who return to live in the residence halls for the 2013-14 academic year as sophomores. Students must have earned a 2.5 GPA or higher and 24 or more earned credit hours.

“Ever since our tuition freeze guarantee in 2007 that led to a state-wide, two-year freeze at public universities for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 academic years, The University of Toledo has led efforts to keep higher education in Ohio affordable,” UT President Lloyd Jacobs said.

“The world is changing too fast for higher education institutions to make incremental changes and expect to stay relevant to the needs of students and families,” Jacobs said. “We are making transformational moves and those universities that don’t won’t exist in the next decade. Change is what students and families are looking for as they choose universities.”

UT continues to offer merit and need-based financial aid packages, including a program that uses scholarships to offset out of state charges to enable academically well-prepared students from Michigan the ability to attend UT at in-state costs.

Established in 1872, The University of Toledo is home to 21,500 students across 13 colleges and six Ohio campuses. The University offers more than 230 doctoral, professional, graduate and undergraduate programs. Nearly 350 student athletes comprise 15 Division I Rocket athletic teams. UT has earned national and international acclaim for its expertise in solar and advanced renewable energy, environmental sciences, astronomical research and translational research and biomarkers.

Hate Crime Mosque Burning Prompts Outpouring of Donated Books to Restore Library

Special to The Truth

An act that is being called a hate crime has not only produced an outpouring of love, but an outpouring of books. To replace reading materials recently lost in an arson at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, Books 4 Buddies donated several hundred books in a presentation at Owens Community College in Maumee, 1724 Indian Wood Circle on Monday, November 12.

When an Indiana man, charged with deliberately setting the fire, allegedly tried to burn down the mosque, officials say he destroyed the private school library used by two dozen children, ages kindergarten through fourth grade. Books 4 Buddies “book ambassadors” (youth volunteers) and Lucas County Sheriff’s deputies are scheduled to present the books gifts to students and school officials.

“We went (to the library) once a week and they would all have an eye on certain books,” says Fadia Abouelaila, principal of the Islamic School of Greater Toledo, housed at the mosque. “They all brought them back the next week. That was the whole ideology and science behind it, to give the experience of checking out books and bringing them back on time.”

But since the fire in late September, Abouelaila says parents of the elementary-age youth report that “TV time” at home has increased. Like their families, who’ve been displaced from worship services at the mosque, students suffered a separation from their constant companions in print.

The fire might reflect the suspect’s anti-Middle Eastern sentiments, but 23 nationalities are represented among 300 families attending the mosque, whose library had just been re-structured in 2011, Abouelaila says.

Laneta Goings, president of Books 4 Buddies, which collected 10,000 new and gently used books since its inaugural launch in June, says the donation is a great opportunity for the program: “Our focus is increasing youth literacy, so it’s a bonus that we can also help children after a tragedy.”

Abouelaila says the gift will add to kindness that mosque members have received from the community since the fire: “The students will be happy to have regular access to books again, particularly since they’ve been taught to give. They’ll be on the other end this time.”

Several local organizations and businesses, including the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, The Blade, Buckeye CableSystem, Taylor Automotive Family, CedarCreek.tv, and more serve as active partners with the Books 4 Buddies campaign.
So how are you feeling today? If you’re feeling well, that’s great! But think about the last time you felt really sick. That’s when Mom took you to see the doctor, who looked down your throat, checked your ears, and sent you home with some medicine.

But what if you didn’t have a doctor nearby? What would your family do? What would you do? In the new book Mimi’s Village by Katie Smith Milway and Eugenie Fernandes, a little girl thinks about that, and then she has a dream…

It’s a sad day in the village where Mimi Malaho lives. Last night, a baby died and his mother is weeping with the village’s other women. Mimi is too young to sit with them, so she quietly goes home. She worries about her mother, and the baby Ma is expecting. Her family has been lucky; nobody has gotten sick so far.

But then something horrible happens! Mimi’s little sister, Nakkissi, drinks some dirty water. She was thirsty and though Mimi knew she shouldn’t do it, she gave Nakkissi a drink by the river.

That night, Nakkissi felt awful. The little girl moaned. She couldn’t keep anything in her tummy, so Ma and Pa wrapped her in a blanket and put her in their cart. The whole family started walking down the path to the next village, where there was a clinic. It took an hour.

The next morning, there were lots of people lined up at the clinic. Nurse Tela took care of everyone, including Nakkissi and all the babies. As Mimi watched Nurse Tela weigh each baby, she learned that the next day was vaccination day. The Malahos decided to spend the night at the clinic so they could get vaccinated. They wanted to stay healthy.

When she got home, Mimi heard her father talking about malaria, which was making lots of the village’s children sick. Mimi knew that was true, and she was thinking about a wish she’d made the day before. She was thinking about it when she went to bed and that night, she had a dream.

Her dream led to an idea. Her idea led to a project. Her project led to something very good for Mimi, her family, and her whole village!

Even though your child is small, you can bet she’s listening. Surely, she knows that health care is a big issue these days. Mimi’s Village takes that knowledge to the next level.

Inspired by real events and real people, author Katie Smith Milway explains a grown-up issue in a kid-friendly way, and children will definitely identify with a girl like Mimi. Smith gives kids more information about Zambia health care workers and health care in general, then she and illustrator Eugenie Fernandes explain what readers can do to help make life better for other children around the world.

For five-to-eight-year-olds who love making a difference, this is a story that leads the way. And for you, Mimi’s Village is a book you’ll feel good about letting your child read.
Northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan residents have the opportunity to “Give the Best Gift Ever” to children who are victims of abuse and neglect by supporting the annual Holiday Gift Drive sponsored by Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) and Friends of Lucas County Children Services (FLCCS).

The goal is to “Give the Best Gift Ever” to as many as 1,500 abused and neglected children being served by LCCS. The campaign runs through December 17.

The drive provides gifts for children living with their families under LCCS supervision, or who are living with relatives in order to be safe. “’Give The Best Gift Ever’ is returning as the theme again for the 2012 Lucas County Children Services Holiday Gift Drive because of the overwhelming response we received from the community last year. Our sponsors and the community made sure that nearly 1,500 children served received wonderful gifts, and these were children right in our county who might otherwise not have received gifts,” explains Sherry Dunn, LCCS public information specialist and campaign coordinator.

“We hope to achieve the same goal this year,” she adds. The gift drive provides toys for children from birth to age 18. While we are seeking gifts for all age groups, the agency is in particular need of gifts for children of all ethnic groups who are newborn to three years old, and gift cards for teenagers.

Several generous community partners are again stepping up to support the gift drive: Allshred Services; Banner Mattress & Furniture; Bennett Management Corp., a franchisee of BURGER KING Corporation®; The Blade; Buckeye CableSystem and BCSN; Car Stereo One; Family Video; radio station WRVF 101.5 The River, and Woodcraft. Local residents are encouraged to drop a new, unwrapped toy in the collection boxes located around the community:

- Allshred Services, 3940 Technology Drive in Maumee (which is offering up to five bags or boxes of shredding free when you donate a toy or gift card at its offices between November 26 and December 7).
- Banner Mattress & Furniture locations at 6400 Hill Ave., 2521 West Alexis Rd., Toledo; 3249 Navarre Ave., Oregon; and 1135 South Main St., Bowling Green.
- The Blade office at 541 North Superior Street, Toledo.
- All Toledo-area BURGER KING® restaurants.
- Buckeye CableSystem bill payment centers located at 5566 Southwyck Boulevard and 2600 West Sylvania Avenue in Toledo, and at 3021 Navarre Avenue, Oregon.
- Woodcraft, 5311 Airport Highway, Toledo.
- Additionally, the Barnes & Noble Booksellers at 4940 Monroe Street in Toledo has designated the LCCS Holiday Gift Drive as the recipient of its 2012 holiday book donation campaign, which encourages customers to purchase books to be donated to the gift drive.

On Saturday, December 1, 101.5 The River morning show hosts Mary Beth Zolik and Rick Woodell will broadcast live from the BURGER KING® at 4870 Monroe Street (across from Westfield Shopping Center) from 1 to 3 p.m., and Allshred Services will be on hand from noon until 3 p.m. to provide free shredding for up to five bags or boxes of documents when you donate a new, unwrapped toy. The public is encouraged to stop by and support the gift drive during that time.

“This should be one of the busiest shopping days of the season, and we’re hoping that people will show they care about abused and neglected children. We invite them to visit BURGER KING® to safely dispose of their personal documents, and at the same time, drop off a toy or gift card,” says Beverly Benner, vice president, marketing and administration for Bennett Management Corp.

“We continue to be amazed at the generosity of Northwest Ohio residents and our local businesses. We appreciate the support they show the children participating in the gift drive, and look forward to their help by providing toys to all of the children in need,” says Clare Armbruster, president of Friends of Lucas County Children Services.
Neo Soul Artist Dwele Returns To Toledo

By Michael Hayes
Minister of Culture

This past Sunday at Club Evolution, one of neo soul music’s brightest stars and most consistent talents came back to the Glass City for a brief yet impactful show for a good cause. After multiple venue changes and other issues plagued the event since it was first announced, Grant Writers for The Arts, Kathleen Greely and all others involved can at least rejoice in the fact that a good time was had by all in attendance.

Among the opening acts was Carmen Miller, backed by one of Toledo’s dopest up and coming live bands… Price Of The Ticket (s/o Andy & Diane Z). I wasn’t there for their set but I heard great things about it. I’m sure it was awesome.

As most of you know, writing this column is not my full-time gig. What I hope to make a full-time gig at some point, is what I’ve been doing for years… producing and developing artists with my Co-CEO Adonis Lavale.

Our company U.G.E. had a slot in the show, as well, and two of our artists, Aye Dee and Big Marc da General, performed. After our set was Jesse Coleman Sr.’s Jamm Band.

They have a huge following and they deserve it. Seamlessly transitioning from smooth jazz renditions of R&B songs to all-out, foot-stomping blues… they had the all-ages crowd eager for more. Straight from Detroit, the next act was a live band known simply as: THAT BAND. Which, as a PR guy, I think is a genius move in branding.

I’m sure people left that night like “man, you remember that band…what was the name of that band? Oh yea! THAT BAND!” Smart.

These people brought the energy to an entirely new level for the evening as they ran through everything from Biggie to Elton John. And as far as their catalog stretched, they never played anything that didn’t get an instant crowd reaction. Their lead vocalists were a force to be reckoned with all in their own right. Two sisters (naw, they sistahs and they are sisters!) with impeccable range and stage presence kept the crowd anticipating what was next.

Next up was the man himself, Dwele.

This is a guy who has sold quite a few records, been around the world, has legions of fans, songs with Kanye… all of that, and his show was so personal and intimate it felt like you knew him. I’m a Dwele fan so I’m singing everything word for word. I mean album cuts and singles. But whether you knew the music or not, he helped you love every song by just doing enough of it and then switching the vibe slightly to give him time to play with the audience. And I mean PLAY with the audience. Lol.

Flirting, telling jokes, sitting down at tables while still singing, moving around the room dappin the fellas and huggin the ladies… and never missed a beat. He had the ladies fully charmed, especially a few in my crew but I won’t say any names (OK, Kamille Oxner, and my sister Kai’lah Hayes)

As hostess, Ramona Collins held the evening together with that effortless flair that is part of her growing legend. I’ve grown up watching Ms. Ramona, I’ve even had a few of the singers on my label work with her and I’ve been a quite a few events with her over the years so I can tell you she’s a one of a kind talent. Mistress of ceremonies one minute, featuring on a song with the band the next minute.

Overall it was a great night and one more example that Toledo DOES have things to do if you come out to support what’s already being done.

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Interested candidates should respond to Jamie Haack, Director Human Resources, Unison Behav­ioral Health Group, 1429 Starr Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43605, Telephone (419) 936-7560; Fax (419) 936-7574; Email jhaack@unisonbhg.org.

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**Toledo Refining Company**

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES RELATING TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW VESSEL OFF-LOADING & STOCKPILEING SYSTEM**

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (“TLCPA”) is requesting qualification statements from design/build (“DB”) firms to provide design and construction in connection with the subject project. The project involves building a new vessel (Great Lakes self-unloader) off-loading and stockpiling system at the Lake Erie Port Manufacturing and Indus­trial Center, Ironville Terminal (2863 Front Street, Toledo Ohio). The TLCPA will select and retain a design/build firm for the design and construction phase of an approximate $2,400,000 project. All work of the project will need to be completed by July 12, 2013.

Summary of Project Elements:
- Receiving Hopper
- Series of Conveyors including Radial Stacker
- Elevated Motor Control Center
- Electrical Drive System

This notice shall serve as a Request for Qualifi­cations (RFQ) from qualified firms to oversee the design and construction of this project in accor­dance with the performance specifications included within the entire RFQ. The DB firm selected will be responsible for completing review of the program­ming requirements, final design, procurement and construction. Responses to this RFQ will be used to select three DB firms for interview and technical price proposal presentation to the TLCPA’s selection committee.

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