



## ***NKU Virtual CIO to Assist Nonprofits with IT Analysis***

The Northern Kentucky University Institute for Nonprofit Capacity (INC) and College of Informatics Infrastructure Management Institute recently announced a partnership with United Way of Greater Cincinnati and the Leadership Council to support the IT needs of local human service nonprofits through the Virtual CIO Pilot Project.

INC just completed a voluntary survey on the IT structures and needs of Leadership Council member agencies, selecting 10 agencies to participate in the project.

Over the next several months, faculty and students from the NKU College of Informatics will conduct onsite assessments of the IT infrastructure, data security,

capacities of email, web status and database management and conduct a general overview of IT support and staff skills.

The Virtual CIO Pilot Project represents the ideal leveraging of NKU's informatics assets for the betterment of northern Kentucky nonprofits. The selected agencies include Kentucky organizations whose budgets range from under \$500,000 to over \$5 million.

"At a time of unprecedented demand being placed on human services agencies, we are pleased to provide this crucial support," said Dayle Deardurff, director of INC.

The 10 selected agencies are Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington; Center for Chemical Addictions; Children Inc.; G.L.A.D. House; Jewish Vocational Services; New Perceptions; Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission; Power Inspires Progress; Santa Maria Community Services, Inc.; and Urban Appalachian Council.

By late spring of 2010, a report will be issued on the outcomes of the Virtual CIO Pilot Project.

It is anticipated that this project will help to deepen our understanding of nonprofit IT needs and solutions, which in turn will lead to increased capacity and effectiveness among Kentucky nonprofits.

### ***Construction Management Students Develop Housing Plan for Haiti***

A group of NKU construction management students recently developed a proposal that will provide permanent and reliable housing for nearly 500 people in Haiti affected by January's devastating earthquake.

Senior Patrick Ohlhaut said that while every capstone project presents challenges, the obstacles facing these students were unique. "We must evaluate what the people of Haiti are accustomed to," he said. "We have to determine how to overcome some major logistical hurdles. We must ensure that the dwellings are safer than previous designs, and we must produce this proposal at a cost low enough that it can be constructed using funds and labor from charity."

The group's proposal, which would provide this housing for approximately \$400 per person, was presented on May 3.

Other projects from the class include the renovation of NKU's baseball complex and renovation of a local medical center for a new dental office.

## ***NKU Student Honored on Capitol Hill for Undergraduate Research***

The Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR) recently honored the research achievements of 75 undergraduate students from more than 50 colleges and universities nationwide at its annual Posters on the Hill reception on Capitol Hill.

Among those honored was NKU senior environmental science and geography major W. Chris Kaeff, who presented a poster on research he and NKU alumna Jennifer Lantz conducted assessing NKU's greenhouse gas emissions.

Kaeff's poster presentation to the members of Congress, congressional staff members, federal government officials and others in attendance, was titled "Climate Change on Campus – NKU's Method of Answering this Generation's Call." It was one of 58 posters selected from the 300 applicants from universities across the U.S.

The project was part of NKU's effort to fulfill President James Votruba's commitment to reduce and ultimately eliminate NKU's greenhouse gas emissions. President Votruba joined scores of university presidents in signing the "American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment" in 2007.

## ***DID YOU KNOW ?***

On May 8, NKU awarded its 50,000th degree to Katelyn Conway, a nursing student from Edgewood, Ky. In all, the university graduated about 2,500 students in May.



