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Students raise funds for terrorist victims

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Four **Student Program Board** members started selling ribbons to benefit the **American Red Cross** at an **Oakland Center** table on September 12, the day after the attack. The students are Lynn Bieszki, elementary education senior; Beth Collins, communications senior; Anton Botosan, marketing senior; and Stacey Keast, communications and journalism junior.

So far, the students have raised more than \$1,300. Their collection ends Friday, September 21, at 3 p.m. Call (248) 370-4295 for more information.

"Our monetary goal is really just to collect as much as possible," says Bieszki. "It's a ribbon campaign to show unity among Americans, and to raise support in the aftermath of the attacks."

General Motors Corporation is offering to match its employees' donations to the fund.

"We are working on asking other corporations to match what we collect," Bieszki says. "**The Oakland Post** has generously donated an ad in which we will list all of the companies who will match funds."

Oakland President Gary D. Russi has committed up to \$1,000 on behalf of the entire community as a match for the ribbon sale effort. The OU funds will come from a university gift account.

OU's Chaldean American Student Association (CASA) plans to sell and display stars displaying donors' names, says association secretary Priscilla Konja, a computer engineering sophomore.

The association will sell stars for \$1 or \$10 on the main floor of the Oakland Center, on Friday, September 28, and Tuesday, October 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Funds will benefit the WTC Police Disaster Fund and the **9-11 Disaster Fund** of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

"We want to show that we care, that we are also affected by what went on, and we want to help out as much as we can," Konja says.

CASA's goal is to raise \$500 and match that amount with funds it raised last year at various events.

SUMMARY

Oakland University, its students and student organizations are running or participating in fund-raisers to benefit victims of last week's terrorist attacks.

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