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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University's annual **Hunger Banquet** will be held Thursday, November 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Davidson Room of Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington).

Tickets for this event are available to purchase at the Dugout Counter Wednesday, November 12 to Friday, November 14 and Monday, November 18 to Thursday, November 21. Tickets are \$5.00 and are limited to the first 50 people.

The Hunger Banquet, first held at Wesleyan in 2003, was designed originally by the charity organization Oxfam International to help spread awareness of hunger and poverty and their impact on the world.

Every year, the proceeds from the Hunger Banquet are donated to a food relief organization chosen by students that have helped host the event. This year, the Phi Beta Kappa Fellows will make the donation towards the food-relief organization **Feeding America**, to show support towards the families in America that are suffering from the recent cut in the Food Stamp Program budget. The donation made from the Hunger Banquet will result in the purchase of 2,250 meals for families in the United States.

During the banquet, participants will be given a card with the name and story of a person with a low-, middle- or high-income background from a particular country. Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Wendy Kookan's Nursing and Society class, will deliver a program about hunger in America and Associate Professor of Anthropology Dr. Rebecca Gearhart's Healing Birthing and Dying class, will also provide a program that focuses on the impact that hunger has on people in the developing world.

"The Hunger Banquet helps us remember that while we are getting ready for our greatest feast of the year, Thanksgiving, there are people both far away and very near to us, who are so focused on finding enough for themselves and their families to eat that they cannot concentrate on anything else," said Gearhart.

For additional information about this event, contact Gearhart at rgearhar@iwu.edu.

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