



WMFC to Build Pop Can Wall in Support of College Opportunity

West Midland Family Center (WMFC) will attempt the un-attempted on Wednesday July 29, 2015. WMFC's Dow College Opportunity Program (COP) students along with WMFC Summer Program participants will attempt to build a world record pop-can wall (un-officially for now). Festivities will take place at:

West Midland Family Center
4011 West Isabella Road
Wednesday July 29, 2015
The build will occur at 11:00 a.m.
All are invited for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Younger summer program participants will construct the pop-can wall giving them opportunity to learn and practice engineering skills in preparation for the build. The event will be held to support services for COP students. According to Mike Sobolewski, Dow College Opportunity Program Director, "This event will help COP provide activities and trips that introduce new horizons." "Activities such as attending theatrical performances, taking university tours, participating in high rope challenges are paired with a heavy dose of community service, academic guidance and cultural awareness to help our students develop a foundation that leads to academic success." "We grateful to our sponsors Arbury Insurance, Brandle Roofing and Sheet Metal, Ben Dollard and Ameriprise Financial, Chemical Bank, MidMichigan Health, Wolverine Bank, along with prize providers Midland Center for the Arts and Little Caesars and the many individuals that have provided donations and pop cans. All these folks have stepped out in support of these students."

WMFC Dow College Opportunity Program was established in 1988 to promote life-changing success among high-aptitude students from low-income homes. School counselors refer qualified eighth graders who then enter into a competitive application process. Upon acceptance, students are provided with support, guidance, social and cultural experiences that facilitate their acceptance into and success through college. According to Sobolewski, "This is a highly motivated group of young people determined to create for themselves, a better future."