For the 2nd year, Professor Kathryn Feltey and Graduate Teaching Associate Marcella Mulhollem incorporated a “Pay it Forward” service-learning/philanthropy project into a Special Topics Sociology class on Hunger & Homelessness. Through funding the UA Institute for Teaching and Learning received from the United Way of Summit County, the students had $1000 to award to a local nonprofit organization. The associate director of ITL, Dr. Theresa Beyerle, provided support and training for students to work with community nonprofit organizations serving homeless and/or hungry populations in the greater Akron area.

Seven student groups competed for the $1000 grant. The student group who delivered the best presentation (advocating for the nonprofit they represent) won the grant to award to their nonprofit organization. Judging the student projects were: David Lieberth, former deputy mayor of the city of Akron; Kathy Booth, past president of the Women’s Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation; Katie Smucker, Co-Chair of the Grants Committee of the Women’s Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation; and Bernard Rochford, Executive Vice President of Administrative Services and Business Relations, Oriana House.

The student groups made their presentations on Monday, May 4, 2015, and the judges awarded the $1000 grant to Nazareth Housing. This team was led by students Samuel Endrizzi, Scott Swiatek, Gabrielle Schramm, and Jelena Bogunovic. Nazareth Housing is a faith-inspired, non-profit, community housing developer engaged in the planning, development, and construction of single family homes for low and moderate income families in Summit County.

Sam, Scott, Gabby, and Jelena volunteered with Nazareth Housing, helping to clean up, tear down, and contribute to the mission of the organization. Nanci Self, Executive Director of Nazareth Housing, and staff member, Keith Harris attended the presentations and were presented with the $1000 check by the group members and Professor Feltey.

The other six outstanding projects presented were:

**Open M** is a comprehensive, faith-based ministry that helps people throughout the greater Akron area meet the challenges of living with scarce resources. Services include health care through medical, dental, and eye clinics, as well as food programs and family development programs. Students helped at the medical clinic, Mountain of Food events, and serving food. The group members were: Vinny Cangelosi, Antonio Rossrichards, Zachary Sheppard, Jaylene Taylor.

**Rebuilding Together** Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit year-round program that helps repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income, elderly, disabled and veteran homeowners. Students laid carpeting, cleaned out a basement, and did other work to help make run-down homes habitable. The group members were: Shamari Fields, Colin Quinn, Alexandra Rogers, Elboni Slaughter, and Lindsey Smith.
ACCESS, Inc. ACCESS offers shelter, programs, and services to homeless women and children. Students worked with the children, cleaned, ran errands, and helped in the kitchen. The group members were: Lisa Cordova, Matthew Ganska, Marisa Mastrangelo, Jamila Naader, and Samantha Sabitsch.

Haven of Rest Ministries/Harvest Home. Haven of Rest offers services and programs to homeless and poor men, women, and children. Students worked serving food, entering data, and with the program Future Story. Future Story is social enterprise job training program for women who have been residents of Harvest Home. The group members were Christina Brunner, Imani Greene, Camille West, Lashawn Young, Brook Zager, and Kyle Zisko.

Boys and Girls Club. Boys and Girls Clubs offer programs to help disadvantaged youth “achieve Academic Success, practice Good Character and Citizenship, and live Healthy Lifestyles”. Students worked with the children during their spring break, helping to facilitate activities. The group members were Lindsey Hartman, Daisha Haynesworth, Emily Quitter, Adrian Worthy.

Safe Landing (Street Outreach Drop-In Center). The Drop-In Center offers homeless and at-risk teens a safe place to be for late afternoon and early evening, as well as a chance to do laundry and get a meal and a shower. Students worked preparing meals and talking with the youth who came to the Drop-In Center. The group members were Lauren Balant, Kristen Giaquinto, Robert Hoerr, Danielle McGarvey, and Stephanie Merchant.