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Student Gameshow to Benefit Chilean Earthquake Relief

Students in the Shippensburg University Honors Program will be hosting their own version of “The Price is Right” to raise money for Chilean earthquake relief from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday, April 19 and 8:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 in Mowrey Hall at Shippensburg University. The public is invited to attend and participate.

“Our class is putting its creativity, imagination, and coursework to use for a good cause,” said senior Wendy Tanner. “We’re excited to get the campus and community involved in raising money for a country that has experienced a devastating natural disaster.”

The students are part of “The Game,” an Honors Program seminar taught by Dr. Mike Long of the Mathematics Department in which Honors students learn about the mathematics of puzzles and games through time.

“This event provides an opportunity to connect the content of our class with a service project to support relief efforts in Chile,” said Long. “Meanwhile, we’re mixing in the fun of the wildly popular and longest running game show in the United States.”

Among the games that will be featured at “The Price is Right” are Superball, the Race Game, Pathfinder, Hi Lo, Easy as 1 2 3, and the ever-famous Plinko. Cost to play is 25 cents per game; or two games can be played for free by donating a canned good that will be sent to Chile.

Winners will be entered in a contest where they may be invited to “Come on Down!” and spin the wheel for a coveted spot in the Showcase Showdown on April 20, where fabulous prizes will be awarded.

Students in the class opted to raise money for Chile since there has been a considerable push to raise money for Haiti in recent months. The Chilean earthquake, which occurred at the end of February, was stronger in magnitude than the Haitian earthquake, and Chile is still experiencing damaging aftershocks.

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