

HPU: Sweet Sleep

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The Freshman Council at Howard Payne University is a group of freshman leaders who meet once a week to discuss leadership qualities and how they can step up to be leaders on our campus.



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One organization mentioned was [Sweet Sleep](#), a group that helps provide beds and mosquito netting to children in Uganda. A \$50 donation provides a child with a bed, mosquito netting and a Bible. It was very important to one of our students, because her mom had worked with the organization on a mission trip.

So, the freshman group planned Sleeping Under the Stars. On a Friday night, they spent the whole night worshipping, playing games and just hanging out together. They slept outside on campus and invited others to join them. They used the event to raise money as well as awareness for the

hardships Ugandan children face every day. The event went great, both in terms of raising funds and just getting closer as a group.

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