

Upcoming Service Opportunities

The Campus Ministry Office receives numerous community service requests from agencies throughout Western New York. Requests will be listed here. Please check back often for new upcoming service opportunities. Any of the opportunities on this list may be counted towards Footprints service hours, so students are not required to complete a placement approval form for these events. **However, as always, a verification form needs to be signed by your supervisor.**

Name of Event: Hospice Holiday Events

Description: Hospice has several holiday events for which they need volunteers including:

- Selling Snowflake Ornaments at the Walden Galleria Mall
- Light-A-Life Memorial Tree – volunteers are needed to put bows on tags, hang the tags, serve as guides, and pass out buttons
- Decorate the Hospice campus for the holidays
- Gift Wrap gifts for Hospice families
- Help with Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day meals

Location: Various (see Mrs. Donner)

Dates and Times: Various (see Mrs. Donner)

How to sign up: If any of these opportunities appeal to you, please see Mrs. Donner and she can give you more specific details about dates and times and also contact information so you can sign up.

Name of Event: Museum of disABILITY History

Description: The museum has several volunteer opportunities, including:

1) Junior Docent Program- Students work with the Museum Curator to learn how to conduct Museum tours of specific exhibits.

- 2) Kids on the Block- Reading with a Puppet- Volunteers read books about Disability Awareness to Kindergarten and 1st grade students. Readers are accompanied by one of the "kids" from the Kids on the Block puppet troupe and the students are able to interact and ask questions of the puppet following the book reading.
- 3) Critic Reader Program- Students choose a disability-related book from our selected bibliography and complete a critique, helping to shape the Museum's educational library. An appreciation event is held at the Museum in the Spring for all participants.

Location: 3826 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226

Dates and Times: Varies - flexible

How to sign up: Contact Museum Director, Tess Fraser at 629-3602 or tfraser@people-inc.org

Name of Event: Buffalo Choral Arts Society Concerts

Description: Ushers are needed for 2 upcoming choral concerts as follows:

1. Friday, December 9, 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter and Paul Church in Hamburg
2. Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral downtown

How to sign up: Contact Nicole Gøthgen at ngoethgen@mac.com

Name of Event: Teen Volunteer Programs

Description: The following are a list of programs in different towns whose specific purpose is to provide service opportunities to teenagers. Getting involved with one of these groups is a GREAT way to get engaged in your service work. Typically they set up all of the service opportunities and then volunteers have the opportunity to sign up for what they are interested in. ANY of the service work done through these programs can count towards your Footprints service hours.

Amherst (Youth Engaged in Service) YES Program (since SHA is located in Amherst, any student who attends our school is eligible to take part in the Amherst YES program even if you don't live in Amherst)

Director: Antonella Covelli

Harlem Road Community Center

4255 Harlem Rd.

Amherst, NY 14226

Phone: 631-7210

Office Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30 pm

E-Mail: acovelli@amherst.ny.us

Website: www.amherst.ny.us Keyword: YES

Town of Tonawanda Youth Engaged in Service (Y.E.S.) Program

This unique group of volunteers from all over the Ken-Ton area participate in a wide range of projects that serve the needy, elderly, children and disabled in our community and Western New York. Volunteers give what time they can, choosing from an array of projects offered monthly. Adult supervision is provided at all events and on-site training is given for any skills needed for an activity. A mandatory orientation session for new members is held regularly.

For more information or to sign up, contact Dennis McDonald at (716) 831-1001.

West Seneca Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Program

The YES program is a volunteer program for young people between the ages of 12-18. YES provides teens the opportunity to become contributing members of the community. YES volunteers provide community service to the people of West Seneca, Orchard Park and Lackawanna through direct interaction with children, senior citizens, and the emotionally and physically challenged. YES serves as a support group to many agencies and organizations such as the City Mission, WNED and many more. YES offers an abundance of helpful and worthwhile activities that benefit many individuals in the community.

Activities take place after school, in the early evening, or on the weekend. During the summer, activities can take place at Various times of the day. Each month, an activity calendar, sign-up sheet, and newsletter are mailed to each member, informing them about scheduled activities. Volunteers choose activities that interest them and fit into their schedules. Members send back their sign-up sheet marked with all the activities they are interested in. The description sheet will tell you where to go and a bit about each activity. Transportation is provided from the WSYB for all activities outside of West Seneca.

To sign up: Visit http://www.westseneca.net/index.php?q=youth_engaged_in_service for an application.

Hamburg Y.E.S. - Youth Engaged in Service

Young people who reside in the Hamburg or Frontier school district and attend Middle or High School can volunteer with their peers to help the elderly, people with special needs, young children, and local non-profit organizations. This volunteerism strengthens their ties to the community. Bi-monthly newsletters are mailed directly to the volunteer with the volunteer opportunities for those month. All time spent volunteering is tracked and recorded for future needs of the student.

Contact the YES Program at yes@townofhamburgny.com or Beverly Preischel, Y.E.S. Coordinator at 826-2228.

Cheektowaga Youth Engaged in Service (Y.E.S.) Program

Volunteering through the Y.E.S. Program provides a much needed service to the community, while challenging the teens to learn more about themselves and other people. It also helps teens to explore career possibilities while demonstrating that young people are responsible and caring members of the community.

Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter filled with a variety of events divided into the following categories: *elderly* (ex. Assisting with nursing home events, transporting to activities at larger facilities, making favors to add to Meals on Wheels food trays), *children* (ex. Arts and crafts at libraries, face painting), *physically challenged* (ex. Arts and crafts, bowling), *community events* (ex. Ronald McDonald House, Food Bank of WNY, holiday activities).

For more information or to sign up call 716-897-7207 Ext.17 or 631-0925 or e-mail CheektowagaYES@yahoo.com

Lancaster Youth Bureau's Teen Volunteer Program

The Teen Volunteer Program provides opportunities for youth who reside in the Town of Lancaster and the Village of Depew who are between the ages 12 and 20. Youth are encouraged to try new and challenging activities through the program. The Volunteer Program operates on a year round basis. During the school year the activities will take place after school, evenings, or weekends. Each Volunteer will also be emailed a monthly newsletter of volunteer activities. As a Volunteer, you will be able to choose the activities you would like to participate in--whether it be working with children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, or simply lending a hand at a community event! Transportation is provided to some events. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Teen Volunteer Program must fill out an application. If interested in joining the Teen Volunteer Program please call Mindy Muench at 683-4444. For more information you can visit our website at www.lancasterny.gov

Name of Event: Feeding Pets of the Homeless

Description: Fisher's Friends Dog Daycare works with a national nonprofit organization called Feeding Pets of the Homeless. They believe in the healing power of companion pets and of the human/animal bond which is so very important to life. Unfortunately, too many homeless and seriously needy individuals have pets that they aren't able to care for in the way they should; many would rather give up their own meal than give up their pet. Fisher Friends is a collection site for pet food donations for Pets of the Homeless, and they are looking for volunteers to help them package the food into daily portions that they then distribute to area shelters and soup kitchens.

Location: Fisher's Friends Dog Daycare, 2171 Kensington Avenue, Amherst, NY 14226

Dates and Times: Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. or from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

How to sign up: Contact Emily Brady at 839-5703

Name of Event: Feed my Starving Children MobilePack

Description: Volunteers are needed to help in packaging meals. FMSC is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization working with volunteers to produce MannaPack Rice, a scientifically formulated food formula that is currently acceptable worldwide. Organizations in nearly 70 countries around the world distribute these meals to children in greatest need. Volunteers work a 2 hours shift, measuring and scooping ingredients, sealing bags, and boxing the finished meals for shipping.

Location: Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, 3688 S Park Ave, Blasdell, NY 14219

Dates: Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19

How to sign up: You can register to volunteer at www.fmssc.org/mobilepack. If you have any questions you can contact Amanda Altieri at aaltieri@daemen.edu

Name of Event: St. Peter R.C. School

Description: There are ongoing events at the school. Alumnae may contact them to set up volunteer opportunities

Location: 140 North Sixth Street Lewiston, NY 14092

Dates and Times: Various

How to sign up: Contact Denis P. Coakley at 754-4470 or stpeterprincipal@wny.twcbc.com

Name of Event: Enterprise Charter School

Description: Tutoring

Location: 275 Oak Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Dates: Ongoing

How to sign up: Contact Linda Morgan at 855-2114 ext. 116 or lindamorgan@enterprisecharter.org

Name of Event: St. Benedict School Tutoring

Description: Working with students on homework and giving academic support to students in grades 2-6

Location: 1317 Eggert Road, Amherst, NY 14226

Dates: On going

Time: 3:00 – 3:45/4:00 p.m.

How to sign up: Contact Principal Molly Halady at 835-2518 or mhalady@saintbenedicts.com

Name of Event: St. Benedict's Meat Raffle

Description: Volunteers are needed to help with registration, ticket sales and general helps

Location: 1317 Eggert Road, Amherst, NY 14226

Dates: Saturday, November 19

Time: 5-11 p.m.

How to sign up: Contact Principal Molly Halady at 835-2518 or mhalady@saintbenedicts.com

Name of Event: St. Leo the Great School – Afterschool Room

Description: Homework help in the afterschool room

Location: 903 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst, NY 14226

Dates: Any School Day

Time: 3-5 p.m.

How to sign up: Contact Carolyn Kraus at 832-6340 or mrskraus@stleoschool.net

Name of Event: St. Margaret School

Description: Volunteers are needed to help with their afterschool program tutoring and playing with and supervising the children.

Location: 1395 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14216

Dates: Ongoing (flexible days, Monday-Friday)

Time: 3-5:30 p.m.

How to sign up: Contact Bill Fleckenstein at 876-8885 or smsprincipa3@gmail.com

Name of Event: St. Peter & Paul Williamsville

Description: Volunteers are needed to help with their afterschool program tutoring and playing with and supervising the children.

Location: 5480 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

Dates: Ongoing (flexible days, Monday-Friday)

Time: 3:00-6:00 p.m.

How to sign up: Contact Kari Roche at 632-2559 or mainofficesspp@roadrunner.com

Name of Event: Our Lady of Victory School

Description: Volunteers are needed to help with their afterschool program tutoring and playing with and supervising the children.

Location: 2760 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dates: Ongoing (flexible days, Monday-Friday)

Time: 2:30-5:30 p.m. (any time within that time frame)

How to sign up: Contact Sister Ellen O'Keefe at 828-9434 or olv@adelphia.net

Name of Event: Our Lady of Victory School

Description: Volunteers are needed to wipe off desk tops and table tops

Location: 2760 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna, NY 14218

Dates: Any school day

Time: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

How to sign up: Contact Sister Ellen O'Keefe at 828-9434 or olv@adelphia.net

Name of Event: Moving Miracles Program

Description: Moving Miracles is a dance and movement program for children, adolescents and adults with special needs, serving the Buffalo and Western New York community. They are in need of volunteer dance partners for the 2011-2012 dance season to assist in their classes. Prior dance experience is NOT a prerequisite.

Location: 954 Union Road Suite I, West Seneca, NY 14224

Dates & Times: Ongoing - classes are held Monday-Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings

How to sign up: Contact Jillian Baker at 656-1321 or movingmiracles_dance@verizon.net

Name of Event: Catholic Central Helping Hands Food Pantry

Description: Volunteers are needed to do general food pantry duties such as stocking shelves, packing bags, logging clients into systems and clean-up

Location: 3021 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215

Dates: Saturdays

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

How to sign up: Contact Bob Wells at 871-4113