



WITH DISTINCTION FOR GENERAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Day of Service

Blue Ridge Community College

Education, Day of Service

The Great Ice Cream Caper

To educate the community on cultural diversity and to encourage empathy among different ethnicities, the Blue Ridge Community College Student's In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team works with grade school children teaching them about different ethnic groups and diversity through the Great Ice Cream Caper. The program has children act as different countries, all with their own special product, so they can trade with each other to create the ultimate ice cream sundae. Some students will have a surplus of their ingredient and others will have a scarcity. As students negotiate with other students to obtain the products of the various countries they learn many things, among the most important is that it is critical for countries to get along or be able to communicate with each other so their citizens can obtain what they need through trade. SIFE discusses how countries differ in their religion, environment, language, currency, and other variables. Then the students trade with each other for a period of ten minutes and then gather in a group to judge their efforts and the results of their negotiation. Empathy and consideration of cultural differences are encouraged through group discussion. As a result of the success of this program, The Boys and Girls Clubs in the service area have allowed SIFE to offer this program to over 300 students and many more in the future through this ongoing program. Materials for this project have been sponsored by Food Lion of Harrisonburg, VA as a public service donation. Eighteen student volunteers have worked with these children to create a more culturally accepting society.

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Hamline University

At-Risk Youth, Hunger, Literacy, Day of Service, Fundraiser

30-Hour Famine

The 30 Hour Famine takes place on Hamline University's campus and in the surrounding communities in February. During the Famine all participants fast for 30 hours while learning about hunger and homelessness and while participating in various local community service projects. Participants also raise money by finding sponsors for their fast. Each year a planning committee organizes and plans the events that will take place during the 30 hours that all participants are together fasting. In 2006 there were about 50 participants including high school students and Hamline students and faculty. Over five thousand dollars was raised and distributed by World Vision to feed hungry children in the US, Africa, and Asia.

Some of the community service projects included helping Habitat for Humanity build a set of houses, sorting books for Books for Africa, baking cookies for a senior home, and data entry for Housing Minnesota, among other activities. Some of the other activities that occur during the 30 hours of fasting include a benefit concert open to the public involving Hamline student and faculty groups. All attendees participate in a game that focuses on an aspect of hunger; in 2006, the topic was what homelessness and hunger looked like in Kenya and different things that a young person living in that area of the world might deal with on a daily basis. The goal is for every participant to come away from the 30 hours having a greater understanding of hunger and advocacy.

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Missouri Western State University

Education, Health/Nutrition, Day of Service, Fundraiser

Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart

The American Heart Association and the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at Missouri Western State University have been in partnership for the last 25 years conducting Jump Rope for Heart and the past 10 years with Hoops for Heart to raise awareness to fight the number one killer – heart disease. Jump Rope for Heart involves up to 15 area elementary schools with 500 participants who have raised over 1 million dollars during the twenty-five years; including over \$27,000 for this year. The Hoops event involves eight area middle schools with 250 participants and raised almost \$7,000 this year.

University students are responsible for running the events, with Phi Epsilon Kappa officers as the masters of ceremony. 50-60 students from many classes assist with the events. Public school students either jump rope or play 3-on-3 basketball for two hours and are eligible for prizes that are given throughout the event.

In conjunction with those programs, the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at the University sponsors a pizza-swim party for the elementary school that raises the most money. The university students provide education for the children and parents on preventive measures and statistics relating to heart disease.

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Day of Service

Saint Joseph's University

Community & Economic Development, Education, Senior Citizens, Special Needs Support for Disabled, Day of Service

Hand-in-Hand

Hand-in-Hand is a student-run organization which unites the Saint Joseph's University community, regional high school students and people with special needs, in a carnival to celebrate the ideal that one day a person will be recognized not by their disability but by the person they are inside. Following the University's initiatives to promote diversity, Hand-in-Hand works with the local community to promote awareness of disabilities and help others to accept and embrace the differences that come between those with and those without disabilities. Hand-in-Hand works to promote student awareness through student involvement by recruiting students to serve as a committee member or to be a friend for the day.

On April 1st, Hand-in-Hand celebrated 30 years of changing lives. Every April, a student-run committee takes on the momentous task of putting together a carnival- complete with games, prizes, and lunch for all who attend to honor Hand-in-Hand's anniversary. 2,000 people, comprised of students, faculty, high school volunteers, and individuals with special needs, come together to celebrate Hand-in-Hand's ideals.

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Day of Service

The University of Texas – Pan American

Community & Economic Development, Education, Day of Service

Women Together

In conjunction with National Student Leadership Week and The University of Texas System's United to Serve Initiative, students, faculty, and staff members at The University of Texas-Pan American gathered on April 22 to provide an outdoor activities space for the families of the Mujeres Unidas Nueva Vida Housing Program. Women Together/Mujeres Unidas is a private nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization that assists women and children of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Rio Grande Valley. This organization's Nueva Vida Housing Program includes a 16-unit apartment complex which provides a transitional living space for families of domestic violence. The purpose of United to Serve is to unite all system institutions to provide a direct service to our communities and the state of Texas (UT System). Over 50 students, 10 faculty/staff members, and numerous residents of the housing program participated in the event. Project volunteers painted, planted grass, resurfaced the playground and built picnic tables. In addition to the work done on that day, this project provided the UTPA campus with awareness on issues related to domestic violence.

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Community & Economic Development, Environmental, Day of Service

Adopt a Beach Clean Up

The Adopt a Beach Clean Up has become a tradition at The University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA). Last year a total of 86 students from UTPA participated for one day cleaning up South Padre Island. These students consisted of many different student leadership and Greek organizations working towards a more beautiful and healthy community for all.

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