

Service Learning E-News

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**"We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity."
-Martin Luther King Jr.**

Online Resources

[S-L Clearinghouse](#)
[CU Volunteer Database](#)
[Parkland College Service Learning Website](#)

Share Your S-L Stories

If you are involved in service-learning with Parkland students, please share your stories with the Parkland community by contacting [Josh Clark](#)

Welcome Josh Clark - Parkland's New ILCC AmeriCorps VISTA

Please join us in welcoming Parkland's new Volunteer Coordinator, Josh Clark. Josh, an Illinois Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA, will be taking over for Jordan Hall, who has taken a promotion to work with Illinois Campus Compact's VISTA program statewide. Josh is a first-year VISTA, but has previously served with the AmeriCorps NCCC program, working with and serving various and diverse communities. While at Indiana University, Josh led a student-run organic garden, S.P.R.O.U.T.S., which aimed to connect the university, and its students and staff, with the greater community. Josh is excited to better connect Parkland to the community through service opportunities and developing partnerships. You can contact Josh through his email, JClark@parkland.edu, or by phone, (217) 353-3302.

Upcoming Volunteer Fair!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Semester Volunteer Fair, set for Wednesday, August 31st from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union. The Volunteer Fair is a great way to network, meet local nonprofit organizations, and become involved in local volunteer opportunities. We had a great turnout last year, so we're excited to invite you to stop by the Fair, tell your friends about it, or maybe bring your class by to visit with community organizations. For more information, or for a list of participating organizations, please contact Josh Clark at JClark@parkland.edu or (217) 353-3302.

Check out our Service-Learning Websites!

We have recently updated both our Service-Learning websites to make them more user-friendly! Our websites are now up-to-date with volunteer and contact information for our community partners. Visit our pages on the portal at my.parkland.edu, and at www.parkland.edu, to discover Service-Learning ideas for classes, and to discover ways to get involved in your community and more.

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Join the Garden Hills Homework Club!

For the past nine years, students and faculty of Parkland College have been working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at an afterschool program called the Homework Club at Garden Hills Elementary. The Club, a partnership between Parkland College and Champaign Unit 4 Schools, meets two days a week (Mondays and Wednesdays), from 3:00-4:00pm. We are currently recruiting members from the Parkland community to volunteer one or two days a week throughout the fall semester. Volunteers provide not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serve as important role models to at-risk youth. Due to the success of previous semesters, our primary goal this term is to increase the number of Parkland College students, faculty, and staff working with Garden Hills students.

For more information about potentially connecting your class or club with the Garden Hills Homework Club this semester, please contact Brian Nudelman at bnudelman@parkland.edu or [Josh Clark](mailto:JClark@parkland.edu) at 353-3302

Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland College

The Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland opened December 2013 in the S building across Perimeter Road on the south side of the main buildings. The pantry is open every Wednesday from 11am-1pm, and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 10:00-noon. Besides offering an incredible service for our students, the pantry provides an excellent opportunity for service-learning and volunteerism on the Parkland campus. Check out [their website](#) for more information about Wesley Food Pantry and volunteer opportunities with them. Please contact [Brian Nudelman](#) or [Josh Clark](#) for information on starting a service-learning component with the pantry.

Service-Learning Advisory Council Meetings

Please join the Service-Learning Advisory Council at our fall meetings! Learn about our plans for Service-Learning and Volunteerism this year, and learn ways to get your student organization, your class, or yourself involved in community service. Stay up to date on volunteer events, volunteer internships in your community, and more.

Meetings are from 3-4PM on September 1st and November 3rd, in room D187. Please contact Brian Nudelman at bnudelman@parkland.edu for more information!