

Service-Learning E-News

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"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

—Muhammad Ali

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 Maurice Moore

Parkland College MLK Day of Service in Champaign Urbana

Monday, January 21 is not only Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but also a day of national community service. For what the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) had dubbed, "a day on, not off," a group of almost 45 Parkland students faculty and staff helped out at Salt & Light Ministries, Restoration Urban Ministries, The Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, The Bickford Family Nursing Home, and The Orpheum Children Museum in Champaign Urbana. Parkland volunteers gave service in numerous ways from painting apartments for homeless families at Restoration, to playing cards with senior citizens at the Bickford. The Parkland family really showed the Champaign Urbana community just how much Cobras give back!!!

Parkland's Volunteer Fair

Parkland will be hosting its bi-annual Volunteer Fair in the Gallery Lounge on Wednesday February 6 from 11:00am -1:00pm. Please encourage your students to take the time to come out and meet various community organizations and learn how they can easily begin volunteering in the community. If you have class during the Volunteer Fair, I encourage you to take a few minutes and bring your class over to check out all the ways they can get involved in the community

Garden Hills Homework Club Update

This semester, students and faculty of Parkland College will once again be working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at the afterschool program at Garden Hills Elementary, the Homework Club. The Club, which is in its sixth year, is a partnership between Parkland College and Champaign School District 4. It will meet two days a week (Mondays and Wednesdays), from 3:00-4:00 PM at Garden Hills. Parkland faculty, students, and staff have volunteered one day a week since the start of the program, providing not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serving as important role-models. As a result of our successes from previous semesters, we received [national recognition](#)

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in the Spring of 2009. Our primary goal this semester is to expand the Homework Club, with more Parkland students and staff, working with more Garden Hills students, and to involve different departments throughout the College who want to work with the children. For information about potentially connecting your class or club with the Garden Hills/Parkland College Homework Club this semester, please contact Brian Nudelman @ 351-2534.

The Orpheum Children's Museum

The Orpheum is looking for enthusiastic and energetic volunteers to create a great experience for their visitors! Explore the opportunities and benefits for youth, service learning programs, college internships, adults, special events, families, and corporate volunteers. We are committed to attracting "star quality" volunteers and team members by supporting personal growth and development. Your skills can be put to work in a variety of ways. Join one of our special interest crews, apply for an internship, or bring your entire group for an enriching community service opportunity. If you are interested in volunteering, serving on one of the Orpheum Crews, or becoming more involved by joining our Board of Directors, please login/register with our site <http://www.orpheumkids.org/volunteering/>. All volunteers at the Orpheum must fill out an application, and undergo a background check.

Check Out the Service Learning Website!

Once again, we encourage you to regularly visit the Service Learning Website:

<https://my.parkland.edu/stuservices/academics/learning/default.aspx>

On it, you can look for upcoming events, read news about service learning on campus, and find current opportunities to work with community partners. A new portion of the site makes it simple to search for current opportunities in the area.