

Service-Learning E-News

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has"

-- Margaret Mead

Online Resources

- [S-L Clearinghouse](#)
- [CU Volunteer Database](#)
- [101 S-L Course Ideas](#)

Share Your S-L Stories

If you are involved in service-learning or other community engagement activities with Parkland students, please share your stories with the

Celebration and Service-Learning!

One of several important steps towards successfully implement community service into academic learning is finding the time to celebrate, after our students' completion of service, the important work they do as members of our classes and organizations. Celebration is a way that recognizes and makes real the positive effects their work can have on the community. Thus, in addition to providing popcorn and Pepsi, why not also present your students with a classy certificate that highlights their work throughout the semester. Simply check in with the friendly folks at the Student Life Office (X161) to learn more, and help celebrate the important contributions our students to our community.

KIN 188: A Closer Look at S-L in a Kinesiology Course

This semester, students in Toni Burkhalter's Exercise Physiology course (KIN 188) partnered with local area elementary students to address and promote healthy lifestyles. Working in collaboration with students from B.T. Washington Elementary School, Toni's students not only educated the young students on the benefits of exercise and healthy eating, but also challenged them to record their walking mileage, with the help of pedometers donated by Provena Covenant Medical Center. Thus, Toni's students had the opportunity to not only gain valuable insights into how their coursework can powerfully influence a child's health, but they also were making an important contribution to our local community. Great work Toni!

Parkland College/Garden Hills Elementary School "Homework Club!" Continues Again Next Fall!

For the second semester in a row, students and faculty of Parkland College have been working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at an afterschool program at Garden Hills Elementary: the "Homework Club." The Club, a partnership between Parkland College and Champaign School District 4, currently meets two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), from 3:00-4:00, while our Parkland students have volunteered one day a week since the start of the fall semester, providing not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serving as important role-models. In all, over forty Parkland students have volunteered to work with the 35 Garden Hills students currently signed up with the program. As a result of our successes over these two semesters, our goal in the fall is to further expand the "Homework Club," with more Parkland students and faculty, working with more Garden Hills students. For

Parkland community by contacting Brian Nudelman

information about potentially connecting your class or club with the Garden Hills/Parkland College "Homework Club" next fall, please contact Brian Nudelman @ 351-2534.

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Local Habitat for Humanity Project this Summer!

This summer, volunteers are needed for the construction of a new Habitat for Humanity "Women Build" home in Urbana. Women Build is a Habitat for Humanity International program that encourages women and girls to have fun and make a difference by building homes and communities. Nearly 1,000 Habitat houses have been built by women crews around the world. Each year, 150 or more homes are added as affiliates, and donors and sponsors discover the impact of women volunteers and their resources. Construction on the home is to take place between May 30 and July 26. If you would like more information about how you, or your class or organization, can help out in this important project, please contact Connie Macedo (cmacedo@parkland.edu) or Brian Nudelman (bnudelman@parkland.edu). You can also visit the project webpage at

<http://www.cuhabitat.org/HomeBuilds/08women.htm>

Want to Serve on Parkland's Service-Learning Advisory Council?

Parkland's Service-Learning Advisory Council (SLAC) is currently looking for members from across the campus. Parkland SLAC is made up of individuals of the Parkland family who meet twice a semester in order to provide a forum for the discussion of the college's continued development of innovative and beneficial community engagement and service-learning programs. In addition, the council plays a large role in helping to develop partnerships with the local community and District 505. If you would like to become a member of the council for the coming academic year, please contact Brian Nudelman at bnudelman@parkland.edu.