

Community Engagement E-News

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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

-Anne Frank

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Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Know any students interested in doing service over the summer? Or are you interested in volunteering yourself? Check out <https://cuvolunteer.org> for updated volunteer opportunities with organizations right here in Champaign-Urbana. CU Volunteer makes it easy to find volunteer opportunities through its user-friendly website. Search for opportunities by interest, skill, organization, or date.

Want our suggestions? Check out these opportunities:

- Wesley Food Pantry
 - The Wesley Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers to help in distributing food to families and individuals in need
 - <http://www.wesleypantry.org/volunteer.html>
- Project READ
 - Help make a difference in an adult learner's life by spending one-on-one time with them as a tutor in reading, arithmetic, or English as a second language (more info below)
- Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
 - There's no better way to serve during the holidays than to volunteer with the soup kitchen, which provides hundreds of community members with warm meals every day
 - Contact dbskvolunteering@gmail.com with any questions about volunteering, or visit <https://dailybreadsoupkitchen.com/volunteer/>

Visit Parkland's Center for Community Engagement (C-134)!

Looking for a way to get involved in the community, or searching for ways to integrate service-learning and volunteering into your class or curriculum? Come check out the service-learning resources in the *Center for Community Engagement*! Currently staffed by Parkland's Illinois Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA and Volunteer Coordinator, Gabi Fisher, the Center for Community Engagement offers a wide array of services, including Project READ tutoring (more info below), a library of service-learning books, volunteer resources, and course development resources.

For more information about the Center for Community Engagement and how you can get involved, stop by and visit Monday-Friday 8-4, or contact Brian Nudelman at bnudelman@parkland.edu or Gabi Fisher at gfisher@parkland.edu.

Online Resources

[Parkland College Service Learning Website](#)

[CU Volunteer Database](#)

[Service Learning Clearinghouse](#)

Campus and Community Day of Service – A Recap

The 6th Annual Campus and Community Day of Service was a huge success! On Saturday, April 14th, over 1,100 University of Illinois, Parkland, and community volunteers helped surpass the packaging goal of 151,000 meals, and packaged 153,576 meals! These meals will go to various food banks and community groups across central Illinois, including the Eastern Illinois Food Bank.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered! This event would not have been possible without you! We hope you enjoyed your time volunteering, and hope you'll join the event again next year!

Project READ

Project READ, the Wesley Food Pantry, and the Center for Community Engagement--all at Parkland College--have teamed up to provide free tutoring for adults in reading, basic math, or ESL services on Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30pm in the new Parkland College Center for Community Engagement (C-134).

Project READ provides training for all tutors with a combination of in-person and online training to prepare for their service. Training dates and times, plus registration forms may be found at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49A5A728A6FF2-tutor>.

Please contact the Project READ office at ProjectREAD@parkland.edu or 217-353-2662 for more information. Project READ is funded by the Illinois State Library.

Please like the Project READ Facebook page! They post updates on training and tutor support here: <https://www.facebook.com/Project-READ-at-Parkland-College-Adult-Ed-512305432220950/>

Join the Garden Hills Homework Club!

For the past eleven years, students, faculty, and staff 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 Homework 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 of the Parkland community to volunteer one or two days a week throughout the upcoming fall semester. Volunteers provide not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serve as important role models to at-risk youth. As a result of the success of previous semesters, our primary goal this term is to increase the number of Parkland College students working with Garden Hills students.

In 2017-2018, over 50 Parkland students volunteered with the Homework Club, and we hope to have even more join us next term!

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 Gabi Fisher at gfisher@parkland.edu.
