
Service Options at Allegheny



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Welcome to Service at Allegheny College!

This booklet is designed to aid you in your search for meaningful service opportunities and experiences. The agencies are listed on the next page by issue, but are listed alphabetically in the booklet. If you have any questions or if you want to volunteer, please contact the student leaders or the Agency Representatives included at the end of each description. They are waiting to hear from you!



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Additional Service Opportunities

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Allegheny Region Chapter offers volunteer opportunities in Blood Services (blood drives), Disaster Response & Relief, Community Relations and Special Events, Health & Safety Awareness, and general administrative support. Opportunities from community presentations to blood mobile calling to disaster preparedness and training events/classes. Make a difference in the Crawford County communities through the American Red Cross.

Contact: Ted Smith • 814-337-3241 • arcmeadville@csonline.net

Consumer Satisfaction Team

This group aims to ensure that consumers of county-provided services are satisfied with what they receive. They monitor local nonprofits and social service agencies for effectiveness.

Contact: Bob Thayer • 336-2152

Conneaut Lake Area Ambulance Service

Conneaut Lake Area Ambulance Service is a volunteer ambulance service that runs Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances for 911 emergencies in and around the Conneaut Lake Borough.

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Meadville Medical Center

MMC has volunteers in almost every area of the hospital to assist staff, patients, families and visitors.

Contact: Jack Stover • 333-5702

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army often needs volunteers to help assess the needs of clients, assist in the offices, and coordinate special projects

Contact: Captain David Woof • 724-3738

United Way of Western Crawford County

The United Way and its family of agencies work to promote the idea that local people can solve local problems. They operate several events and fundraisers throughout the year to help the community.

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West Mead #2 Firefighters

This volunteer fire department specializes in fire-fighting, vehicle rescue, and EMS Response.

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Women's Services, Inc. (WSI)

This nonprofit organization is dedicated to identifying the needs of the women and children of Crawford County and to developing, supporting, and facilitating programs to meet those needs. WSI offers supportive counseling to adult and child victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse; individual and group supportive counseling; and awareness programs for schools and community groups. The facility offers temporary shelter to women and their dependent children, and children residing in the shelter may receive counseling and participate in structured play activities to assist them in coping with the family's situation. Volunteers play an integral role at WSI. Allegheny students can offer their services in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: supportive counseling, hotline coverage, fundraising, and children's group activities. Depending on the position, training may be required.

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YMCA

The YMCA's mission is to encourage all people to enjoy a personal growth and development of healthy spirit, mind, and body. A commitment to Christian values and principles leads to continual improvement in the creation of caring relationships. The central role of the volunteers is to implement values into everyday activities. By direct one-on-one relationships, the goal of the YMCA is to enrich the lives of all who visit. Through open communication, understanding, and caring, our goal is to be positive role models for the youth. Volunteers are needed for sports tournaments, field trips, and homework help, and other ongoing activities.



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YWCA

The YWCA needs your help to further its mission to enrich the lives of women and children and to aid in the fight to eliminate racism. There are many different opportunities for volunteers at the YWCA. Volunteers can work with the preschool M-F assisting with activities such as field trips and arts and crafts. Other programs include the Y-Teen group, messy play for two-year-olds, gymnastics classes, and swimming programs.

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All About Service

Community Service and Service-Learning is part of the Allegheny College Center for Experiential Learning (ACCEL), and works to support students doing service in Crawford County. Service at Allegheny addresses critical needs in the region, and students are encouraged to connect the things they are seeing in the community with the things they are learning in the classroom.

The service movement at Allegheny is entirely student-driven, with over 50 student leaders trained to serve as liaisons to over 25 social service and nonprofit agencies in Crawford County. These students organize projects, recruit and train other students, and help to drive the direction of service programs. All student involved in service are automatically a part of the Allegheny Service Network (ASN), an umbrella organization that brings students together to brainstorm new ideas and help shape the vision of Community Service and Service-Learning.

Community Service and Service-Learning coordinates several other efforts to assist students and the community. Among them are: a clearinghouse for immediate community needs that tries to address needs called in by local community members or agencies; a listing of local service opportunities; a resource library in Reis Hall; a service-learning program that collaborates with faculty to incorporate service-learning into Allegheny courses; and a fleet of vans to provide transportation to service projects for students who may need it.

Our staff is here to help you!

Do you have questions about service? Have you been wanting to get involved, but you just don't know where to start? The staff of Community Service and Service-Learning are waiting to help you!

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Student Service Organizations

Allegheny Service Network (ASN)

If you do service, you're automatically part of a large movement encompassed in the Allegheny Service Network (ASN). ASN is a student run umbrella organization focused on bringing service leaders together to organize and implement service programs on Allegheny's campus. The organizations seeks representatives from all group on campus that are involved in service - any and all students are encouraged to participate. Meetings are held once a month—please contact the ASN representatives for specific times and locations.



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Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega (APO) is a national coed service fraternity with a campus chapter at Allegheny.

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Circle K

Circle K is the local college chapter of an international service organization affiliated with Kiwanis International. Their motto: "Help yourself through helping others."

Contact: TBA • Call Community Service and Service-Learning for updates

Up 'Till Dawn

Up 'til Dawn is a student-run, fundraising organization for St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Participants join as teams and fund raise primarily through a year-round letter writing campaign. The year culminates with an "Up 'Till Dawn" Celebration.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas, and is the first institution established for the sole purpose of conducting basic and clinical research into catastrophic childhood diseases, mostly cancer. Most importantly, it treats children without regard to race, religion, creed, or ability to pay. This is why Up 'til Dawn participants fundraise. St. Jude will never turn away a patient if they are unable to pay beyond what their insurance covers, if they even have insurance at all.

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Thurston House

Thurston House is an organization that assists pregnant and parenting teenagers. Its mission is to encourage students to remain in school, obtain a high school diploma, and set career goals. The agency also helps teenagers gain self-sufficiency and have healthy babies. Thurston House attempts to match skills of our volunteers to needed tasks. Volunteers assist with clerical/computer tasks, talk with and encourage students, tutor, mentor, and develop new activities. Time commitment is flexible from 8am-3pm Mondays through Thursdays. Volunteers typically donate two hours once a week.

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Wesbury United Methodist Community

Wesbury is a retirement community consisting of independent living, assisted living, and skilled care facilities. Interaction is a very important part of residents' daily living. Allegheny students can help Wesbury residents by visiting, reading to or writing for residents, or assisting with special activities (bingo nights, picnics, remote control airplanes, etc). Volunteers are needed on a regular basis, and special service project ideas are welcome.

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Wesbury/Allegheny After-school Arts Partnership

This intergenerational after-school program is for 4th-6th graders. Children from the area join residents of Wesbury United Methodist Community (see above for description) to jointly explore enrichment for the arts.

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Meadville Soup Kitchen

Meadville's Soup Kitchen at Stone Methodist Church on the Diamond serves a well-balanced meal to Meadville residents every weekday from 11:30am-12:30pm. Allegheny sends teams each day to help relieve the morning volunteers at the serving line. Volunteers also wash dishes, clean the kitchen and the dining room, and eat with volunteers and consumers. Ten teams are organized, so volunteers typically donate one hour every two weeks..

For more information, please contact:

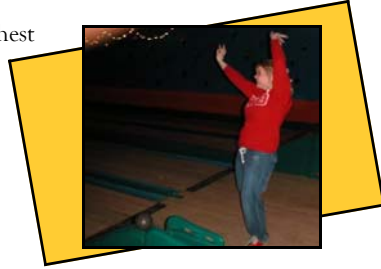
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Penn Lakes Girl Scout Council

The Girl Scouts strives "to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens." This is accomplished by providing activities that help girls to develop their potential as individuals. Volunteers provide supervision for activities, teach life skills to girls who may not otherwise have the opportunity to learn them, and provide friendship, moral support, and positive direction to the girls' lives. Time commitment ranges from a single afternoon to weekly meetings, depending on how much time you are willing to give.

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Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center

Tamarack's mission is to provide care for sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife as well as to educate the public about interference and conservation. Volunteers are always needed to perform Tamarack's basic tasks such as feeding and providing a clean environment for various species of birds, raptors, reptiles, and mammals; painting; and general maintenance. Specially trained volunteers can also do wildlife capture and transportation.

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Student Service Leaders

Who are Student Leaders at Allegheny?

Student Leaders in community service strive to make volunteering easy, meaningful and productive to all those involved. They serve as liaisons to community agencies or campus programs, and help students to identify and meet real community needs. They run programs at their sites, recruit and train volunteers, lead reflection, collect service hours, and share the big picture of community service efforts as part of social change and social justice.

Bonner Leaders

- ◆ Bonners are placed in community agencies to help with programs and volunteer recruitment
- ◆ Time Commitment: 600-900 hours over 1-2 years. At least one summer is required.
- ◆ Training requirement: 10 hours per semester; bi-weekly meetings
- ◆ Compensation: Up to \$1700 in work study during the school year; \$1150 stipend during the summer

Davies Service Leaders

- ◆ Davies Service Leaders are placed with local agencies to complete specific projects as determined by the agency.
- ◆ Time Commitment: 8-10 hours per week during the school year; some summer positions available
- ◆ Training requirement: Ongoing trainings throughout semester/summer
- ◆ Compensation: Non-work study financial award

Peer Project Leaders (PPLs)

- ◆ PPL's are placed in community agencies to help with programs and volunteer recruitment.
- ◆ Time Commitment: 2-5 hours per week for one academic year
- ◆ Training requirement: 6 hours each semester with several meetings throughout the year
- ◆ Compensation: None— strictly volunteer positions

Service Learning Challenge Leaders (SLC)

- ◆ SLC Leaders partner with faculty to incorporate service into academic courses.
- ◆ Time Commitment: Regular meetings and participation in courses
- ◆ Training requirement: 4 hours per semester
- ◆ Compensation: Academic Course credit

Special Service Projects

Alternative Spring Break

During Spring Break, Allegheny students travel off campus to spend the week working on specific issues. Past trips have included: working with the homeless in Columbus, OH; working on Habitat Houses in Greensboro, NC; working with refugees in Buffalo, NY; and working with at-risk youth in Boston, MA. These trips are planned by students with the help of an administrative/faculty advisor. Applications are available at the beginning of second semester.



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Lambda Sigma Children's Carnival

Allegheny's chapter of Lambda Sigma holds a carnival for children in the Meadville area each year. Groups and individuals on campus are needed to help with games, entertainment, and snacks for the day.

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Make a Difference Day

Join over 1500 community and college volunteers in completing over 120 projects during this inspiring service event! Don't miss this Allegheny Tradition—gather your friends and sign up to complete a project. What other event has one-third of the Allegheny student population involved?

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Senior Citizen's Day

Each year, senior citizens come to Allegheny's campus to participate in classes and cultural activities sponsored by the College. Volunteers are needed to help escort the seniors around campus and assist with the activities. This is a great opportunity to get to interact with some of Meadville's finest citizens!

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Service Saturdays

The third Saturday of every month, Community Service and Service-Learning, ACCEL, sponsors service projects that are open to the entire campus community. If you're interested in helping the community, but don't have time to volunteer on a regular basis, this is the program for you! All you have to do is sign up and show up—everything else will be taken care of for you. Details about the projects are available on the master calendar.

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The Humane Society

The Humane Society provides safe housing for unwanted domestic animals and finds them good homes in the community. The goals of the shelter are to improve behavioral skills and to help the animals become more adaptable to human contact. Volunteers will assist by walking, bathing, and playing with the animals. An obedience program is being developed with the help of Allegheny volunteers.

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The Hunger and Homelessness Issues Committee

This group is dedicated to educating the college community about the issues and root causes of hunger and homelessness, and supporting efforts to reduce these injustices. This year the committee will be sponsoring events during the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, including the Oxfam Fast for World Harvest and the Hunger Banquet. Volunteers are needed to help with the organizing and advertising of these events, and are also encouraged to attend.



For more information, please contact:

Religious Life Office • 332-2800

Meadville Community Energy Project

A nonprofit, community organization based at Allegheny College since 1997, we are students, business people, local government officials, property owners, renters, faculty, and other community members working to eliminate the needless waste of energy in Meadville. By keeping our money in the community, rather than sending it to large energy companies beyond our borders, we stimulate our local economy, improve social equity, and benefit the natural environment. Volunteers work to do energy audits of local homes, and to provide educational programs to the community.

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Service Options

Head Start

Head Start is a federally funded early childhood education program. Children may be in the program from the time they are 3 years old until they are ready to start kindergarten. Head Start aims at providing the children with an early start to education as well as assisting and educating families to help build a healthy and happy environment. Each classroom is team taught by two teachers. Volunteers with the program help the teachers in the classroom and provide further support for the children. Allegheny student volunteers are always greatly appreciated.

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Active Aging

Active aging is a drop-in center open to all senior citizens M-F from 8am-5pm. In addition to helping with regularly scheduled events like bingo, exercise and dance classes, music hours, computer instruction, Octoberfest and the Senior Prom, volunteers are needed to help start new initiatives and provide support in the office. Your ideas are welcome!

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Hillside Home

Hillside Home is a wonderful little retirement community close to campus where volunteers assist the residents playing bingo, making crafts, and decorating cookies. In the past, we have also thrown holiday parties and sung for the residents. There are many other programs to look forward to in the future and suggestions are always welcome!

For more information, please contact:

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Hog Heaven Rescue Farm

Hog Heaven rescues, rehabilitates, and fosters out hoofed animals who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected. They receive animals from humane agents and agencies, and have been in operation since 1999. Feed, housing, fencing, and veterinary services are paid for out of donations and fundraisers. Volunteers can come help rehabilitate animals, clean stalls, and assist in farm maintenance.

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Adult Basic Education (ABE/GED)

ABE/GED classes are funded by the government to provide educational opportunities to mentally challenged adults. Ranging in age from 20-70, the students choose to participate in the classes. Some students work to master basic skills, while others can read and understand everyday documents and perform math operations. Volunteers migrate throughout the classroom and pair up with students who would like assistance that day. Although they do not prepare the lesson plans, volunteers are essential to the efficiency of the classroom; the students respond well to individual attention, and just one volunteer can have an amazing impact. Classes are held in the evenings.

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America Reads Program

This program provides an opportunity for college students to earn work-study funds by engaging elementary school children in a variety of literacy activities. Volunteers are also welcome! Reading tutors generally work one-on-one with students for one hour twice a week doing interactive, fun activities that improve their reading and writing skills. Tutoring takes place after school at the housing developments and during the school day at school sites. There is an interview process and training for those accepted.

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ARC of Crawford County

The ARC has been an active participant in service to individuals with developmental disabilities for over 40 years! Its services include employment, training, education, independent living, mentoring programs, and anything that will help people to achieve their greatest level of fulfillment. Available services at the ARC include Family Support, Domiciliary Care, Life Skills Programming, etc. Volunteers are needed as mentors for individuals between the ages of 15-21 and to help with a Saturday Youth Program.

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Bethesda Children's Home

Bethesda is a branch of Lutheran Social Services that is charged with protecting, supporting, and counseling Pennsylvania's population of court-appointed at-risk youth who are temporarily placed in the Bethesda residential facility.

Counselors and volunteers at Bethesda work daily with these 12-18 year olds by using traditional education, therapeutic recreation, individual goals, and supportive group programs. Allegheny volunteers will serve as mentors, tutor teens, exercise with the residents, lead arts and crafts, and use their own skills to create programs that reflect their interests.

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Beverly Healthcare

Beverly Healthcare is a residential home for people who need medical supervisions, who cannot live by themselves, or whose families cannot take care of their needs. The residents range in age from 29-97 years, with the majority being 60+. The main focus for volunteers is helping the Activities Director and making sure that the residents are happy. Volunteers will be helping with arts and crafts, decorating bulletin boards, doing fundraisers, visiting rooms, and assisting in other areas. Help is needed anytime Monday through Friday.

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Gill Village Children's Program

This program is provided for children living in Gill Village Housing Development, one of three low-income housing areas managed by the Meadville Housing Authority. The activities emphasize self esteem, respect, manners, anger and stress management for children 4-15. Learning occurs through fun after-school projects such as cooking, crafts, sports, and reading. Through interactions with the kids, organizers hope to build a more positive atmosphere within children's lives and the community at large. Volunteers are needed to assist with afternoon activities twice per week and with special events each semester.

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Gill Village Computer Literacy Program

This tutoring program is based out of the Gill Village Housing Development Computer Center, made possible by a grant from Pennsylvania Campus Compact. Students earn work-study money or volunteer and commit themselves for the entire semester. College tutors work in a one-on-one situation with children in grades 3-8. Each tutor works with 2 students throughout the semester. Tutoring is on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-5:15pm. In addition, tutors will spend one hour on preparation and one hour on follow-up each week. Only minimal computer skills are necessary; training is provided by Crawford County School District, and on-site assistance is also provided. Transportation is available for tutors.

For more information, please contact:

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Habitat for Humanity

Allegheny's chapter of Habitat works closely with the affiliate in Meadville to provide decent housing for those in need. Allegheny volunteers will build access ramps, repair roofs, paint homes, and work on the local Habitat House being built this year. Volunteers are needed every week for work on different projects in the community. Get involved! No construction skills necessary! Habitat meets every Wednesday at 6 and has projects every Saturday morning.

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The French Creek Project

The French Creek Project is a nonprofit organization devoted to protecting the French Creek



through cooperation with and education of the people living within its watershed. The reason French Creek is so crucial is not that it is in danger of being destroyed in a cataclysmic manner. Rather, compared to most creeks like it, French Creek is remarkable in the health and beauty of its 117 miles. The point is that it needs to be kept that way because the human ability to destroy an ecosystem is unmatched. Bonner Leaders and Peer Project Leaders have been active in organizing efforts to reach

out to kids, including a massive effort to reach every fourth grade classroom from Franklin, PA to New York State. Allegheny students also participate in all the other projects that the French Creek Project manages.

For more information, please contact:

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French Creek Rails to Trails

This organization strives to maintain public trails, while preserving and maintaining the local environment. Volunteers maintain the Ernst Bike Trail for bikers and hikers. Volunteers are also needed during the winter months to assist with secretarial duties, grant applications, public relations, and fundraising. Most projects occur on the weekends and in the evenings.

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Friends of Youth

Friends of Youth is a program dedicated to preventing first-time involvement of at-risk youth with the court system, as well as reducing the rates of those already involved. The organization teaches socialization and problem-solving skills while building character. These goals are accomplished through one-on-one programs. Work-site opportunities, fun activities, and a suspension program. Youth who are enrolled in the program are between the ages of 8 and 18, with the highest concentration being those in middle school. Allegheny students can become suspension tutors, consistent mentors, or help with bowling and other special events.

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Big Brothers and Big Sisters

BB/BS recruits and trains adult volunteers who offer friendship and guidance to children on a one-on-one basis. Allegheny volunteers serve as role models to children and can make a difference by enhancing children's growth and development. Students can become a big brother or sister, help with group activities for unmatched "littles," or assist with fundraising and recruitment.

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Center for Family Services (CFS)

CFS's mission is "to provide essential services and ongoing support for individuals and families experiencing crisis or transition so they may heal, strengthen, and reunite." This is done through essential service programs (in-office, in-home, and forensic counseling) and education programs for parents and children. Volunteer opportunities exist in the areas of tutoring, teaching, childcare, data entry, office assistance, clothing room maintenance, and brochure and flyer design. The agency also accepts donations of toiletries, clothing, canned goods, and home appliances for their clients.

For more information or to donate something, please contact:

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CHAPS (Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program)

CHAPS is a nonprofit mental health consumer organization founded in October 1988. CHAPS' mission is to support consumers of mental health services, to encourage and enhance the formation of a consumer self-help and support network in Crawford County, and to engage in activities that better the lives of persons with mental illnesses. CHAPS has a unique balance of mental health consumers, family members, and professionals working together for the betterment of those they serve. Volunteers can assist with educational activities or social activities.

For more information, please contact:

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Clearinghouse of Immediate Needs

The Clearinghouse is a function of Community Service and Service-Learning, ACCEL. Local organizations and individual community members are able to call in to request assistance from Allegheny volunteers. Projects that have been called in include helping a disabled person move, assisting an agency with a special event, tutoring a child who may need some extra help, or doing a variety of indoor and outdoor maintenance projects. Potential volunteers are contacted once a week by email with information about current needs.

To get on the email list or for more information, please contact:

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Cordia Commons

Cordia Commons is an elderly care facility where students can interact and learn from the residents while playing games and doing other special activities. Students often work one-on-one with a resident, reading books or the newspaper and helping to write letters or perform simple daily tasks. There are also large group activities such as nail-painting, drawing, making cards, playing bingo, or listening to music. Activities will take place for an hour per week, or as needed. Special holiday activities, dinners, or parties may take place on Saturdays as well. Students go to Cordia Commons with the Peer Project Leader in a group setting.

For more information, please contact:

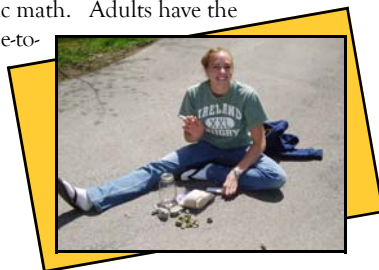
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Crawford County READ Program

The READ Program is a literacy program for people ages 16+ who want help in improving their reading, writing, spelling, and basic math. Adults have the opportunity to study with volunteer tutors on a one-to-one basis, meeting an hour or more per week at a time and place convenient to both. Anyone can become a volunteer tutor—tutors are NOT required to have teaching experience.

For more information, please contact:

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Elm Street Children's Program

This program at Elm St. Housing Development is managed by the Meadville Housing Authority. The program works with children ages 4-15 living in this low-income housing development. Through activities volunteers provide safe, fun, and educational after-school programs for these at-risk children. Cooking, crafts, and tutoring are some of the activities that happen on a weekly basis. Special events such as trick-or-treating at the College, swimming parties at the Wise Center, etc. are organized several times each semester. Volunteers are needed to help run activities and play with the kids for all events.



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Fairview/Fairmont Outreach Center

Fairview/Fairmont is a low-income housing development in the Meadville area. Volunteers work in conjunction with the Outreach Center at the housing development and participate in many activities that range from cooking classes, tutoring, and homework help to sports, games, outdoor activities, and arts & crafts. Volunteers work mostly with children under age 18, but are also encouraged to interact with the adults. Special programs are held on self-esteem, diversity, anger management, nutrition, and other educational issues that affect the residents.

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French Creek Boy Scout Council

The local Boy Scout Council seeks volunteers to help Boy Scouts advance in basic skill ranks (i.e. outdoor skill, fire building) and accompany scouts on hikes and camp outs. You can work with boys ages 8-18 appx. One night per week. Both male and female volunteers are welcome. Currently, Allegheny students are working with Boy Scout Troop 244 at First Presbyterian Church on Monday evenings.

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