

## Service Learning Project

### Lesson: Service Learning Project

Seniors

April 4, 2017

Instructions:

Go over the following information with your AG and discuss what individuals or groups plan to do to complete their service learning project. Reminder: All seniors will participate in Senior Work Day on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Students must also complete an additional 4 hours on their own.

#### **WHAT IS SERVICE-LEARNING?**

Service-learning is a learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to learn civic responsibility and strengthen communities.

#### **WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?**

Can start as early as May 1st of the junior year and must be complete by May 2<sup>nd</sup> of the senior year. The Service-learning project should be at least 4 hours total.

#### **WHAT COUNTS AS SERVICE-LEARNING?**

- Service-learning projects are planned by you.
- Service-learning projects can be done as an individual or group.
- Service-learning projects can be for the benefit of a local, national or international organization.
- To participate in true service-learning projects you must be able to answer “yes” to these 3 questions:
  1. Is there a confirmed need?
  2. Do I have the ability to help?
  3. Will someone benefit from my efforts?

#### **WHAT STEPS SHOULD I TAKE TO GET STARTED?**

- Research the need
- Find out what truly will help the person, community or organization
- Gather your resources or time, talent and/or money and go change someone’s world!
- See attached page for ideas other students have used.

#### **WHAT EVIDENCE DO I NEED TO SUBMIT?**

- CRLE Reflection form with evidence (pictures, flyers, brochures, etc.)

*“To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right.”*

*~Confucius*

## Possible Project Ideas

- Partner with Community Public Library
- Collect donations of professional attire to donate
- Technology Training for senior citizens and low-income children
- Providing textbooks for students who cannot afford them
- Set up a clothes closet on campus
- Free car wash or a car wash fundraiser
- Grocery shopping for the elderly
- Free landscaping
- Disaster relief
- Beautification projects at community park/schools, etc.
- Collect blankets for low-income and homeless individuals
- Sports clinics in community
- After School Programs
- Collect and donate children's books to promote literacy
- Set up a lending library in your neighborhood
- Reading to kids
- Child Abuse Prevention Month – April
- Field days at local schools (build mentoring relationships)
- Fundraiser for cancer research
- Teach sports skills
- Volunteer for local youth sports leagues (referee, coach, fund raise, develop, etc.)
- Music Programs
- Volunteer in nursing homes, providing music entertainment
- Support arts education in schools
- Tree planting efforts
- Fundraisers for disease research
- Recycling and other environmental sustainability projects
- Volunteer in nursing home and hospital settings
- Partner with Ronald McDonald House
- Raise awareness and funds for domestic violence and a domestic violence shelter
- Raise awareness and funds for the prevention of human trafficking
- Adopt a highway
- Fundraising for Red Cross
- Partner with Crisis Pregnancy Resource Center
- Provide meals for needy individuals
- Participate in after school programs
- Book Drive
- Provide a lesson at an elementary school on a subject in your area
- Reading to elementary schools
- Partner with Community Food Cooperative, which provides staple items to those in need

- Partner with Boy/Girl Scouts
- Collect food for a food pantry
- Partner with Habitat for Humanity
- Help support disaster preparedness
- Partner with Salvation Army
- Partner with a homeless shelter