

“Cultivating scholarship, virtue and excellence in a global community”

STEP # 1: Research

Ideas for Community Learning Adventures

These listings do not include all volunteer opportunities.



Building

- Paint curbs
- Repaint walls/graffiti
- Replace and paint the boards by the tennis courts at NV

Collections

- Collect school supplies for needy families
- School fundraisers - charitable donations
- School run garage sale - donations, pricing, set up, workers

Emergency Services

- Assemble and distribute classroom first aid kits

Environmental Care and Cleanup

- Adopt-A-Bird Feeder
- Campus clean-up and beautification - plants, flowers, trash
- Compost lunchroom waste- www.greenguardian.com
-See Ms. Christianson, NV Language A teacher
- "Germ Busters"- Analyze health issues and organize a prevention program
- Organic gardening- www.edibleschoolyard.org
-See Ms. Christianson, NV Language A teacher
- Recycling
- <http://map.ci.crystal.mn.us/public/recycle.html>
- www.greenguardian.com

Human Services

- Assisting faculty and administration
- Assisting staff after school
- Custodian assistant- window washing and other duties as needed
- FACS project - Quillows (quilt/pillow)

- Kitchen helpers- dishwashers
- Library volunteer or Lab Assistant
- Musical performance at local nursing home
- Visual Arts - design informational posters, create public spaces, make cards and gifts to brighten someone's day

Hunger Projects

- Food Drives

Mentoring and Tutoring

- Assist ELL students - social/peer connections and academics
- Peer helpers - orient new students to NV, peer mediation, Lunch Buddies
- Record books on tape for special education students
- Tutoring - math, reading, computer skills, music skills, etc

Pet Care

- Make items for companion/therapy animals
- SEM/Science
-Contact Mr. Brandt, SEM Coordinator or the Science Department for specific needs

Public Awareness

- Create a health information campaign
- Serve as school safety officers

Out of School

Building

- Habitat for Humanity Twin Cities 612-331-4090 www.habitat.org

Collections

- Book Drive
- Collect mittens, hats, coats, and socks for kids
- Collect used computers and donate
-National Cristina Foundation www.cristina.org
-Share the Technology www.sharetechnology.org
- Pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House www.rmhc.org
- Toys for Tots www.toysfortots.org

Emergency Services

- Make First Aid kits
- Make toiletry kits

Environmental Care and Cleanup

- Adopt-A-Highway/Street
Maple Grove Government Center, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, P.O. Box 1180,
Maple Grove 55311
-Contact Frank Kampel at 763-494-6000
- Adopt-A-Park
-City of Brooklyn Park Department of Parks and Recreation
5200 85th Ave. N., Brooklyn Park 763-493-8335
-City of Maple Grove Department of Parks and Recreation
12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove 763-494-6535
- Brooklyn Park Waste Management
-Hennepin County information line 612-348-6500
- Department of Natural Resources
- Information Center 651-296-6157
- Volunteer Programs 651-297-1449
- www.dnr.state.mn.us
(planting seedlings, stream monitoring, surveying wildlife, and more)
- Develop a wildlife feeding area/build a wildlife habitat
- Organize a neighborhood beautification project
- Organize an energy conservation campaign
- Plant a neighborhood garden
- Recycling (aluminum can drive)
- Three Rivers Park District
-Volunteer office 763-559-6706
- www.ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org
- Yard work for neighborhood (rake, plant, weed, mow)

Human Services

- Adopt-A-Family
- Adopt-A-Grandfriend in a local nursing home

- ARC Value Village Thrift Store
 - 6330 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center 763-503-3534
 - 2751 Winnetka Ave. N., New Hope 763-544-0006
 Ask for store manager - must be accompanied by an adult
 Store hours: M-F 9am-9pm
 Sat. 9am-6pm
 Sun. 12(noon)-6pm
 (unpacking donations, stocking shelves, janitorial)
- Bag groceries at a local grocery store (Contact store manager)
- Childcare for neighbors (no relatives - no money)
- Community Emergency Assistance Program (C.E.A.P.)
 - 6840 78th Ave. N Brooklyn Park, MN
 - Contact Cindy the Volunteer Coordinator: 763-566-9600
 - *must be accompanied by an adult
 - (organize food drives, package, sort and label food items, fall raking at the CEAP building from October -November. Assist with running a hot dog/brat stand at the Brooklyn Center Cub Foods store in September 2006. Sort foods in Nov., Dec., and mid Jan. and also from late March to April.)
- Create a toy box for an emergency room
- Create tray favors for local hospitals
- Create nutritional gift packages for critical care waiting rooms in hospitals
- Goodwill 77 85th Ave. NW, Coon Rapids
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Danna Gulliford 651-379-5940
 - www.goodwill.org
 - (help with store set up, move clothing, color code items to sell, sort and categorize books, toys and games)
- Help an immigrant/Language interpreter
- Hennepin County
 - Information Line for all county departments 612-348-3000
(i.e. Services for Seniors, Children and Family Services)
 - Volunteer Line 612-348-9900
- Hennepin County Public Libraries- www.hclib.org
- Homeless Shelters
 - Mary's Place 401 N. 7th Street, Minneapolis 612-338-4855
- Homeward Bound Inc. 7839 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park
 - Contact Joel 763-525-3186 ext. 237, E-mail jbarker@homewardboundservices.org
 - (helping developmentally disabled individuals with arts and crafts, special events)

- Local hospital volunteers
- Make a traveling library
- Nursing Home helpers (Contact Volunteer Coordinator at each site)
 - Maranatha Care Center 5401 69th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center
763-549-9600
*These positions are filled until further notice
 - St. Therese Care Center 8000 Bass Lake Road, New Hope
763-531-5008
 - MN Masonic Home North Ridge 5500 Boone Ave. N., New Hope
763-592-2645
(visit with residents, assist with popcorn parties, bingo, special events, set and assist residents with games M,T,W evenings 7-9pm and Saturday afternoons 1:30-3:30pm.) Mention that you are a North View student.
 - Berkshire Residence 501 2nd Street SE, Osseo 763-425-3939
- Salvation Army Volunteer Services 651-746-3426
- www.thesalarmy.com
(Oct.-Coats for Kids, Nov./Dec.-bell ringers, Dec.-The Toy Shop)
- School carnival volunteer
- Shovel a driveway
- Special Olympics - www.specialolympics.org
(Games management, clerical tasks, event support, coach's assistant)
- United Way Greater Twin Cities 612-340-7400
- Vision Loss Resources www.visionlossresources.com
(read materials, visitor, shopper, assist with recreational, social, and cultural activities, record books on tape for the visually impaired)
- YMCA and YWCA volunteers

Hunger Projects

- C.R.O.S.S. (Christian Reaching Out Social Services) Food Shelf
-9292 Wellington Lane N., Maple Grove
-763-425-1050
- Feed My Starving Children - 401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN
-763-504-2919
- www.fmssc.org
(package chicken and rice casserole to be shipped internationally)
- Feeding Children International- 5401 Boone Ave. N., New Hope
-Contact Angie or Lynn 763-257-0202
- www.feedingchildren.org
(packaging foods, clerical/mailings, janitorial)

Mentoring and Tutoring

- Elementary school helper
 - Zanewood Community 7000 Zane Ave. N., 763-561-9077
 - Fair Oaks 5600 65th Ave. N., 763-533-2246
 - Crest View 8200 Zane Ave. N., 763-561-5165
- McDonald Sunshine Place Care Center 621 E. 38th St., Minneapolis
-612-822-7801
(assist pre-schoolers with academics)

Pet Care

- Animal Humane Society
 - General Information Line 763-522-4325
 - Contact the Education Department 763-489-2220 to participate in service learning projects.
 - www.animalhumanesociety.org
- Bake dog biscuits for animal shelter
- Walk dogs

Public Awareness

- International festivals at NV in fall of school year
 - See Mr. Maloney, NV Community and Service Learning Coordinator
- Sponsor a community group to promote cultural understanding

Valuable Websites

- www.ccspm.org (Catholic Charities, volunteer line 612-664-8600)
- www.greenguardian.com
- www.hungersolutions.org
- www.volunteermatch.org
- www.volunteertwincities.org