

Please Note: Students that choose to volunteer for a service experience not sponsored by LRC Campus Ministry must get permission from their LRX instructor prior to performing the volunteer service for the LRX experience.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SERVICE LEARNING EXPERIENCE OFFERED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY:

1. Pet Assisted Activities: We will be going to Providence Heights, a local library, and perhaps some nursing homes to visit with residents and patrons using our bunnies that are specially chosen for pet therapy. If you like animals and people, this is a great way to get your service time in. Times and locations vary so check your email. Time and day for AAA at Providence Heights is the first Wednesday of each month.

2. Bingo with the Sisters! Once a month we will assist with the sisters Bingo at Providence Heights. If you are a bingo lover, this is for you. Bingo time is set from 2:00-3:15 PM.

3. Birthday Parties with the Sisters: Each month, students are invited to share their time, energy, and love of parties with the retired Sisters at Providence Heights. *Party setup begins at 1:30 p.m. with the Sisters coming to the party at 2:00 p.m. and parties are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month.* Each month has a theme and students help decorate, as well as serve food, sing songs and play games.

***4. Pet Therapy at Cumberland Crossing Assisted Living:** Once a month, on the third Wednesday of the month, we take therapy bunnies to visit the residents at Cumberland Crossing, which is an assisted living facility near the college. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to work with rabbits and be around senior citizens. The time is 11:00 to noon for the visits.

***5. Pet Therapy at the Gatehouse:** Twice a month, on a Wednesday evening, a small group of students helps take therapy bunnies to the Gatehouse, which is a residence for young adults transitioning to independence while learning to manage their lives with the challenge of various disabilities. Orientation to the rabbits/setting, begins about 6:15, car leaves at 6:30 and returns about 8:00 PM. No experience necessary, just a friendly personality.

6. North Hills Community Outreach: Because La Roche College is located in the North Hills, we choose to volunteer with NHCO. This is a large organization that assists those in need who live in the North Hills. The motto of NHCO is *people helping people*, and this is done right here in our own back yard. We will be offering a special orientation for students to NHCO and all their volunteer activities at a Service Learning Club meeting in September. At that time we will receive information on their service learning events. *Dates to do this service will be announced.*

7. Operation Save-A-Life: Every week, students are invited to volunteer with Operation Save-a-Life, taking blankets, hats, gloves, and socks, as well as other supplies, to the homeless living on Pittsburgh's Northside. Groups of no more than seven students accompany a Save-a-Life street guide, who leads the group in locating homeless men and women in need of

care. *This is approximately every other Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m.*

8. Providence Family Support Center: Join us *at the Providence Family Support Center on the Northside* to play with pre-school age children whose parents are attending a class at the center. *Wednesday, from 6-7:30 PM is the time to volunteer, beginning in mid-March.* Free play in the gym followed by a brief half hour of quiet play allows kids to bond with volunteers and release energy through play. PFSC is an organization run by the Sisters of Divine Providence with the mission to help families in need of support through various parenting programs, child care, and involvement in the local community. Students may also volunteer on a regular basis in their after school program as tutors and mentors as well as volunteer weekdays at the child care center. Individual volunteering is arranged through the offices of Service Learning and the Volunteer Coordinators at PFSC.

***9. Easter Dinner:** Once each semester, at Thanksgiving and Easter, students from La Roche volunteer to help host a dinner for families at the Providence Family Support Center. *This date will be announced when it becomes available.* details!

***10. Earth Day:** Help out to make our campus more environmentally integrated by planting flowers, trees, and various plants. Date to be announced and times vary, but generally the most work is done in the morning. This is a great way to take pride in your school!

***11. Day of Memories:** Learn the oral history of many of the Sisters of Divine Providence and help record their stories, while working with them on a craft. Date and time to be announced for this event.

***12. Spring Break Sustainability Retreat:** Learn about hunger and food justice from March 4-9, 2012. We will be staying at the lovely Providence Villa and working around the city, as well as on campus to begin our gardening project to help feed the homeless. Space limited to 10 students only! Sign up early.

Other events are being planned but do not have details set. These may include: activities with elderly people at a local retirement village and nursing home, volunteering with children who have multiple disabilities through the spina bifida association, setting up compost bins and planting the gardens on campus.

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