



Fairfield College Preparatory School



2019-2020
Junior/Senior
Approved Christian Service
Agencies

Dear Juniors and Seniors,

In this booklet, you will find a list of agencies which are of the kind currently approved as placements for seniors and through which you may satisfy your service requirements. If you are interested in an agency that is not on the list, please complete a “New Agency Request Form,” which can be found on the Prep website, and submit it to your theology teacher for review.

All agencies on this list will provide you with opportunities to build relationships with people throughout the state of CT who are less privileged than most of us. These agencies allow you to do this by providing you with unique experiences on a weekly basis. Please take your service seriously! Odds are... you will find that *you* benefit more, or as much, from your service than the people you are actually serving.

When contacting these agencies please be aware that supervisors and other information as provided may change at any time without direct notice to Fairfield Prep. If the supervisor listed is no longer there, please ask to speak with the person who coordinates volunteers . . . and *please notify the Christian Service Office as to any other corrections that you may discover need to be made so that we can update our information for future students.*

Good luck and have fun!

Ms. Woodworth
Director of Christian Service

BRIDGEPORT

ABCD, Inc.

About the Agency: Action for Bridgeport Community Development Inc. (ABCD) was designed as the anti-poverty agency for the Greater Bridgeport Area in September of 1964 by the Office of Economic Opportunity. The agency aims to work with people toward the eradication of the "paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this nation." ABCD presently serves over 35,000 individuals annually through its broad range of services in a six-town area, covering Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, and Trumbull, Connecticut.

Volunteer Duties: to help provide educational, cultural and recreational opportunities to Bridgeport students. (i.e. tutoring, extracurricular activities)

Population: students in pre-K

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 P.M.

Address: 1070 Park Ave., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Annetta French at 203-366-8241 x 3358

Beardsley Elementary School

About the Agency: Beardsley Elementary School is a public school in Bridgeport for students in pre-K to 6th grade.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children

Population: Pre-K to 6th grade students

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Address: 500 Huntington Rd., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Ms. Pivirotto spivirotto@bridgeportedu.net

Bridgeport Boys and Girls Club (Jerome Orcutt B&G Club)

About the Agency: The Boys & Girls Club offers kids a safe place to learn and grow – and have fun at the same time. They provide high-quality educational programs, building a sense of character and citizenship, maintaining diversity, and offering kids a safe, nurturing, and affordable environment.

Volunteer Duties: to tutor the children and help in the gym with sports activities.

Population: children

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday; after school hours

Address: 102 Park St, Bridgeport, CT 06608

Contact Person: Tony Tozzi ttozzi.bagcbpt@gmail.com

First Serve, Bridgeport

About the Agency: “First Serve Bridgeport combines on-court instruction, competitive play, and academic tutoring. Our kids gain exposure to positive adult role models and opportunities for higher education.

Our goal for our kids is to compete on their high school varsity tennis teams, perform academically and be assets to their communities.”

Volunteer Duties: to help teach the game of tennis to students and offer tutoring help

Population: children

Available Volunteer Hours: TBD

Address: various locations in Bridgeport

Contact Person: Rob Oppenheim; bridgeport.tennis@yahoo.com

Bridgeport Rescue Mission (must be 18 years old or accompanied by an adult to volunteer)

About the Agency: Bridgeport Rescue Mission demonstrates the love of God to hungry, homeless and addicted people throughout Fairfield County, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They fight poverty from the inside out by providing a place of hope and dignity through a yearlong educational program, biblical counseling and case management. They are funded by compassionate individuals, churches, businesses, organizations.

Volunteer Duties: working in the soup kitchen, sitting with the residents and building relationships with them

Population: adult males

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 4:00-6:30 P.M. or Saturday, 11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Address: 1088 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Patti Law PLaw@BridgeportRescueMission.org

Burroughs Community Center

About the Agency: Their mission is to provide the residents of Bridgeport with program opportunities and facility resources for the purpose of promoting individual growth and community cohesiveness. The Burroughs Community Center offers a variety of programs including the arts, fitness, financial literacy as well as meeting space for clubs.

Volunteer Duties: Students may help resettled refugee artisans with their craft/selling (Mondays 2-5, Tuesdays 1-4) or help teach English to adults (Mon-Thursday 6-8pm)

Population: students in grades 2-6

Available Volunteer Hours: See above

Address: 2470 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport

Contact Person: programs@burroughscenter.org; https://burroughscenter.org/programs_page/

Cardinal Shehan Center

About the Agency: The Cardinal Shehan Center is a non-profit organization located in Bridgeport, CT. For 50 years the Center has served the recreational, educational, and social needs of moderate and low-income families and young people of lower Fairfield County, particularly inner city Bridgeport.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children

Population: elementary, middle and high school children

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-5:00 P.M. and Saturday, 10:00-2:00 P.M.

Address: 1494 Main St., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Katherine OHara kohara@shehancenter.org

Caroline House

About the Agency: Caroline House was founded and sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. It is an education center for low-income women and children in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Volunteer Duties: tutoring elementary school children in Reading and Math

Population: children in grades K-5

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday and Thursday, 3:15-4:15 P.M.

Address: 574 Stillman St., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Jean Fredericks (203) 334-0640

Cesar A. Batalla School

About the Agency: Cesar Batalla is a pre-K-8 school in Bridgeport and the only school in the city with a Dual Language Program. The Dual Language Program begins in Kindergarten and continues up to 5th grade.

Volunteer Duties: tutoring and homework help

Population: children, grades pre-K-8,

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5 P.M. (**Seniors will need to make arrangements to help set up or clean up to serve their minimum 2hrs per visit.)

Address: 606 Howard Ave., Bridgeport CT 06606

Contact Person: Hector Sanchez (203) 579-8500

Hall School

About the Agency: Hall School is a public elementary school in Bridgeport, grades K-6.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children

Population: children in grades K-6

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Address: 290 Clermont Ave., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Cynthia Fernandes; (203) 576-7560

John Winthrop School

About the Agency: John Winthrop School is a public school in Bridgeport for children in grades K-8.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children

Population: children in grades K-8

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 3:00-5:30 P.M.

Address: 85 Eckart St., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Judith LaMonico; llamonico@bridgeportedu.net

Testimonial: "I loved my time serving at John Winthrop. I established a strong connection with the kids I worked with and it helped me learn more about leadership and responsibility." - *Member of the Class of 2012*

KEYS (music experience necessary)

About the Agency: KEYS (Kids Empowered by Your Support) is a non-profit organization with a mission to bring one-to-one instrument lessons and group music instruction to underserved inner-city children in Bridgeport, CT who have no other access to this empowering life experience. (www.keysmusic.org)

Volunteer Duties: Working with students one-on-one or in group settings to help them practice their instruments. Volunteers should have multiple years of experience with one or more instruments.

Population: Students grades 1-12

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday afterschool, Saturday

Address: Music lessons are offered in 18 different Bridgeport schools during the week, and Saturdays at the Klein Auditorium in Bridgeport. KEYS Orchestra and KEYS Band rehearsals are Saturdays at the Klein Auditorium in Bridgeport. Workshops in piano and guitar are offered several times a year at Fairfield Theatre Company in Fairfield.

Contact Person: Laurie Bradbury, email: aed@keysmusic.org, cell phone: 203-818-9849

Testimonial: "I think that choosing KEYS was the best choice I could have made. I strongly suggest this program for athletes or people heavily involved in extracurricular activities. KEYS has a Saturday program @ Fairfield Theatre Company from 11-1 that I have done all year." - *Member of the Class of 2012*

McGivney Community Center

About the Agency: Their mission is the education of youth in Bridgeport. They work to provide a safe, creative environment where youth can explore educational and recreational activities. Their goal is to nurture their intellectual, spiritual and physical growth so they can be successful in all of their endeavors.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children, teens and young adults

Population: children, teens and young adults ranging from 6-18 years old

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Thursday, 2:30-9:00 P.M. and Friday, 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Address: 338 Stillman St., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Joe DeSabella; (203) 333-2789

Mercy Learning Center

About the Agency: Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport, Inc. provides basic literacy and life skills training to low-income women using a holistic approach within a compassionate, supportive environment. All women are welcome without regard for race, religion, color, creed, sexual orientation or national origin.

Volunteer Duties: varies

Population: women and children

Address: 637 Park Avenue, Bridgeport

Contact Person: Nora Jinishian; nora.jinishian@mercylearningcenter.org

Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County

About the Agency: Neighborhood Studios (NS) offers innovative after-school and summer arts programs to students from kindergarten through post-high school in Bridgeport and its surrounding towns. Neighborhood Studios offers 14 different school year programs and three summer camps at its own facilities and at various local schools. Neighborhood Studios has taught thousands of children over the years. Due to either economic disadvantage or physical or emotional disabilities, many of those children would not have had the opportunity to experience music and arts without Neighborhood Studio's existence.

Volunteer Duties: work with the students in areas like art, music or tutoring

Population: students K - high school

Address: 391 East Washington Ave., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Gabie French; info@nstudios.org

New Beginnings Family Academy

About the Agency: New Beginnings Family Academy is a public charter school of choice in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Opened in September 2002 to 156 students in kindergarten through third grade, New Beginnings Family Academy now enrolls 400 students in grades K-8.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the students

Population: students in grades K-8

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday – Friday, after school

Address: 184 Garden St., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Audrey Nefores (203) 384-2897 ext.108

Testimonial: “I had a great experience at NBFA. I really got to know the kids and it is great knowing they enjoy my presence. They really appreciate the help and they make this known.” – *Member of the Class of 2012*

Southern Connecticut Storm Special Hockey, Inc. (Juniors Only)

About the Agency: Special Hockey exists for the enrichment of the athlete with a developmental disability. In addition to physical hockey skills, the program emphasizes the development of desirable individual characteristics such as dependability, self-reliance, concentration, willingness to share and personal accountability. The game of hockey is used by Special Hockey to develop within each player the characteristics that will help the player to be more successful both inside and outside a hockey environment.

Volunteer Duties: help teach children and young adults with different abilities how to skate and play hockey, mentor these participants

Population: differently abled children and young adults

Available Volunteer Hours: Sunday, 3:30-5:10 P.M.

Address: Wonderland of Ice, 123 Glenwood Ave., Bridgeport

Contact Person: John McCormick; (203) 521-1778; mentors@optimalservices.com

St. Andrew Academy

About the Agency: St. Andrew is a member of the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport, the schools we partner with for Freshmen Field Day

Volunteer Duties: Help students with afterschool program including tutoring and other activities. If anyone is interested in robotics, they could also use help with their robotics club.

Population: Pre-K – 8th grade

Available Volunteer Hours: Afterschool Hours from 3pm-5pm

Address: 395 Anton Street, Bridgeport CT

Contact Person: Lori Wilson; lwilson@catholicacademybridgeport.org

The Thomas Merton Center

About the Agency: The Thomas Merton Center is a soup kitchen that provides meals for the needy in Bridgeport.

Volunteer Duties: to help prepare and serve meals. Students who volunteer here should also make an effort to interact and get to know the needy people they are serving.

Population: People experiencing hunger

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Saturday, Breakfast and Lunch

Address: 43 Madison Ave., Bridgeport

Contact Person: Daisy Rodriguez DaisyRodriguez@ccfc-ct.org

Urban Impact XLR8

About the Agency: “Urban Impact of Black Rock offers at-risk youth and their families, who live in the PT Barnum Apartment Complex, the life-changing peace, strength and self-worth of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We provide educational opportunities, which include a variety of in school and after school activities”

Volunteer Duties: tutor and mentor students in grades K-8

Population: students in grades K-8

Available Volunteer Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 6-7:30 P.M. (must pick one day a week; Seniors, come early for set up and help clean up to be sure you get the 2 hour minimum per visit or do two visits per week.)

Address: PT Barnum Crooks Center; 301 Bostwick Ave, Bridgeport CT 06605

Contact Person: Chris Myers chris@urbanimpactct.org

Wakeman Boys and Girls Club

About the Agency: Since 1913, Wakeman Boys & Girls Club has been dedicated to enhancing the physical, social, and emotional development of area youth through programs that perpetuate sound citizenship.

Volunteer Duties: tutor and mentor students in grades 3-8

Population: students in grades 3-8

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:30 P.M. (must pick one day a week)

Address: Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse, 2414 Fairfield Ave.

Contact Person: Tim Cepetelli; (203) 259-4805

Testimonial: "This is a great place to do service. Throughout the year I was able to build great relationships with tons of students and student mentors. The schedule is not very flexible." - *Member of the Class of 2012*

Brooklyn, NY

Brooklyn Jesuit Prep

About the Agency: Brooklyn Jesuit Prep is a Catholic Jesuit middle school serving low-income families of diverse races, ethnicities and faiths in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Volunteer Duties: tutoring students on the weekends and creating other ways to help out the school

Population: middle school children living in the Brooklyn area

Available Volunteer Hours: weekends

Address: 560 Sterling Place

Contact Person: Erin O'Neill; oneill@brooklynjesuit.org

DANBURY

Danbury Grassroots Tennis

About the Agency: The Danbury Grassroots Tennis & Enrichment Program began serving the community in 2006 and is committed to the mission of improving the lives of selected young people in Danbury through the game of tennis and educational support.

Volunteer Duties: tutor and mentor children and teenagers from ages 8-18

Population: children and teenagers

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Thursday, 2:30-6:00 P.M.

Address: 196 Main St., Danbury

Contact Person: Lauren Dalton; (203) 797-0500

Dorothy Day Hospitality

About the Agency: Dorothy Day Hospitality House is a homeless shelter. It serves 80-120 hot meals each afternoon and provides shelter to 16 people each night. Everyone who comes to the door is welcomed as a guest -- with no questions.

Volunteer Duties: make sandwiches and interact with the guests, sit inside with the guests during the winter months, etc.

Population: adults experiencing homelessness

Available Volunteer Hours: varies – please see website for service and contacts
<http://www.dorothydaydanbury.org/volunteer.htm>

Address: 11 Spring St., Danbury

FAIRFIELD

Carolton Convalescent Hospital

About the Agency: The Carolton is a convalescent hospital committed to serving Fairfield and the surrounding communities with the best possible convalescent care and a belief that every resident is an individual to be treated with dignity, respect and compassion.

Volunteer Duties: build relationships with the guests by interacting with them and helping the staff with transportation of these guests within the hospital, participating in recreational activities with the guests

Population: adults recovering from surgery or illness, elderly adults

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible

Address: 400 Mill Plain Rd., Fairfield

Contact Person: Jackie Tiani (203) 255-3537 ex 338

Fairfield Parks & Recreation: "After School Chill"

About the Agency: This program offers children and teens with special needs the ability to "chill" and hang out where they may choose to play a game, dance, draw, watch a movie or just hang out with their friends.

Volunteer Duties: Volunteers visit with the children and teens who have different abilities and engage in after school activities.

Population: children and teens with different abilities

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday until 6:00 PM.

Address: 785 Unquowa Rd.

Contact Person: Kathy Morehouse, KMorehouse@fairfieldschools.org.

Jewish Home for the Elderly

About the Agency: The Jewish Home is a non-profit facility governed by a highly dedicated Board of Directors from our surrounding communities. In Fairfield, Connecticut, their pavilions provide an environment of care enriched by art and architecture for the residents.

Volunteer Duties: build relationships with the residents by spending time sitting down with them and talking, taking them for walks around the property, etc.

Population: elderly

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday – Saturday, flexible hours

Address: 175 Jefferson St., Fairfield

Contact Person: Francene Sanchione fsanchione@jseniors.org

Testimonial: “The Jewish Home for the Elderly is a great service project for those who have busy schedules. It is really rewarding if you get to know some of the elderly patients you interact with, it will be a much more rewarding experience.” - *Member of the Class of 2012*

Kennedy Center Bowling

About the Agency: The Kennedy Center is one of the most comprehensive rehabilitation facilities in the State of Connecticut offering innovative and comprehensive program services to persons with different abilities, from birth through their senior years.

Volunteer Duties: attend the bowling program, assist the bowlers, and keep score for the bowlers

Population: young adults and adults with different abilities

Available Volunteer Hours: Sunday, 12:00-2:30 P.M.

Address: Nutmeg Lanes, 802 Villa Ave., Fairfield

Contact Person: Melissa Lawrence; mlawrence@kennedyctr.org

Testimonial: “At first it’s uncomfortable and you don’t know what to expect, but once it becomes routine it’s very enjoyable. The staff is great, too.” – Member of the Class of 2012

Ludlowe Center for Health and Rehabilitation

About the Agency: The goal of this rehab center is to meet the changing healthcare needs of the community. They meet this goal by providing an array of specialized services and programs including clinical care, physical, occupational and speech therapies, in addition to social services and recreational therapies in a warm, healing environment.

Volunteer Duties: build relationships with the residents by spending time sitting down with them and talking, taking them for walks around the property, etc.

Population: elderly and patients in the rehab center

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Saturday, flexible hours

Address: 118 Jefferson St., Fairfield

Contact Person: Tina Madeira; tmadeira@nathealthcare.com

Testimonial: “This year has been a great year with service. I have met many new people and have grown very close to many.”
- *Member of the Class of 2012*

Operation Hope

About the Agency: Operation Hope provides the opportunity for individuals and families to experience transformative change by addressing basic needs for food and shelter. They also offer long-term solutions to hunger and homelessness.

Volunteer Duties: Volunteers here are expected to not only serve lunch and/or dinner to those experiencing homelessness, but also sit with them and interact with them. It is important to make an effort to get to know the guests. Please note, hours served in the food pantry, setting up for events, etc. will not count towards the junior or senior service.

Population: families experiencing homelessness

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Sunday, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. and 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Address: 50 Nichols St., Fairfield

Contact Person: Donna Schmidt; dschmidt@operationhopect.org

Testimonial: “Everyone there is friendly and easy to have a conversation with. I had lots of fun doing service there throughout the school year. I would definitely suggest doing service at Operation Hope.”
- *Member of the Class of 2012*

Riverfield Elementary School

About the Agency: This is a public elementary school in Fairfield for grades K-5.

Volunteer Duties: work with students with different abilities to help them develop reading skills

Population: students in grades K-5 with different abilities

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Address: 1625 Mill Plain Rd., Fairfield

Contact Person: Cindy Ficalora; (203) 255-8328

GREENWICH

Abilis

About the Agency: Abilis provides people with different abilities and their families in lower Fairfield County, CT and parts of Westchester County, NY with supports and advocacy for building able lives and strong communities.

Volunteer Duties: various opportunities (computer lessons, cooking lessons, help with arts & crafts, etc.)

Population: children and adults with different abilities

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, flexible hours; some weekends

Address: 50 Glenville St., Greenwich

Contact Person: Lisa Bria; Bria@abilis.us

Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich

About the Agency: The Boys & Girls Club offers kids a safe place to learn and grow – and have fun at the same time. They provide high-quality educational programs, building a sense of character and citizenship, maintaining diversity, and offering kids a safe, nurturing, and affordable environment.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children

Population: children and teenagers ages 6-18

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00 P.M.

Address: 4 Horseneck Ln., Greenwich

Contact Person: Deelia Wadsworth; dwadsworth@bcgc.org

Testimonial: “I think B&G is the best way to do service. Their schedule is extremely flexible. It’s a lot of fun spending time with the kids, especially playing sports. The staff is also sympathetic and you make friends there.” - *Member of the Class of 2012*

Outreach Program Sponsored by Convent of the Sacred Heart

About the Agency: Saturday-at-Sacred Heart is a program for children from low-income families. Saturday afternoons during the School year children attend an educational and recreational program at Sacred Heart. Their time is divided into three classes: theme class, computer class and swimming and sports.

Volunteer Duties: help facilitate the theme class, computer class and swimming and sports class

Population: students from low income families in grades 3-6

Available Volunteer Hours: Saturday, 12:00-4:00 P.M.

Address: 1117 King St., Greenwich

Contact Person: Lisa Lyons-Young; summeroutreach@cshct.org.

MILFORD

Unified Sports

About the Agency: Special Olympics' Unified Sports® is a program that brings athletes with and without intellectual disabilities together to play sports, gain physical fitness, develop friendships and demonstrate appreciation and respect for each other both on and off the playing field. Unified Sports® is offered in over 120 schools across the state through Special Olympics' partnership with the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) and is also offered in communities and internationally.

Volunteer Duties: assist in preparing special needs children for the Special Olympics.

Population: children with different abilities from Pre-K to 5th grade

Available Volunteer Hours: after school hours

Address: 20 Lansdale Ave., Milford

Contact Person: admin@milfordunifiedsports.com

Beth-El Shelter, Inc.

About the Agency: Serves up to 34 (total) single men, single women and mothers with children in its 90-day temporary shelter, up to 60 persons daily in its Soup Kitchen and assists an additional (2) single and (3) family households by providing case management services through its Supportive Housing collaborative. Our clients include; veterans, elderly and people working through unemployment, illness, catastrophic events, addictions and emotional problems.

Volunteer Duties: interacting and building relationships with the people temporarily living in the shelter

Population: persons experiencing homelessness

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible

Address: 90 New Haven Ave., Milford

Contact Person: Camille; (203) 876-0747

West River Health Care Center

About the Agency: West River Health Care Center is a newly renovated 120-bed, skilled nursing center specializing in Short Term Rehabilitation and Post-Acute Pulmonary Rehabilitation. West River Health Center provides an array of services designed to meet post-acute needs including daily Physical, Occupational, Speech and Respiratory Therapies.

Volunteer Duties: assist the patients and build relationships with them

Population: the elderly

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible

Address: 245 Orange Ave., Milford

Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator: (203) 876-5123

MONROE

Monroe Senior Center

About the Agency: The Monroe Senior Center's purpose is to be a hub for activities and services for older persons and a visible symbol of the community's concern for its older residents. The Center's primary goal is to provide a balance of social, recreational, educational, health maintenance, home management, economic and financial programs to the senior population.

Volunteer Duties: interacting with the members and assisting them with daily tasks

Population: elderly

Available Volunteer Hours: after school hours

Address: 235 Cutler's Farm Rd., Monroe

Contact Person: Barbara Yeager; byeager@monroect.org

NEW CANAAN

New Canaan YMCA, Special Needs Program

About the Agency: From Friday Night Out and Teen Scene to specialized sports, fitness and recreational programs, our participants with different abilities are involved each and every day in this YMCA. If you have a passion for working with individuals with special needs this Y has many opportunities for you.

Volunteer Duties: mentoring and assisting special needs children in various programs

Population: children with different abilities

Available Volunteer Hours: Everyday, flexible hours

Address: 564 South Ave., New Canaan

Contact Person: Carolynn Kaufman; ckaufman@newcanaanymca.org

Silver Hill Hospital (18 years and older)**

About the Agency: Silver Hill is a nationally recognized, non-profit hospital for the treatment of psychiatric and addictive disorders, a unique and extraordinary place that people have relied on since 1931 to help them find the path back to mental health and wellness.

Volunteer Duties: various opportunities with patients (board games, crafts, sports, music, etc.)

Population: teens and adults struggling with psychiatric and addictive disorders

Available Volunteer Hours: Everyday, flexible hours

Address: 208 Valley Road, New Canaan

Contact Person: volunteer@silverhillhospital.org

Waveny Care Center

About the Agency: Waveny Care Center offers comprehensive healthcare services to older adults and others affected by illness or injury. Waveny encourages and assists individuals to live with dignity and as independently as circumstances permit.

Volunteer Duties: interact with the residents and patients by playing games with them, playing music, talking, etc.

Population: elderly and adults recovering from injury

Available Volunteer Hours: Everyday, flexible hours

Address: 3 Farm Rd., New Canaan

Contact Person: Stella Clarke; sclarke@waveny.org

NEW HAVEN

Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen

About the Agency: For nearly 25 years The Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK) continues to consistently provide free direct food programs to the citizens of the New Haven Community. DESK's great community value is in its commitment & capacity to grow as the face of hunger grows.

Volunteer Duties: serve food and get to know them by conversing with them after they are served

Population: low-income families or those experiencing homelessness

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7:30 P.M., Friday, 5:45-7:45 P.M., Saturday & Sunday, 4:45-6:45 P.M.

Address: Monday-Thursday and Sunday, 311 Temple St., New Haven; Friday and Saturday, 323 Temple St., New Haven

Contact Person: volunteer@deskct.org – check website for forms
<https://www.downtowneveningsoupkitchen.com/volunteer-info/>

New Haven Reads

About the Agency: Working in partnership with families and the community, New Haven Reads envisions a Greater New Haven in which every child has the opportunity to master reading and increase the odds of becoming a successful adult.

Volunteer Duties: tutor students in grades 1-12 one-on-one for at least an hour at a time

Population: students in grades 1-12 from New Haven

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00 P.M., Saturday, 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Address: 45 Bristol St., New Haven

Contact Person: Keri; volunteer@newhavenreads.org

New Milford

Candlewood Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center

About the Agency: This is a nursing home that assists elderly and short-term residents.

Volunteer Duties: Assisting in the recreational therapy department by aiding the residents' participation in the recreational activities.

Population: the elderly and/or adults recovering from injury

Available Volunteer Hours: 7 days a week, flexible hours

Address: 30 Park Lane East, New Milford

Contact Person: (860) 355-0971

NEWTOWN

Masonicare at Newtown

About the Agency: Masonicare at Newtown offers long-term care, expert short-term and outpatient rehabilitation and a vibrant assisted living community — all in a country setting.

Volunteer Duties: build relationships with the residents by spending time sitting down with them and talking, taking them for walks around the property, etc.

Population: the elderly and/or adults recovering from injury

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible hours, please contact Sue Sonnati

Address: 139 Toddy Hill Rd., Newtown

Contact Person: 203-364-3211

NORWALK

Builders Beyond Borders (Juniors only)

About the Agency: B3 works within communities, both here and abroad, to build solutions to their most pressing challenges. Whether it's the construction of a classroom, aqueduct, or a series of latrines, B3's student and adult volunteers provide the labor and funding to build projects that are sustainable. Juniors who attend their annual service trip will receive 20 hours towards their Christian service requirement after completing a reflection assignment.

Volunteer Duties: participate in community outreach program offered throughout the year

Population: underprivileged families

Available Volunteer Hours: please contact the volunteer coordinator for accurate information

Address: 8 Willard Rd., Norwalk

Contact Person: Mrs. Amy Schroeder-Riggio; riggio@buildersbeyondborders.org

Carver Community Center

About the Agency: Founded in 1938, the Carver Foundation of Norwalk reaches nearly 5,000 individuals each year through community, educational, enrichment and recreational programs, including international service learning, parent leadership, summer camp, spring and fall national college tours, and a winning basketball league.

Volunteer Duties: tutor and mentor students in elementary or middle school in an after-school program

Population: students from Norwalk elementary and middle schools

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:30 P.M.

Address: 7 Academy St., Norwalk

Contact Person: Thomas DiGuglielmo; thomas@carvercenterct.org

Testimonial: "My overall experience this year at the Carver Community Center has been a great one. The students I worked with were easy to help and made for an enjoyable time throughout the year." - *Member of the Class of 2012*

Norwalk Grassroots Tennis

About the Agency: Norwalk Grassroots Tennis is an alliance of tennis players, inner city youth, their parents and all those concerned with developing the self-confidence, courtesy and maturity of disadvantaged children.

Volunteer Duties: help underprivileged kids from inner-city child care facilities in Norwalk by mentoring them and teaching them the game of tennis

Population: elementary and middle school children from Norwalk

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Saturday, flexible hours

Address: 394 West Ave., Norwalk

Contact Person: Daniel Pearson; daniel@ngtenniseducation.org

STAR, Inc.

About the Agency: For over 50 years, STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way... has been assisting thousands of infants, teens and adults with different abilities.

Volunteer Duties: help individuals with different abilities to safely enjoy themselves by participating in recreational activities that build their interpersonal relationship skills, help them to make new friends and utilize communication skills while encouraging them to participate more fully in community life

Population: people with different abilities, all ages

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday afternoon bowling program; various other opportunities on other days of the week

Address: 182 Wolfpit Ave., Norwalk

Contact Person: Jennifer Thompson; jthompson@starct.org

Testimonial: "I think that bowling with the STAR organization really shaped me into a better person and ultimately a man for others." – *Member of the Class of 2012*

Redding

Jesse P. Sanford Boys & Girls Club of Redding-Easton

About the Agency: The Boys & Girls Club offers kids a safe place to learn and grow – and have fun at the same time. They provide high-quality educational programs, building a sense of character and citizenship, maintaining diversity, and offering kids a safe, nurturing, and affordable environment.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children

Population: children and teenagers ages 6-18

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00 P.M.

Address: 170 Cross Highway, Redding

Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator; (203) 938-3166

Meadow Ridge

About the Agency: Meadow Ridge is an elderly home that encourages independent living, but offers a continuum of health services for residents whenever needed. In 2001, Meadow Ridge welcomed its first residents.

Volunteer Duties: build relationships with the residents by spending time sitting down with them and talking, taking them for walks around the property, etc.

Population: the elderly

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible

Address: 100 Redding Rd., Redding

Contact Person:

Testimonial: "The clients were all very nice and the agency was very flexible on when I could go in and do my hours." -
Member of the Class of 2012

Seymour

SONCCA After-School Program

About the Agency: The Seymour-Oxford Nursery Child Care Association was organized in 1985 to provide affordable before and after school programs for children of school age living in Seymour & Oxford while their parents are working or participating in an established training program.

Volunteer Duties: tutoring and mentoring students in the program who struggle with reading and writing

Population: students in grades K-8

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 P.M.

Address: 253 Bank St., Seymour

Contact Person: Arlene Swatson; (203) 888-1655

Testimonial: “My service has been an overall positive experience as I look forward to talking and playing with the kids. My service has been stress free and understanding as conflicts come up.” - *Member of the Class of 2012*

Shelton

Boys and Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley

About the Agency: The Boys & Girls Club offers kids a safe place to learn and grow – and have fun at the same time. They provide high-quality educational programs, building a sense of character and citizenship, maintaining diversity, and offering kids a safe, nurturing, and affordable environment.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children

Population: students from 6-18 years old

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00 P.M.

Address: 1 Positive Place, Shelton

Contact Person: Jennifer DeLeon; (203) 924-9329

Spooner House

About the Agency: Spooner House is operated by Area Congregations Together, Inc. with the mission of providing food, shelter and support services to people in need. All of their energies are devoted to helping their clients establish a self-sufficient living situation.

Volunteer Duties: volunteer for and with the residents of the Spooner House by offering your time at meals and participating in various jobs and activities

Population: adults experiencing homelessness

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible, weekends available

Address: 30 Todd Rd., Shelton

Contact: Volunteer Line at 203-225-0453 x 101; <http://www.actspooner.org/contact.html>

Southport

Connecticut Health of Southport

About the Agency: Their mission is to operate properties that function as resource centers whose services meld with the community and incorporate a range of programs that meet the physical, psychological and social needs of the aged and infirm.

Volunteer Duties: build relationships with the residents by spending time sitting down with them and talking, playing games, taking them for walks around the property, etc.

Population: the elderly

Available Volunteer Hours: 7 days a week, flexible

Address: 930 Mill Hill Terr., Southport

Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator; (203) 259-7894, ext. 219

Giant Steps CT

About the Agency: Giant Steps CT is a Connecticut State-approved private school for students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or other neurological impairments, ages 3-21 years. They provide their students with a uniquely comprehensive program to meet their individual educational and therapeutic needs, while supporting meaningful inclusion and participation in their home school district and community.

Volunteer Duties: help out in the after-school program tutoring and mentoring the students

Population: students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or other neurological impairments

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Address: 309 Barberry Rd., Southport

Contact Person: Sandra Arnold; sandra.arnold@giantstepsct.org

Testimonial: "Overall, my experience at Giant Steps has been a very memorable one. I will never forget my time at Giant Steps. It was an extremely friendly, safe, and fun environment to volunteer at." - *Member of the Class of 2012*

Wakeman Boys and Girls Club – Southport Clubhouse

About the Agency: Since 1913, Wakeman Boys & Girls Club has been dedicated to enhancing the physical, social, and emotional development of area youth through programs that perpetuate sound citizenship.

Volunteer Duties: tutor and mentor students in grades 3-8

Population: students in grades 3-8

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:30 P.M. (must pick one day a week)

Address: 385 Centre Street Southport CT, 06890

Contact Person: Maria Cimina; maria@wakemanclub.org (203)- 259- 4805

Stamford

Boys and Girls Club of Stamford

About the Agency: The Boys & Girls Club offers kids a safe place to learn and grow – and have fun at the same time. They provide high-quality educational programs, building a sense of character and citizenship, maintaining diversity, and offering kids a safe, nurturing, and affordable environment.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the children

Population: students from 6-18 years old

Available Volunteer Hours: Everyday, flexible

Address: 347 Stillwater Ave., Stamford

Contact Person: Mike Halley; mhalley@bgcastamford.org

Testimonial: “Awesome service. Come whenever you want or need to. You tutor kids who are in middle or elementary school. They are fun and love to talk.” - *Member of the Class of 2012*

Inspirica

Agency Mission: To break the cycle of homelessness by helping people achieve- and maintain - permanent housing and stability in their lives

Volunteer Duties: duties vary. Students may help with meal program, mentor/tutor children, or whatever other direct services the organization needs volunteers for.

Population: persons experiencing homelessness

Available Volunteer Hours: please contact volunteer coordinator for accurate information

Address: 141 Franklin St., Stamford

Contact Person: Emily Tang; etang@InspiricaCT.org

Neighbors Link Stamford

About the Agency: Neighbors Link Stamford is a new non-profit organization that provides a comprehensive resource center for recent immigrants in the Stamford, Connecticut area.

Volunteer Duties: teach, tutor and/or mentor new immigrants to the US

Population: recent immigrants of all ages in the Stamford area

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible hours

Address: 75 Selleck Street, Stamford

Contact Person: Amy Werner at awerner@neighborslink.org

New Covenant House

About the Agency: The mission of the New Covenant House is “to provide a nutritious meal to all those who are hungry. By creating a safe, warm and compassionate environment, we are taking the first steps toward empowering men, women, and children to reach their full potential and regain their dignity and self-respect.”

Volunteer Duties: working in the recreation department with the patients and building relationships with them

Population: the marginalized including those experiencing homelessness; the working poor; the elderly; those with mental illness; clients with HIV/AIDS; the differently abled; immigrants, both with and without citizenship documentation.

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible, 7 days a week

Address: 90 Fairfield Ave., Stamford

Contact Person: Betsy Lopez; blopez@ccfc-ct.org

Stratford

Stratford YMCA

About the Agency: The Stratford YMCA is a child care center in Stratford that offers an after-school program for children.

Volunteer Duties: to help facilitate the after-school program by tutoring and participating in extracurricular activities with the students

Population: students ages 5-13

Available Volunteer Hours: TBD

Address: 3045 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06614

Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator; (203) 375-5844

Testimonial: “friendly supervision and students who appreciate the volunteering” – *Member of the Class of 2012*

Trumbull

Kennedy Center Drop-In

About the Agency: The Kennedy Center is one of the most comprehensive rehabilitation facilities in the State of Connecticut offering innovative and comprehensive program services to persons with different abilities, from birth through their senior years.

Volunteer Duties: assist staff with activities and support the participation of children/teens/young adults with different abilities to participate in group program offerings.

Population: children, teenagers and young adults with different abilities

Available Volunteer Hours: Thursday, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Address: 2440 Reservoir Ave., Trumbull

Contact Person: Melissa Lawrence; mlawrence@kennedyctr.org

Testimonial: “Overall, I have had a positive experience at the Drop-In Center. It has allowed me to expand my volunteering into the Special Olympics and other Kennedy Center activities. At the Drop-In Center, every week has a different theme or activity, so the variety allows you to stay interested.” - *Member of the Class of 2012*

St. Joseph's Manor

About the Agency: St. Joseph's Manor is a care and rehab center. This center is dedicated to offering short- or long-term care to seniors.

Volunteer Duties: build relationships with the residents by spending time sitting down with them and talking, taking them for walks around the property, etc.

Population: the elderly

Available Volunteer Hours: flexible hours

Address: 6448 Main St., Trumbull

Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator; (203) 268-6204

TOPSoccer

About the Agency: TOPSoccer is a modified version of the game of soccer, designed to provide opportunities for children ages 4-19 with different abilities. It provides a very affordable opportunity for fitness, fun and building self-esteem.

Volunteer Duties: mentor and teach the game of soccer to players between the ages of 4 and 19 who have different abilities that limits their ability to perform at the level of play in which they have chosen to participate.

Population: children with different mental and physical abilities from the ages of 4-19

Available Volunteer Hours: weekends

Address: Madison Middle School, 4630 Madison Ave., Trumbull

Contact Person: topsoccerbc14@gmail.com

Westport

Westport Parks and Recreation Department (****Special Needs Classes Only)

About the Agency: This is an agency that offers a variety of programs to members of the town of Westport.

Volunteer Duties: help instruct the special needs classes and offer more individualized lessons to the children who struggle most

Population: children with different abilities

Available Volunteer Hours: TBD

Address: 260 Compo Road South, Westport

Contact Person: recreation@westportct.gov

Wilton

The Greens at Cannondale

About the Agency: The Greens at Cannondale senior living community lives by the philosophy that today's older adults enjoy more lifestyle choices than ever before. The Greens at Cannondale offers senior residents the comforts of home, independence, a wealth of social programs and the opportunity to make new friends.

Volunteer Duties: build relationships with the residents by spending time sitting down with them and talking, taking them for walks around the property, participating in activities, etc.

Population: the elderly

Available Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday, 2:30-8:00 P.M.; Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Address: 435 Danbury Rd., Wilton

Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator; (203) 761-1191

Testimonial: "Ultimately a very positive experience. It is tough to get to know the clients based on their age, but once the connection is made they can actually turn into fierce friends." - *Member of the Class of 2012*
