

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE THROUGH EXISTING HGP PROGRAMS

1) "Taste of Mission Experiences"

A) Harlem; November. Contact Mr. Fitzpatrick; availability for 10 students.

B) West Virginia; Easter Week. Contact Mr. Fitzpatrick; availability for 15 students; *completely fulfills 20 hour requirement (priority to seniors)

2) Community Service Corps; Projects done throughout the school year; Contact Mrs. Flynn/Join C.S.C. in the fall. **Students must be members of CSC to participate. The membership drive is held in September each year.** The number of participants for each activity is limited.

A) Operation Santa Claus (Nov./Dec.) - collects, wraps, and distributes toys for needy children

B) Hand in Hand (April) - spend a day as a companion for a disabled child

C) Spring Fling (May) - supervise activities for underprivileged youth at a Spring Carnival

D) Parish tutoring – The CSC hopes to establish tutoring cooperatives with at least six area parishes.

3) Cornwells Elementary School Tutoring Cooperative; Spend 1 hour/week tutoring throughout the year; # of positions limited by # of requests from teachers; Sign-up with Mr. Fitzpatrick in early September.

4) Campus Ministry Trips to St. Francis Inn; Spend 3 hours serving meals to the homeless/needy in Kensington; Listen for announcements during the school year. Trips occur twice a month.

5) Intergenerational Service project with AARP; space for approximately 20 students; contact Mr. Fitzpatrick in the fall.

6) St. Charles/St. Elizabeth Basketball and Softball for disabled parishioners; these activities begin in January - speak to Mr. Fitzpatrick then for details

7) HGP Craft Show – HGP students are needed to assist elderly and/or disabled crafters with loading/unloading/displaying their wares in the fieldhouse. The Craft Show is usually held the 2nd weekend of November.

8) Fathers' Association Projects – each year the Fathers' Association plans several service projects, including maintenance at Libertae Half-way House for Women in Bensalem and the Food Baskets for Families Project at Christmas.

SERVICE THROUGH OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Please contact Mr. Fitzpatrick in care of the school for further information about these agencies.

Volunteer applications/interviews may be required. Some agencies will accept students as volunteers only if they are willing to make extended commitments.

Service to the Elderly

A great way to be of service to the elderly is simply to spend time with them providing much needed companionship. Students often visit nursing homes or contact their parishes/churches to inquire about visiting congregants who are shut-ins. Here is just a sampling of places where HGP students have volunteered. Feel free to contact the facility closest to your home if it is not listed here.

- 1) Manor Care (Lower Makefield) 215-321-3921
- 2) Clare Bridge/Alterra Assisted Living (Lower Makefield) 215-579-8110
- 3) Chandler Hall (Newtown) 215-860-4000
- 4) Twining Village (Holland) 215-322-6100
- 5) Statesman Woods (Levittown) 215-943-6611
- 6) Langhorne Gardens 215-757-7667
- 7) Attleboro Nursing Home (Langhorne) 215-757-3739
- 8) Woods Services (Langhorne) 215-750-4000
- 9) Wood River Village (Bensalem) 215-752-2370
- 10) Immaculate Mary Home (Phila.) 215-335-2100
- 11) Boulevard Nursing Home (Phila.) 215- 332-3700
- 12) St. John Neumann Nursing Home –Adult Day Care (Phila.) 215-698-5655
- 13) St. Joseph’s Manor (Meadowbrook) 1-800-818-4747

Service to the Homeless and Needy

Need takes many forms. Holy Ghost’s service program desires that students serve the neediest of the needy. Again, if you know of an agency which works to relieve the burdens of the hungry, homeless, outcast, and oppressed which does not appear on this list, feel free to contact it. Remember, the HGP service program requires that students interact with the people they work to help.

- 1) Greater Philadelphia Food Bank (302 W. Berks St.) 215-739-7394
- 2) St. Francis Inn (Soup Kitchen) (2441 Kensington Ave.) 215-423-5845
- 3) Aid For Friends (Meals to Shut-ins) 215-464-2224
- 4) Habitat for Humanity (various chapters in 5 county area; consult the white pages)
- 5) Interfaith Housing Corp. of Bucks Co. 215-781-3949
- 6) Project SHARE (Bucks Co. area) 215-862-0386
- 7) Trenton Area Soup Kitchen 609-695-5456
- 8) The Food Center at First Presbyterian Church of Morrisville 215-295-4191.

Service to Children/the Disabled

- 1) Bucks Co. Special Olympics 215-781-6530
- 2) Easter Seals Society (Bucks) 215-945-7200; (Phila) 215-879-1000; (Montgomery) 215-368-7000.
- 3) Special People in Northeast (Phila.) 215-613-1020
- 4) Pegasus Riding Academy (Therapy for the Disabled using horses; Phila.) 215-742-1500
- 5) Libertae of Bensalem (Students are needed to serve as “Big Brothers” for children of women recovering from substance abuse) 215-639-8681
- 6) Inglis House Wheelchair Community (Phila., near Channel 6 studios) 215-878-5600
- 7) Project Rainbow/Drueding Center (part of Holy Redeemer Health System) 1-800-818-4747
- 8) CARES Program – check with your parish to learn if it offers this after-school program for children; several parishes such as St. Anselm and St. Charles do.

Service to the Sick

Some students at HGP choose to volunteer at local hospitals, clinics, or mental health facilities. Such service should place students in direct contact with patients, as opposed to performing secretarial duties or working in the gift shop. Some facilities allow students to volunteer just for a day; many others, though, require extended commitments to justify the training which is required. Also, these facilities might require up-to-date immunization records for volunteers as well as character references.

- 1) Nazareth Hospital 215-335-6000
- 2) Fox Chase Cancer Center (Phila.) 215-728-2560
- 3) Holy Redeemer Hospital 1-800-818-4747
- 4) St. Mary's Medical Center 215-750-2096
- 5) Jeannes Hospital – contact Rosemarie Schlegel at 215-728-2131

Please note the following very well:

- 1) You do not have to volunteer through one of these agencies. These are only suggestions meant to help you. You may contact an agency of your choice provided that the service you do with that agency meets the criteria for acceptable service found in the Christian Service Program brochure. Many parishes/churches offer service to the needy through youth ministry programs as well.
- 2) You may design your own service program if you don't want to volunteer with an existing agency. A specific outline of your program must be shown to and approved by Mr. Fitzpatrick.
- 3) Please read the above suggestions carefully with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and decide together how you can best perform your service. You are encouraged to at least begin your service during the summer.
- 4) I shall publicize more opportunities as they become known to me.
- 5) Please speak to me if I can help you in any way! You may leave a message for me at school or e-mail me at jfitzp01@holyghostprep.org

Thank you for your attention to this information!

Sincerely,

Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Christian Service Program Coordinator

PS You can begin and finish your service requirement over the summer if you choose. Get started early!
Don't procrastinate.