

Service Learning Preferred Organizations

Applied Ethics Institute St. Petersburg College

This guide contains a list of non-profit organizations that have agreed to work with St. Petersburg College students. The list of organizations contains contact person, location, and types of service opportunities available. When you contact these agencies, please notify them you are a St. Petersburg College student.

TAMPA

- **Organization: Trinity Cafe**

Contact: Lynda or Tom Deryzpolski

Phone: 813-361-7572

Location: 1603 N. Florida Ave.

Opportunities: Feeding and serving homeless and hungry. 11:00am-1:00pm

www.trinitycafe.org

- **Organization: United Way Tampa Bay**

Contact: Susan Lawton/Director of Volunteer Services

Phone: 813-274-0900

Location: 5201 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 600

Opportunities:

www.unitedwaytampabay.com

SOUTH COUNTY

- **Organization: Children's Home Society**

Contact: Loraine Harrell/Diana

Phone: 727-552-1482 x233

Location: 2731 13th Ave. N., St. Petersburg

Opportunities: Visitation monitor, marketing assistant, teen/child mentor, office assistant, house organization

www.chsfl.org

- **Organization: The Salvation Army**

Contact: Major Georgia Henderson

Phone: 727-550-8080 x231

Location: 1400 14th Ave., St. Petersburg

Opportunities: Serving meals, stocking pantry, making sandwiches, special events, reading/tutoring children

www.uss.salvationarmy.org

“The Salvation Army is a wonderful organization. I had the pleasure of volunteering my time at an organization that finds joy in helping others. Volunteer opportunities range from serving meals to the homeless, tutoring children, and many other outlets that can make a difference in the community. My own personal experience, with volunteering at the Salvation Army, has left me knowing the importance of volunteering and the true need for a person's helping hand. Any contribution, as small as it may be, can go a long way”.

“The Salvation Army is a great opportunity students should take advantage of; being able to explore your passions while doing rewarding hard work. I was truly able to reflect upon and strengthen my own values and beliefs while working with the homeless in the soup kitchen. I have gained imperative qualities that will help me to gain job opportunities that beforehand I would not of”.

- **Organization: Pinellas Association for Retarded Children (PARC)**

Contact: Kelli Caputo

Phone: 727-345-9111 727-341-6930

Email: kcaputo@parcfl.org

Location: 3100 75th Street N., St. Petersburg

Opportunities: Work with children/adults with mental disabilities, special events, early child education

www.parc-fl.org

“The reason I chose PARC was that I love kids and I have fun playing with them. So I wanted to challenge myself by working with children with mental and physical disabilities. PARC is a non-profit organization that supports individuals with developmental disabilities through direct care, administrative support, and community outreach. They provide opportunities to children and adults with disabilities to exercise their independence, enjoy an enhanced quality of life and experience life to the fullest. This experience was life changing to me. I learned a lot about myself and the community. I had to work with kids from different backgrounds and with different disabilities. By the time I finished my 30 hours, I came to an understanding of what this class was all about. We served our community while learning great lessons of life. This class is very different from other lecture or online classes because I had to work on my own and discover my weaknesses and strengths through my experience. I am planning to take Service Learning class next semester since we are allowed take it up to 3 times. I highly recommend this class to everyone who is willing to help the society and learn about themselves while earning a credit”.

- **Organization: Pinellas Habitat for Humanity**

Contact: Kevin Klucas/Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 727-536-4755

Location: 3071 118th Avenue N. St. Petersburg

Opportunities: Assist in building homes for needy families

www.phfh.org

“I would recommend working with Habitat for Humanity to others. The experience was very valuable and showed me that I can help make a difference. I met many great people and learned a good deal about helping others while I helped my community.”

MID COUNTY

- **Organization: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County**

Contact: Lisa Hebert/Kimberly James (director of volunteer management)

Phone: 727-518-8860

Location: 918 W. Bay Drive, Largo

Opportunities: Mentor and Friend to a specific child

www.bbbs.org

“For my service learning hours, I used my volunteering with Big Brother Big Sister. I believe that service learning does not only benefit the community but it is a vital learning experience for college students. College is the time to expand your horizons by experiencing new things. Big Brother Big Sisters has allowed me to spend time with a young girl that has a completely different life than me; I am learning to be less judging of others and to use my opportunities to the fullest. I may have not gained a job opportunity but I have made a difference for a little girl and gained a friend for life”.

- **Organization: Moccasin Lake Nature Park**

Contact: Cliff Norris

Phone: (727) 793-2976

Location: 2750 Park Trail Lane, Clearwater FL

Opportunities: Animal Care, Park Maintenance, Artistic Applications(Painting), Carpentry, Facilities Maintenance, Nature Trail Guide, Removal of Invasive Species and an assortment of opportunities throughout the park.

<http://www.myclearwater.com/gov/depts/parksrec/facilities/mlnp.asp>

- **Organization: Stavros Institute**

Contact: Karen Brighton

Phone: 727-588-3746

Email: brightonk@pcs.org

Location: 12100 Starkey Road, Largo

Opportunities: Develop adolescents in basic economic concepts and personal finance. Assist in identifying and developing post secondary training and necessary skills for the workplace.

www.stavrosinstitute.org

- **Organization: Religious Community Services Food Bank**

Contact: Rachel Thurber

Phone: (727) 584-3528 ext 407

Email: Rachel.Thurber@rcspinellas.org

Location: 700 Druid Road East Clearwater, FL 33756

Opportunities: We need assistance with sorting food, data entry, truck drivers for scheduled donation pick-ups, special events and more.

We accomplish our mission through the distribution of donated and purchased food to individuals and families, serving over 55,000 people in 2007 with the majority of those receiving help being children.

<http://www.rcspinellas.org/brochures/RCS%20Food%20Bank.pdf>

<http://www.rcspinellas.org/>

"I would absolutely recommend RCS. The experience I acquired through volunteering there could have never been taught to me in a classroom setting. I have volunteered at several different locations working with both people and animals. I must say the experience of working with people was very different than working with animals. I met

such great people and the experience moved me so much that I will continue to volunteer there for years to come".

NORTH COUNTY

- **Organization: Abilities Foundation**

Contact: Melissa Thornton

Phone: 727-538-7370 x319

Location: 2735 Whitney Rd., Clearwater

Opportunities: Special Events, Auction Donations, Ticket Sales, Golf/Tennis Tournament, 20-30 Year-Old Focus Group, Cleaning

- **Organization: Life Force Arts and Technology Academy (LATA)**

Contact: Ms. Martie Woodie

Phone: 1-941-915-9012

Location: 1390 Sunset Point Rd, Clearwater Fl

Opportunities: The emphasis of this charter school is performing arts but they are in need of tutoring in math and reading for students K-3.

Please Note: *Each volunteer will have to be fingerprinted by the district*

www.mylata.com

- **Organization: Faith in Action of Upper Pinellas**

Contact: Beverly Ladell

Phone: 727-738-4307

Location: 5 Patricia Ave., Dunedin

Opportunities: Home Visits, Personal Services, Read Mail, Light House Keeping, Errands

www.fiaup.org

- **Organization: Hospice of the Florida Suncoast** (Clearwater and Tarpon Springs)

Contact: Nina Gilbert

Phone: 727-773-2570

Location: 1478 South Belcher Road, Clearwater

780 S. Pinellas Ave., Tarpon Springs

Opportunities: GROUP ACTIVITY ONLY (5-10 PEOPLE) Sorting and Organizing Donated Goods

www.thehospice.org

COUNTY-WIDE

- **Junior Achievement**
Contact: Kym McGee

Phone: 727-381-5103

Location: throughout Pinellas (Office in St. Petersburg)

Opportunities: Business and economic education to students K through 12.

<http://www.japinellas.org/>

- **Organization: A Brighter Day**

Contact: Cathy Sue Kurant

Phone: 727-381-5103

Location: throughout Pinellas (Office in St. Petersburg)

Opportunities: Office Work, Computer Assistance, Assist with Moving a Family, Pickup and Delivery of Donations, Plan a fundraiser, Mentor/Tutor children and parents

www.brighterdaycharities.org

- **Organization: Pinellas Habitat for Humanity**

Contact: Cendi Engram

Phone: 727-536-4755

Location: St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Tarpon Springs

Opportunities: Construction Work (building is Wednesday & Saturday)

www.phfh.org

- **Organization: Neighborly Care Network**

Contact: Patricia Hazell and Sandi Narron

Phone: 727-456-0222 x291

Location: throughout Pinellas

Opportunities: Deliver Meals on Wheels, Activity Assistant at an Adult Day Center, assistance with newsletters,

www.neighborly.org

- **Organization: R' Club Child Care**

Contact: Elaine Bowers

Phone: 727-578-5437

Location: over 40 centers throughout Pinellas

Opportunities: Tutoring, Homework Assistance, Guest Reader, Classroom Aide, Assisting Children with special needs, mentoring

www.rclub.net

"I had a great experience doing my service learning at R'Club. Despite my initial apprehension of working with children, I learned that I do well at helping the children socially, as well as academically. All I had to do was be myself. R'Club's staff and children appreciated me and I gained a greater appreciation for R'Club. I plan to invest some more time there after the project, because I learned that R'Club is a great asset in our community".

- **High School Ethics Bowl (SPC Applied Ethics Institute)**

Contact: Dr. Eric Tucker

Phone: (727) 791-2752, tucker.eric@spcollege.edu

Location: SPC and local high schools

Opportunities: This is an effort of the Ethics Department of St. Petersburg College to encourage ethical reflection in the counties high schools. Students assist the coaches in preparing debate teams to compete in an ethics competition.

<http://appliedethicsinstitute.org/>

"For the past 2 months I have worked together with Professor Monroe assisting him with the ethics bowl as well as the Leadership seminar. I can definitely recommend this service learning especially if you have already taken an ethics class and want to apply it in real live, as well as improve your critical thinking skills. Personally I have learned a lot and realized how ethics is a part of our every day life, which wasn't as obvious when I took the ethics course. Applying the skills you learn in theory in real life makes you understand the topics better and enables you to see different points of view as well. This entire experience will improve your awareness of ethical dilemmas in your everyday life".