A Resource Guide of Approved Organizations for Students in the College of Allied Health Sciences Spring Semester 2015

Collaboration Between
The Center for Community Engagement and College of Allied Health Sciences
Arlitt Child Development Center ..........................................................4
47 Corry-Edwards Ctr. University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH 45221
Arlitt is one of the oldest demonstration preschools in the United States. The mission of the Arlitt Child and Family Research and Education Center is: To research, demonstrate, and promote best practices in early childhood care and education.

Bearcat Buddies..................................................................................5
2639 Clifton Ave., Stratford Heights
Cincinnati, OH 45221
Bearcat Buddies is the signature tutoring program of the Center for Community Engagement. Bearcat Buddies tutors build relationships with children in high poverty Cincinnati Public Schools to help keep them in school and on track. Transportation to and from campus and additional support services are provided for all tutors in the program.

Cincinnati Center for Autism..............................................................6
305 Cameron Road
Cincinnati, OH 45246
Cincinnati Center for Autism serves families with children with autism 2-17 years of age. They provide a variety of services designed to help children with autism reach their fullest potential through programs that address many of the behavioral, social, communication and motor delays common in children with autism.

Closing the Health Gap......................................................................7
3120 Burnet Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229
The Health Gap ignites dialogue about social conditions, access to care issues and health care system problems through education, training and community outreach.

Crossroads Health Center..................................................................8
5 East Liberty Street Cincinnati Ohio 45202
2859 Boudinot Ave Suite 107 Cincinnati, Ohio 45238
Crossroads is a non-profit community health center providing high quality primary health care services to children and adults in Greater Cincinnati. With a faith-based mission, they treat the whole person-body, mind and spirit-regardless of ability to pay.
The Freestore Foodbank distributes over 20 million pounds of food annually in 20 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana through a trusted network of over 265 local member agencies such as soup kitchens and shelters, food pantries, churches, daycare and senior centers, and many other community and social services organizations.

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio programs build girls (ages kindergarten through twelve) of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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Transition and Access Program at UC is a four-year, inclusive program for students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. Students who complete the program receive a certificate and have training and experiences necessary for successful competitive employment.
The UC Early Learning Center is a nationally accredited, Three-Star program serving a diverse population of children and families. They provide a developmental program to children ages three months to five years, led by a team of professionals holding degrees in early childhood education.

Past Student Reflections

Reflections from 2014 Freshman College of Allied Health and Sciences students who have performed their community service at the organizations listed in the directory.

Tips for Volunteers

Additional Contact Information

Community Service Fair

Friday, November 7, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in TUC Room 400 ABC
The Arlitt Child & Family Research & Education Center is one of the oldest demonstration preschools in the United States. Founded in 1925 as the University of Cincinnati Nursery School, this child development center is sustained in part by an endowment from Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, who was the first teacher at the school. The center serves preschool children from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds that are funded through Head Start, tuition fees, and UC’s College of Education. Children from all funding sources are blended in each classroom in the center, which makes Arlitt one of the most diverse and inclusive preschools in the country. The Arlitt Center serves as an early childhood education practicum site for students from many programs at the University of Cincinnati, a research center for faculty and students, and an observation and teacher training resource center for the community. The mission of the Arlitt Child and Family Research and Education Center is: To research, demonstrate, and promote best practices in early childhood care and education.

Volunteer Opportunities:
- **Classroom Volunteer** – Volunteers are needed to assist in the classrooms to help instructors with daily activities.

**Hours of Operation; times when service experience can take place:**
Arlitt Child Development Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:45am – 5:15pm.

**Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:**
Center licensing paperwork must be completed. This includes: a non-conviction statement, medical, BCII and FBI background checks. Some orientation and training will be necessary. Interested students should contact Mary Beth Wright for additional details. There is a $66.00 background check cost per student.

**Transportation:**
Located on UC campus, no transportation needed

8 Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at Arlitt Child Development Center to complete 23 hours of service over a 14 week period: January 12 – April 24, 2015.
Bearcat Buddies
Center for Community Engagement
2639 Clifton Ave., Stratford Heights
Cincinnati, OH 45221
http://www.uc.edu/cce/student/bearcat_buddies.html

Program Coordinator
Fran Larkin
bearcatbuddies@gmail.com
513-556-1503

If you’re interested in becoming a volunteer tutor and helping students in public schools that have the most need, consider becoming a Bearcat Buddy. In the spring of 2010, students in the College of Allied Health Sciences helped start Bearcat Buddies. Now, Bearcat Buddies is a signature program of the Center for Community Engagement, in partnership with GRAD Cincinnati and currently serves Rees E. Price Academy, Roll Hill Academy, Ethel M. Taylor Academy, Hays-Porter School, Western Hills University High School, and Taft Information Technology High School.

Bearcat Buddies tutors work with students in K - 12th grade, for about an hour and a half per week. There are 28 weekly tutoring times to choose from between 8:15a - 3:30p, Monday - Friday. To complete 23 hours of service, you must choose at least one “Super Saturday” tutoring session in March/April in addition to a weekly tutoring session. Super Saturdays are designed to prepare students for standardized testing.

Week of: Experience:
January 12 Tutor Training (required)
January 19 Tutoring (no tutoring 1/19)
January 26 Tutoring
February 2 Tutoring
February 9 Tutoring
February 16 Tutoring (no tutoring 2/16)
February 23 Tutoring
March 2 Tutoring
March 9 Tutoring
March 16 UC Spring Break, no tutoring
March 23 Tutoring
March 30 Bearcat Buddies Focus Groups
April 6 Tutoring
April 13 Tutoring
April 20 Last week of tutoring.

Super Saturdays are in March/April

*Please note, while Bearcat Buddies hopes to be able to accommodate all interested students, space is limited. Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

CAHS Students are discouraged from tutoring on Mondays or Fridays as those days typically have the most disruption to the established schedule.

We make it easy for you to get involved. The CCE supports Bearcat Buddies by:
- Providing transportation to tutoring sites.
- Arranging on-campus tutor training.
- Handling the required background checks.

The process is simple, and begins once you have your spring quarter schedule:
- Visit the Bearcat Buddies website: uc.edu/cce/student/programs/bearcat_buddies.html
- Register online for a weekly tutoring session, and at least one Super Saturday.
- Confirm your tutoring session.
- Attend a training on campus.
- Provide information for background check.
- Get to know your school and your students.

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50 Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at Bearcat Buddies to complete 23 hours of service over a 13 week period: January 12 – April 24, 2015
Cincinnati Center for Autism
305 Cameron Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45246
http://www.cincinnaticenterforautism.org/
Assistant Director
Susie Wolfe
swolfe@cincinnaticenterforautism.com
(513) 874-6789

Founded in 2003, the Cincinnati Center for Autism (CCA) provides a variety of services designed to help children with autism reach their fullest potential. Our programs address many of the behavioral, social, communication and motor delays common in children with autism. All programs are based upon the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis.

Volunteer Opportunities:
Volunteers are needed for a variety of purposes, including:
- Completing prep work prior to activities.
- Cleaning up after activities.
- Assisting behavior specialists in getting materials.
- Sanitizing and cleaning materials.
- Playing and interacting with students.
- Assisting behavior specialist in maintaining a clean and safe environment for the students.

Hours of Operation; times when service experience can take place:
Most volunteer hours will occur between the hours of 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday. However, some events hosted by Cincinnati Center for Autism will have weekend and/or evening service needs.

Transportation:
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro

6 - 10 Allied Health students can be accommodated at Cincinnati Center for Autism to complete 23 hours of service over a 12 week period: January 12, 2015- April 24, 2015
Closing the Health Gap
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
3120 Burnet Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229
http://closingthehealthgap.org/

Community Outreach Coordinator
Rhonda Lindsey
Rhonda.lindsey@uchealth.com
Hana Shaaban
Hana.shaaban@uchealth.com

The Health Gap ignites dialogue about social conditions, access to care issues and health care issues and health care system problems through education, training and community outreach.
We hope to improve disease prevention while promotion healthier eating and enhancing quality of life for all communities.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Participate in Community Corner Store Program – an interactive table of information about nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices located in area corner stores.

- Community Outreach Events – support Saturday outreach events throughout the community that promote healthy lifestyle choices, including healthy eating and exercise

  Corner Stores: Monday through Friday, 3:15 – 4:15
  Community Outreach Events – typically on Saturdays 10 – 2, occasional Sunday

Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:
Basic overview of Program and projects provided on site

Transportation:
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro – near east campus

10 Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at Closing the Health Gap to complete 23 hours of service over a 14 week period: January 12, 2015 – April 24, 2015.
Crossroad Health Center | Volunteer Internship Program

OTR Location | West Location
5 East Liberty St | 2859 Boudinot Ave Suite 107
Cincinnati, OH 45202 | Cincinnati, OH 45238

http://www.crossroadhc.org/

Program Coordinator
Caroline Hensley
vip@crossrd.org
crossroadhc.blogspot.com

The mission of the Crossroad Volunteer Internship Program is to provide service-based, experiential learning for pre-medical students in the Cincinnati community. This is achieved by partnering with leaders in primary care as a way to empower students to be changemakers in their own community through solidarity with the poor.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Manage exam rooms
- Track patient referral management
- Complete tasks assigned by provider with patients
- Conduct pre-visit planning meetings
- Screen patients for specific chronic diseases
- Provide nutrition education for pediatric patients
- Translate for Spanish speaking patients when needed

Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:
On site orientation and training will be required. Interns meet once a month outside of the clinic for group reflection and training. There is a year-long commitment to this program.

Application and interview are required.

Transportation:
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro

Up to 15 Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated to complete a minimum of 56 hours of service over a semester, with a year-long commitment. The first semester period: January 12, 2015 – April 24, 2015.
The Freestore Foodbank is one of the region’s largest food banks. The Freestore Foodbank distributes over 20 million meals annually. In 20 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, we have a trusted network of over 265 local member agencies. Member agencies include soup kitchens and shelters, food pantries, churches, daycare and senior centers, and many other community and social service organizations. By providing emergency food through our Customer Connection Center (in Cincinnati’s Over-the-Rhine) we also help our community’s most vulnerable citizens with other needs they may have – a safe place to live, government benefits they need, access to affordable health care, clothing or job skills and placement. In our line of work, food is not the end product. Rather, food is the vehicle for a larger conversation that leads to self-reliance.

Volunteer Opportunities:
Introducing College Nights at the Mayerson Distribution Center, main warehouse for the Freestore Foodbank, located at 1250 Tennessee Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229.

Join us at the Mayerson Distribution Center to help assemble Power Packs (weekend backpack meals for kids), pack Senior Boxes and/or sort canned good donations.

Hours of operation; times and dates when service experience takes place:
Warehouse/Distribution Center:
Thursday evenings 5pm – 8pm: January 22, January 29, February 19, February 26, March 5, March 26, April 2, April 9

Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:
None; Volunteer application required.

Transportation:
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro

30 Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at Freestore Foodbank to complete 23 hours of service over the second semester of 2015.
Girl Scouts of Western Ohio
4930 Cornell Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
www.girlscoutofwesternohio.org

Recruitment Manager
Cheryl Shrider
cherylsrider@girlscoutofwesternohio.org
513-619-1422

*Girl Scouts is a non-formal education program adapted to meet the interests of girls. Girl Scouts can change the way girls see the world and their place in it. Volunteer leaders like you can make that happen. Girl Scouts is seeking volunteers to work with girls to overcome their barriers to participation, such as, the lack of adult leadership.*

**Volunteer Opportunities:**
UC students in groups of 2-3 serve as a leadership team over the course of an eight week program (8wks, 1 day a week, 1.5hrs/day). The leadership team will be provided supplies, syllabus, coaching and training by Girl Scout staff to prepare to work on their own with 12-20 girls in a group setting. The leadership team will need approx. 30 minutes to prepare for each weekly meeting. Syllabus topics include: self-esteem, conflict resolution, art & drama & the environment.

**Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:**
Complete on-line background check and application, UC on-site training, syllabus review with Girl Scout staff, and register with the organization. Girl Scouts will cover the cost of the background check. If you do not have transportation, we try to pair you up with someone who does, but we cannot guarantee this option.

**Transportation:**
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro

**15-30** Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at Girl Scouts of Western Ohio to complete 23 hours of service over a 14 week period: January – April, 2015
Good Samaritan Hospital
375 Dixmyth Ave
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220
www.trihealth.com

Supervisor of Volunteers
Rev. Lisa Bryan
Lisa_Bryan@trihealth.com
513-862-3539

As the oldest and largest private teaching and specialty health care facility in Greater Cincinnati, TriHealth’s Good Samaritan Hospital is among the best hospitals in the region, providing a range of quality services to patients in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Good Samaritan encourages people of all ages and demographics to learn the value of giving the gift of self. The volunteer program includes opportunities for teams of individuals to experience community service in a healthcare setting, personalized volunteer plans for students to complete capstone and other academic projects, and a variety of opportunities for students to experience service and personal growth.

Volunteer Opportunities: This list is not inclusive, as there are many additional opportunities based up personal desires, times and days available, and hospital needs. We utilize volunteers as early as 5AM and as late as midnight, 7 days a week. We can find a place for you! Some examples of positions include:

- Nursing Floor and Patient Access and Education Opportunities
- Pre and Post Surgical Area
  - Cardiac Cath Lab
- Emergency Room
  - Nutrition Services
- Lab
  - NICU
- Patient Guide and Comfort
  - Labor and Delivery Patient Comfort
- Palliative Care (No Patient Dies Alone)
  - Eucharistic Ministry, Pastoral Care
- Outpatient Treatment Center
  - Wound Center
- Information Desks
  - Develop new programs as an Intern/Leader
- Psychiatric Floor
  - Musicians and Chorale Groups
- Craft and Creative Projects, including knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting

Requirements: Background Check, TB Test, Immunization Records or Antibody Titer, Flu Shot (if volunteering between Nov. and March.) -- all of which will be provided by Good Samaritan at no cost and confidentially if time commitment is 25 hours or more (which may be attended weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc. Scheduling is agreed upon between volunteer and GSH. Orientation is approximately 2.5 hours and is easily scheduled. If hour’s commitment is less than 25 hours, we expect the student to pay for their TB Test, Titer and Flu Shot.

Transportation:
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro

125 - 140 Allied Health students can be accommodated at GSH to complete 25 hours of service between January 12, 2015 – April 24, 2015
InRETURN
6043 Interstate Circle Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
http://www.inreturn.org/

Volunteer Coordinator
Alison Kaufman
Alison@inreturn.org
513-247-0056 ext. 36

Our mission is to enrich the lives of individuals who have suffered a neurological injury, disease, or disorder by promoting independent living and personal success through job and life skills training.

In RETURN was founded in 2005 and we provide employment to traumatic brain injury victims through manufacturing contracts and Life Skills Programming. We are not a pay based upon production facility. We provide our Production Associates and opportunity to gain independence by offering them the ability to work in a consistent, flexible, safe and encouraging work environment.

Volunteer Opportunities:

□ Opportunities in Production – Students are welcome to work alongside our Associates in Production during the work day to have direct interaction. We also offer afternoon hours to assist InRETURN in meeting our production goals if preferred.

Production Volunteer Hours:
Monday through Friday (working alongside Associates) 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday and Wednesdays (after hours) 3:30 – 5:30

□ Opportunities in Life Skills Program – We are actively seeking individuals to lead current and/or NEW Life Skills Classes. Examples of classes: Reading skills, Speech Therapy, Exercise and Yoga Instruction, Nutrition/Cooking Classes, different Fine/Gross Motor, Mental Health – just to name a few.

Life Skills Volunteer Hours:
Monday through Friday: 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 p.m.
Lead classes for an hour or for the full 2 hours, weekly or bi-weekly

Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:
Basic orientation is required. A background check is required with anyone interested in working directly with the Associates.

Transportation:
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro

50 Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at InRETURN to complete 23 hours of service over a 14 week period: January 12, 2015 – April 24, 2015.
Parkinson’s Disease Forever Fitness Program
2640 Bonnie Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45230
http://www.foreverfitnesscincinnati.com/

Head Personal Trainer/Exercise Physiologist
Owner, foreverfitness
Sarah Krumme Stahr
sarah@foreverfitnesscincinnati.com
513-404-1918

Parkinson’s Disease Forever Fitness Program is a personal training company specializing in clients with Parkinson’s Disease and special medical needs. Forever Fitness offers group exercise classes and person fitness training in a community setting.

Volunteer Opportunities:
□ Group Exercise Class Assistant: Volunteers are needed to assist with the group exercise classes for patients with Parkinson’s Disease

Class Schedules
Students arrive 15 minutes before class starts and stay 15 minutes after class ends

- Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00 Madeira
- Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00 Covington
- Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00 Mt. Lookout
- Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:30 West Side
- Saturdays 11:15 – 12:15 Hyde Park Health Center

Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:
Some orientation and training will be necessary, but it will be minimal. Each volunteer is required to meet with the trainer to discuss the class and observe a training session.

Transportation:
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro

5 – 10 students : 1 – 2 students per class can be accommodated at Parkinson’s Disease Fitness Program to complete 23 hours of service over a 14 week period: January 12 – April 24, 2015.
Stepping Stones
2300 Drex Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
www.steppingstonesohio.org

Volunteer Coordinator
Monica Vernier
Monica.vernier@steppingstonesohio.org
513-221-4606

Our mission is to increase independence, improve lives and promote inclusion for children and adults with disabilities. Stepping Stones has been helping people with disabilities find pathways to independence that will improve their lives and enable them to be fully participating members of their communities.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Assist participants in planned daily activities such as; games, sports, cooking, exercise, arts and crafts, community inclusion.
- On-site program runs Monday – Fridays 9 – 3

Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:
Website volunteer application must be completed. www.steppingstonesohio.org. Once there, go to Get Involved. On site orientation is required.

Transportation:
Must provide own transportation via car, Metro

15 – 30 Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at Stepping Stones to complete 23 hours of service over a 14 week period: January 12, 2015 – April 24, 2015.
The University of Cincinnati has a vision of a world in which young adults with intellectual disabilities have the option of electing postsecondary education as part of their planning for transition from high school to the adult world. UC will be a world leader in creating an authentic, inclusive living-learning experience that builds career skills, academic achievement, personal responsibility, interpersonal competence, and a promising future for young adults with intellectual, cognitive, and learning disabilities.

Transition and Access Program at UC is a four-year, inclusive program for students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. The program offers a non-degree option for students with intellectual disabilities who want to actively engage in a full college experience, including participation in regular college classes, living independently on campus, engaging in professional internships, and enjoying an active social life with friends. The purpose of the program is to provide the opportunity for all students who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus to achieve success with appropriate supports. Students who complete the program receive a certificate and have training and experiences necessary for successful competitive employment.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Mentor students academically and socially at least one hour per week.
- Participate in social events weekly. Hours vary. Monday – Sunday.

**Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:**
On-site orientation and training will be provided.

**Transportation:**
On campus, no transportation needed

Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at TAP to complete 23 hours of service over a 14 week period:
January 12, 2015 – April 24, 2015.
UC Early Learning Center
3310 Ruther Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220
http://www.ucchildcare.org/

Preschool Coordinator
Rachel Goodall
preschoolcoord@fuse.net
(513) 961-2825

UC Early Learning Center serves a diverse population of 149 children ages three months to eight years. The center gives priority to UC students, staff and faculty as well as families that qualify for Head Start. The center is also open to the community. The center is nationally accredited and a Four Star program in Step Up to Quality. The curriculum is based on Ohio’s Infant and Toddler Guidelines and the Early Learning Preschool Content Standards.

Volunteer Opportunities:
Volunteers are able to interact with the children on a daily basis. This may include, but is not limited to reading, playing outdoors, interacting with all of the classroom areas and supporting the teachers. There are also opportunities to volunteer in our kitchen to assist with meal service and menu planning.

Hours of operation; times when service experience can take place:
Volunteer opportunities occur from Monday through Friday between 7:00am – 6:00pm.

Orientation, training, and/or background checks requirements:
A brief orientation is required before volunteering begins. A background check is only required is completing numerous training hours at one time (that must be discussed with Director).

Transportation:
Car or Bike or within walking distance

15-20 Allied Health Sciences students can be accommodated at UC Early Learning Center to complete 23 hours of service over a 14 week period: January 12– April 24, 2015
Past Student Reflections

**Girls Scout of Western Ohio**
“'I first chose to volunteer with Girl Scouts because I needed the hours and I thought it would be a fun way to get them. I choose to continue to work with Girl Scouts because I realized how great the program really is and each week I had a good feeling knowing that I was truly helping to form young girls into great women.’”

**UC Early Learning Center**
“I really enjoyed my time at the UC Early Learning Center and will possibly continue volunteering there next year…The room teachers and aides were very nice and allowed me to feel comfortable in the Center. The relationships that I developed with the children, staff and parents provided evidence that I was very successful in my service endeavors.”

**Arlitt Child Development Center**
“I thought the whole experience went well. I loved being at the preschool. Every week Arlitt was a place I looked forward to going and spending time at. I know that this whole experience was a success because they asked me to come back as a student hire for next year; which I am very excited about.”

**Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**
“At the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, my role was to assist in the set up at the Flying Pig Marathon, as well as help with office setup and organization…The service I performed did help change something about me, I became more conscious of myself and the world around me. There are problems people are experiencing everyday that are much larger than my own. This experience has made me more appreciative.”

**Cincinnati Center for Autism**
“My experience at CCA was extremely positive. The staff was extremely encouraging and willing to help me learn. I do not believe that I could have picked a better choice for my career goals, and overall, happiness…Negative situations cannot be avoided, but they are only negative if you do not learn from the experience.”

**Bearcat Buddies**
“The girls I tutored were willing to talk with me and were open to creating a friendship. This was beneficial to both the tutees and me. The girls were very interested in what college was like, especially the University of Cincinnati so they looked up to me and my experiences this far at school. Each session they seemed to have more in depth questions showing me that they were actually thinking about a further education.”
Tips for Volunteers

Practice good communication skills from the start.
When calling or emailing volunteer coordinators, be sure to reference the program or project you’d like to be involved with, how you came by their name and contact information, and that you’re a UC student. The MORE information you give them, the better they can work with you!!

DO: “Dear Chris Coordinator, My name is Yolanda Yucey. I’m a second-year student at the University of Cincinnati, majoring in psychology. I saw on the Center for Community Engagement’s Online Volunteer Directory that you’re looking for GED tutors on weekday evenings. I’m interested in becoming a tutor and would like to know more about how to get involved and what the requirements are. I can be reached at this email or on my cell phone at (513) 555-7378. Thank you! -Yolanda Yucey”

DON’T: “I’m interested in the volunteer project. Sign me up.”

Non-Profits may have questions too.
Expect to fill out an application, attend an orientation, and maybe go through training. Don’t begrudge the agency this. You’ll be doing real work with real people and real results; the more prepared you are, the better for everyone (including you—think of all this fabulous out-of-classroom learning you’ll be soaking up!) Consider it looking for a new job and going through an interview!

Keep in touch with the Center for Community Engagement!!
We’re here as a resource for students and are happy to work with you throughout your service experience. From finding the right placement, to addressing questions and concerns throughout, to helping you process, reflect, and provide feedback—don’t hesitate to contact our staff. And let us know if you have ideas for new ways we could support UC volunteers or new ways to live out community engagement.

Make the most of your service experience.
Challenge yourself and any fellow volunteers to think about what you’re trying to accomplish, who you’re impacting, and what kinds of experiences you’re soaking up. Have conversations (with your roommates, classmates, professors, friends, parents, pets, etc.) about what you observe and how you feel. Attend group reflection opportunities through the CCE. Make sure your agency knows how your service is going—speak up when things are going well and when there are problems.

Also, don’t forget to claim the experience! Think of this as real work and real education—mention it on your resume, in job interviews, and on grad school applications. Be sure to keep in touch with someone at your agency—they may be able to provide a reference for you someday!
Additional Contact Information

The role of The Center for Community Engagement is to connect UC students with volunteer opportunities in the community. This resource directory was designed to assist students in the College of Allied Health Sciences to find the best match for their Spring 2012 service to the community.

Contact Information
Center for Community Engagement
P.O. Box 210138
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0138
Office located at 2639 Clifton Avenue in Building 19 of the Stratford Heights Complex

(513) 556-1559
community.engagement@uc.edu

Any special request for volunteering at an organization other than those listed in this directory must be approved in writing by Dr. Carney Sotto at sottocd@uc.edu

Community Service Fair
Friday November 7, 2014
10:00am-1:00pm
TUC Room 400 ABC