

Our nation's leaders are emphasizing the importance of service within local communities in the belief that service as a way of life for all Americans is key to the future of our country. In his speech that launched the service initiative "United We Serve", President Barack Obama said, "I'm calling on all of you to make volunteerism and community service part of your daily life and the life of this nation. And when I say "all," I mean everyone - young and old, from every background, all across this country. We need individuals, community organizations, corporations, foundations, and our government to be part of this effort."

Ellen White also encourages us to put service into practice when she acknowledges that, "in the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given to His church" (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, p. 36). She also assures us that, "much must be done in behalf of the foreigners who have come to the shores of our own land.... God's people are also to fulfill their duty toward the foreigners of various nationalities in the cities and villages and county districts close by" (Christian Service, p. 199).

As a Christian institution of higher learning, Southern Adventist University provides excellent opportunities for students to engage in service projects. The Modern Languages Department's Community Outreach Project allows students to participate in community outreach as part of the course curriculum at Southern.

<http://www.serve.gov/remarks.asp>

Community Outreach Project Opportunities

Community service with organizations not listed below must be approved by the instructor. The following should be turned in according to the schedule on the syllabus:

A Community Outreach Project Evaluation Form should be completed and signed by the supervisor where community service is performed verifying a total of 10-12 hrs.

A report should be completed which is a minimum of two pages, double-spaced and typed, about your cultural encounter during this activity. You may write about your reaction, your reflection, and your feedback.

The following questions should guide the direction of your report:

- Highlight one or two personal changes you experienced.
- What did you learn about the organization?
- How does the organization relate to the community in which it is located?
- How effective do you believe the organization is in responding to the needs people have for the services it provides?
- Would you recommend this experience to other students?

Job Description	Organization	Website	Contact Person	Contact Email
Office and/or storage support, family visitation, transportation, interpreting	BRIDGE Refugee Services, Inc.	http://www.bridgerefugees.org/	Katie Weber 423-954-1911	koneal@bridgerefugees.org
Pack and arrange food or other donations	Chattanooga Area Food Bank Chattanooga, TN	www.chattfoodbank.org	Mark Schock 423-622-1800	mschock@chattfoodbank.org
Food server/kitchen helper	Chattanooga Community Kitchen Chattanooga, TN	www.homelesschattanooga.org	Kathy Spangler 423-756-4222	cckvol@chattanooga.net
Interpreting Spanish-English-Spanish to assist with parent-teacher conferences	Clifton Hills Elementary Chattanooga, TN	http://che.hcde.org/	Mary Ann Johnson 423-493-0357	
Thrift shop volunteer	Consider the Lillies Chattanooga, TN	www.homelesschattanooga.org	Alma Murphy 423-756-4222	cckvol@chattanooga.net
Work with ESL students	East Side Elementary Chattanooga, TN	http://ese.hcde.org/	Fulvia Jimenez 423-493-7780	jimenez_fulvia@hcde.org
Assist with home construction	Habitat for Humanity Chattanooga, TN	www.habichatt.org/volunteer	Dawn Stoike 423-756-0507	dstoike@habichatt.org
Tutors at all levels needed to assist with literacy programs for immigrants. Bilingual English-Spanish speakers are needed to answer the phone and greet	La Paz Chattanooga Chattanooga, TN	http://lapazchattanooga.org/	Anne Shelton 423-624-8414	ashelton@lapazchattanooga.org
Includes Citizen Police Academy. Interpreters are greatly needed. Provide assistance in migrant communities.	La Plaza Comunitaria Chattanooga, TN		Mirtha Jones 423-697-2514	mirtha.jones@chattanoogastate.edu
Teaching basic english to adults.	NEEMA Outreach Mission Chattanooga, TN		Linda Schulte 703-944-7577	themuraguris@lavabit.com
Tutoring children, especially ESL. Misc.	PARTNERSHIP for Families, Children, and Adults	www.partnershipfca.com	Crystal St. Pierre 423-697-3824	cstpierre@partnershipfca.com
Help out with the Angel Tree Program during the holiday season./	Salvation Army in Chattanooga, TN	http://www.csarmy.org/	Sharica M. Smallwood-Ware 423-308-7704	Sharica_Smallwood@uss.salvationarmy.org
Coach immigrant boys and girls in soccer	St. Andrews Center Chattanooga, TN	http://www.st-andrewscenter.org/	423-629-9872	standrewscenter@bellsouth.net
Read to children (summer and fall only)	Thankful Memorial Episcopal Church Chattanooga, TN	http://thankful.etdiocese.net/index.html	Linda Cooper 423-821-3135	www.thankfulones@bellsouth.net
Tutoring, playing sports, etc., with mostly middle school-age children. Member relations.	YMCA Youth Program Chattanooga, TN	http://ymcachattanooga.org/	Ask for volunteer coordinator. 423-266-3766	info@ymcachattanooga.org

Community Outreach Projects through the following websites must be in the greater Chattanooga area and must be pre-approved by your instructor. Register to participate online.

www.volunteermatch.org

www.serve.gov

<https://www.southern.edu/serve/>

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