

Student and Employee Community Service Projects

Tidewater Community College

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Tidewater Community College offers a wide array of volunteer and Service-Learning opportunities for students, as well as employees. Below is a list that provides information about the involvement of the college, by both its employees and students, in community service activities. This report is organized into two parts. Part One lists the activities that may be called volunteer community service. These include one-time events, such as the Angel Tree, or continuing efforts, such as the visits of the physics classes to area public schools. Part Two lists the more structured service-learning activities of the college. Cynthia Horen, Coordinator of Service-Learning, and Pat Allison, Coordinator of College-wide Student Activities, working in cooperation with the campus deans of students and student activities staff, compiled this list. This is a living document that will be revised at least twice a year.

As the list reveals, the college is involved at many levels in community service. It should be acknowledged that this is the first attempt at preparing such a list, so some events may have been unintentionally left out. In fact, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs will maintain and expand it to incorporate all such activities under the general title of Civic Engagement.

PART ONE

College-wide Community Service Activities

Animals

Recycle Aluminum Cans and donate funds to the SPCA

Clothing

Angel Tree

Coat Drive

Christmas Stockings (socks, medical care items, etc.)

Education

David Wright's physics and astronomy students visit public schools for demonstrations and classroom participation (Mark Greer's classes visit schools also):

Elementary Schools

Birdneck

Cooke

Indian Lakes

King's Grant

Princess Anne

Salem

Thalia

Thoroughgood

Windsor Oaks

Windsor Woods

Butts Road Intermediate School

Hebrew Academy

Friends School; and others.

Children's Book Drive

America Reads (federal work study students at elementary schools):

Churchland Academy, John Tyler, Jacox, Youngs Park--other schools are listed in the Service-Learning section under Boys and Girls Clubs, Kids Café sites)

SCHEV's Gear-Up Program with elementary school summer educational activities

Environment

Arbor Day

Clean the Bay Day

Astronomy Observatory Open Houses (stargazing with the public)

Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Oyster Gardening by oceanography and biology students to filter toxins in waterways, partnered with local waterfront owners and TCC Service-Learning

General and Public Service Activities

Friendship Patrol at VB Oceanfront
 Voter Registration Drives
United Way Day of Caring

Housing

Paint Your Heart Out
 Habitat for Humanity, wiring and landscaping (Electrical and Horticulture students)
 ASID (the Interior Design Club) has a standing community project, working with the restoration of the Ferry Plantation in Virginia Beach
 City of Franklin flood cleanup
 Hip Hop for the Homeless (fundraising)

Hunger

Canned Food Drives for local Foodbank
 Distribute Bread at the Share Center
 World Hunger Day Food Drive
 Project Graduation (book and food drive)
 Thanksgiving Baskets

Medical

Red Cross Blood Drives
 Baby Justin Fundraising
 Children's Carnival at the American Heart Walk
 Polar Plunge
 Designer Tree for CHKD Holly Ball Benefit (every year except 2001)

Transportation

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up Program
 Automotive repairs for elderly and poor

PART TWO

College-wide Service-Learning Sites and Activities

Alternative Spring Break with Virginia Highlands CC in Abingdon, VA
 (joint project of service-learning and student activities)
 Soup Kitchen, Foodbank, Ecumenical Food Pantry, Elementary School, helped family burned out of their home

Nursing students (with homeless at various sites/community partners)

Diagnostic health screenings at shelter
 Educational workshops on family health
 Monitoring elderly homebound for medication usage, etc.

Service-learning community partners (activities for students in italics):

Academic Center at Foundation Stone

611 6th Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704
Tutoring adults in Math, English and Reading.

Brighton Elementary School

1101 Jefferson Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704

Tutoring in reading and math for elementary age children.

Catholic Charities

Main office: 4855 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462-4446

Minor home repair, auto repair, home visits, and nursing home visits (in pairs); in GAP program as parents or to develop presentations for grandparents or grandchildren; clerical and statistical assistance; co-facilitate a support group; reading to elderly; recording histories, assist with special community events, bilingual students,(Spanish).

Department of Behavioral Healthcare Services

400 Crawford Street, Suite 400, Portsmouth, VA 23704-3844

Secretarial help at eight sites (including filing, computer skills, answering phones); special one-day projects; training for resume writing and dressing for success; other placements requiring significant training (e.g., for nursing students) such as nutrition training, food preparation training, help with basic hygiene; grant research support, project development support, market analysis/community research, administrative support for homeless programs, community outreach.

Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and Kids Café

P. O. Box 1940, 800 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23504

Inventorizing, stocking, bookkeeping, monthly bagging and distributing food; holiday, contact for pantries and soup kitchens.

The Kids Café is a special program that coordinates sites in several cities to **both** feed children in the afternoons and provides homework help (tutoring). The college provided volunteers at the following sites:

Brighton Rock AME Zion Church

1300 Centre Avenue, Portsmouth Virginia, 23704

Friendship Village/ Neighborhood Networks

1252 Carver Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Oakmont Community Development Corp. - Bank Street Church

7010-M Auburn Ave. Norfolk, VA 23513

Zion Baptist Church

527 Green Street Portsmouth, VA 23701

Boys and Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads - Diggs Town Unit

1401 Melon Street, Norfolk, VA 23523

Boys and Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads - Roberts Village Unit

2766 Monrovia Drive Norfolk, VA 23504

Boys and Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads - Calvert Square Unit

975 Bagnall, Road Norfolk, VA 23504

Boys and Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads – Bettie F. Williams Elementary School

892 Newtown Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Boys and Girls Club of South Hampton Roads – Colonial Unit

Stuart Early Childhood Center, 446 Virginia Ave, Norfolk, VA

Boys and Girls Club of South Hampton Roads – W. W. Houston Unit
3401 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA

Boys and Girls Club – John F. Kennedy Middle School
2325 E. Washington Street, Suffolk, VA

Additional Sites

Full Circle AIDS Hospice Support

344 West Bute Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

Working with people living with AIDS in medical crisis. Possibly in last 6 months of life; including reading to patients.

Gateway House

4230 Portsmouth Blvd, Portsmouth, VA

Assisting with office help, computer skills to help design brochures; donation pick-ups.

Greenwood Senior Living

205 Bedford Court, Suite 10, Portsmouth, VA 23701

Reading to elderly, recording histories

H.E.R. Shelter

P.O. Box 2187, Portsmouth, VA 23702

Women's shelter to escape domestic violence

Assist in developing community awareness campaigns; assist with community outreach events; design and facilitate workshops regarding health or financial issues; assist in scheduling field trips, as well as accompanying children on field trips (transportation for the children is provided by the agency); assist as necessary with children's art therapy support.

Jewish Family Services

7300 Newport Avenue, Norfolk, 23505

Minor home repair, home visits, and nursing home visits (in pairs) for reading to elderly, recording histories, companionship

NOAH

305 High St., Portsmouth, VA 23704

To support the welfare-to-work initiative, provides community development and outreach, employment referral and job placement, childcare, etc.

Counseling for employment, resume writing assistance, interview practice, academic counseling (what's it like to go to college?), TCC application procedures & help with forms, staffing outreach tables, flyer distribution, clothing donations.

Norfolk Botanical Gardens

6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23518

Clerical, landscaping, gardening, all areas of administration, work with children and adult programs.

Norfolk Community Services Board

Norfolk, VA

Advocacy work. Note: this is a high travel placement; students should work in pairs.

Norfolk Public Library

Tanners Creek Road, Norfolk, VA
Homework Center at Barron F. Black Library
Tutoring

OASIS Social Ministries of Portsmouth and Chesapeake

1020 High Street, Portsmouth Virginia 23704

Helps needy individuals and families in the city of Portsmouth and certain areas of Chesapeake with clothing, household goods, and food from the pantry. OASIS also serves breakfast and lunch during the week in the soup kitchen.

Assistance with meal service (set up, serving, and breakdown), education (especially basic life skills); assistance with thrift store responsibilities (sorting clothes, assisting customers with needs, etc.); administrative help for record keeping (data base management, word processing, filing, etc.); special projects such as newsletter, gift baskets and other seasonal one-day projects. Also: tutoring and mentoring one-to-one and in small groups in the dining hall during the afternoon; informational interviewing, medical histories, diagnostic screening, tracking health needs and medicine intake (nursing students).

Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition, Inc. (PARC)

PO. Box 1183, Portsmouth Virginia 23705

Serves Portsmouth with Chesapeake, office assistance in meeting basic human and provides opportunities for self-sufficiency.

Clerical assistance

PARC Shelter

1900 Columbus Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23704

Provides 30-day emergency relief shelter for homeless families.

Assist with structured activities such as workshops on nutrition, time management, basic job training skills (application and interview procedures), life-skills mentoring, and adult craft time; health screening; tutors for all levels, and read to young children; food distribution, GED mentors/tutors, news letters, brochures, marketing/PR assistance, data entry in, coordination of pick-ups (but no pick-ups), emergency office and HMIS system, etc. Students might also assist residents to apply for social service benefits

Portsmouth Christian Outreach Ministries (PCOM)

910 7th Street, Portsmouth Virginia 23704

Dedicated to helping individuals move from dependency to independence, while recognizing human dignity. PCOM also provides transitional housing for single males.

Clerical assistance/drafting policies and procedures; tutoring and mentoring; help with computers/literacy; job skills such as horticulture and auto repair, collecting donated goods.

Portsmouth Community Health Center

664 Lincoln St., Portsmouth, VA 23704

Provides health care to low-income individuals in the Portsmouth community.

Clerical and clinic assistance.

Portsmouth Health Department

1701 High St., Portsmouth, VA 23704

Research and statistics

Portsmouth Public Library: Main Branch

601 Court St., Portsmouth VA 23705

Provides a virtual day shelter for homeless individuals.

Assist Library staff by handling sign-in sheets for patrons using Gates Foundation computers; assist patrons with opening programs, printing, and simple operating questions using your knowledge and printed guides available at the library; assist staff with developing computer use guides.

Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless, Inc. (PVH)

P.O. Box 364, Portsmouth Virginia 23704

Provides emergency shelter to single people (as opposed to families) in an effort to move them to independence with the aid of other Portsmouth organizations.

Volunteers for overnight, computers and database entry, analysis, intake assessment, database for collaboration with other agencies. Field trips to the shelter (November to April) to mentor in the evening (between dinner and lights-out); help prepare, serve, and clean up evening meal; observe overnight; help with morning cleanup and departure

Response-Sexual Assault Support Services

5215 Colley Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23508

Provides free counseling to victims of sexual assault and their loved ones; provide support groups; provide companion services during evidence collection immediately after the assault; provide prevention education throughout the community. **Requires 30 hours of training for volunteers.**

Answer hotline, companion services, and help with prevention education.

St. Josephs AME Zion Church

1540 Atlantic Ave, Chesapeake, VA 23324

Provides tutoring and after school care.

Tutoring and childcare.

Second Chances

800 City Hall, Norfolk, VA, 23510

Working with recently released prisoners

South Hampton Roads HABITAT for HUMANITY, Inc.

109 E. Main Street, Suite 401, Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Home building

Tidewater AIDS Crisis Taskforce (TACT)

9229 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

Assisting in Education Department to support outreach workers, represent agency at community events, clerical duties in office and preparing USDA bags for the meals program, assist with lawn care.

Virginia Beach Police Department

2509 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23459

Clerical; ride along with police officers (Don Haley's Administration of Justice class only).

Virginia Marine Science Museum

717 General Booth Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

All areas from technical to live exhibits, summer camp activity and present, environmental education, short programs, foreign language brochures, retail merchandising.

Westminster Canterbury on the Chesapeake Bay

3100 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Reading to elderly, recording histories

West Park Church of Christ

926 Cherokee Road, Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tutoring, childcare