

Spring Semester 2013 Projects

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◆ **STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE!** The Service Learning Office is organizing a Stuffed Animal Drive to benefit children who are victims of child abuse and sexual exploitation. All donated stuffed animals will be distributed to local organizations at the April 19th Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Seminar. Items will be collected at all campuses. Look for the **RED** donation barrels. Collection ends on April 18

◆ **March for Babies** events for North Georgia will begin in April. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, distributing food and water and other tasks. Entertainment and picnic will be provided at each event. Families are encouraged to attend. There will be kids activities including inflatables at each event.

Contact Michele Beal 678-564-5231 MBeal@marchofdimes.com to volunteer

Tri -County (Pickens, Fannin & Gilmer)

Friday, April 12, 2013

5:00pm (event begins at 7pm)

Ellijay Elementary 32 McCutchen Street, Ellijay GA 30540

Cherokee County

Friday, April 26, 2013

5:00pm (event begins at 7pm)

Heritage Park 326 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton GA 30114

Cobb County

Saturday, April 27, 2013

6:30am (event begins at 9am)

Marietta Middle School 121 Winn Street, Marietta GA

Bartow County

Friday, May 3, 2013

5:00pm (event begins at 7pm)

Dellinger Park 100 Pine Grove Road, Cartersville, GA 30120



◆ **Voice Today** is an organization that seeks to break the silence and cycle of child sexual abuse worldwide through awareness, prevention and healing programs. Volunteers are needed for several events

Contact: Angela Williams 678-578-4888 info@voicetoday.org

May 18 Volley for a VOICE Tennis Tournament

Volunteers are needed for event coordination

There are also ongoing volunteer projects at the VOICE Today office including:

- Media/Marketing of print, TV, Radio and Social Media
- Graphic Design of printed and online marketing projects
- Film editing
- Early Education intern or volunteer for children's Find Your VOICE Program
- Psychology student intern for curriculum assessment/ new program development
- Criminal Justice student intern to assist with the Justice Project to work on victim rights, educating on judicial process
- IT/ Website/ Database management

◆ **Georgia State Parks** has volunteer opportunities at parks throughout the state. .



Saturday, April 13

7am-4pm

Vogel Volunteer Day refurbishing campsites, installing a brick "memory walkway", refurbishing hiking trails and more.

**Vogel has camping and lodging options. Check www.gastateparks.org for reservation information and make this project a weekend vacation!*

More projects listed at <http://www.gastateparks.org/events?typeids=22301>

◆ **Special Olympics Georgia** has volunteer opportunities for the following special events:

Over the Edge –event where participants rappel down a building

Saturday, April 20

Volunteers help with activities. No rappelling required ☺

Email Leslie Anderson for more information about times and locations and to register to volunteer

leslie.anderson@specialolympicsga.org

Celebrate 
Service
National Volunteer Week
April 21 - 27, 2013

Celebrate the extraordinary impact volunteers make by each day for your organization.

*In honor of National Volunteer Week, volunteers and their families can visit the Georgia Aquarium for a special discounted rate **April 21 through April 28, 2013**. Volunteers may also purchase annual passes for a discounted price.*



GEORGIA AQUARIUM



Follow this link to purchase tickets: www.georgiaaquarium.org/atlvols

◆ **West Ridge Church** is holding a *Breakaway* Event on April 27. This is a free respite event for special needs parents to give the parents a break from daily stress. The event is four hours of supervised fun for special need participants of any age and their siblings.

Register to volunteer at: <http://www.westridge.com/events/details/special-needs-breakaway112>

Background checks will now be required for all Breakaway volunteers.

The background check will need to be submitted by April 1st in order to participate in the April 27th event.

Date: Saturday, April 27

Location: West Ridge Church - 3522 Hiram-Acworth Parkway (highway 92), Dallas, GA 30157

Contact: Shelley Moffit shelleyhoffitt@yahoo.com 770-861-1834

◆ **Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency** needs volunteers for Café 458. Positions are available for volunteer servers, 1 hostess, 1 dishwasher, and 1 line cook for each Sunday. All proceeds from the café fund ACSS programs to break the cycle of homelessness. Register to volunteer at www.atlantacss.org.

Dates: every Sunday

Time: 9am-4pm

9am-10am Training

10am-3pm Open for business

3pm-4pm Clean up

Location: 458 Edgewood Ave SE Atlanta, GA 30312



◆ **Communities in Schools** is looking for volunteer mentors to make a difference in the life of teens at Marietta High School. Mentors in the **E² Mentoring Program** can conduct one of two types of mentoring meetings:

- 1) One-on-one meetings where students meet for 1 hour during school with their personally assigned mentor
- 2) Chat & Chew a lunch time or after school activity where one or more mentors lead a small group of students in a discussion about an issue that affects youth and their peers

E² mentors must complete a short application and background check. Training will be provided

Communities in Schools also needs volunteer tutors in the **Study Haul** program which is designed to “haul out old study habits”

See page 8 and 9 for more information

Location: Marietta High School, 1171 Whitlock Ave NW, Marietta GA 30064

Time Commitment: 1 hour a week. Mentors and tutors are asked to continue volunteering until the end of the school year.

Contact: Mia Howard, 770-428-2631 ext 2247 or mhoward@marietta-city.k12.ga.us

◆ **Foster Care Support Foundation** needs volunteers to sort donated clothes and supplies for foster families.

Dates/Times: Tuesday-Thursday 12pm-3pm or Friday 10am-1pm

Location: 115 Mansell Pl Roswell, Georgia 30076

Contact: Rachel Ewald Rachel@fostercare.org 770-641-9591

◆ Volunteer tutors are needed to assist students in **Chainbreakers** tutoring program. Tutors are needed for math, especially algebra, and reading.

Contact: Mary Jane Berrien Mary.Berrien@chattahoocheetech.edu

Days/Times: Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm or Saturdays 10am-12pm

Location: Highpoint Christian Tabernacle, 3269 Old Concord Rd Smyrna

◆ **Hollydale Elementary** accepts volunteers for a mentoring/tutoring program for students in K-5th grade throughout the school year. Volunteers are asked to meet with students one day a week for 1 to 2 hours. The school also needs volunteers for special school functions in the evening or occasionally on Saturdays.

Location: Hollydale Elementary - 2901 Bay Berry Drive SW, Marietta, GA 30008

Contact: Mark Baker 678-594-8143 ext. 241 Mark.Baker@cobbk12.org

◆ **PET LOVERS!! Homeward Bound Pet Rescue** needs volunteers for **dog and cat adoptions every Saturday from 11am to 5pm**. Cat adoptions are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays 12pm-5pm. Volunteers help unload animals and set up the environment for the day, tend to animals during the day including walking, watering and general care.

Contact: homeward@elijay.com 706-698-4663

Location: PetSmart 860 Cobb Place Blvd. Kennesaw, GA 30144

◆ **Warehouse of Hope** needs volunteers for the food pantry Monday-Friday. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:30am. On Thursdays, volunteers are especially needed 2pm-8pm

Days/Times: Monday-Friday starting at 8:30am or Thursdays 2pm-8pm

Location: 100 Hunter Rd, Douglasville, GA 30134

Contact: Emma Cortez emmamcortez2005@yahoo.com 770-489-0509

◆ **Halcyon Hospice** (formerly Compassionate Hospice) has volunteer positions available throughout the year including:

Medical Office Volunteer: Assist the office manager with answering the phone, ordering supplies, creating and maintaining patient charts, etc.

Activities Volunteer: Help with Bingo, crafts, ice cream socials, etc in Assisted Living Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities where patients reside. Many of the patients have dementia, have suffered a stroke or have brain damage so this position allows students to learn about different levels of cognitive abilities and how to interact with patients with this type of diagnosis.

Project Bloom Volunteer: Help seniors at a senior center make flower arrangements for Halcyon patients. Volunteers are also needed to deliver the arrangements.

Contact: Angela Bhowmik 678-717-0969 angela.bhowmik@halcyonhealthcare.com

◆ **Books for Africa** needs volunteers to sort and pack books for shipment. Volunteers are asked to serve two or more hours at the warehouse. No heavy lifting is involved.

Location: 2971 Olympic Industrial Drive SE Suite C, Smyrna, GA 30080

Days/Time: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm or first and third Saturdays 9am-2pm



◆ Volunteer with **International Rescue Committee** and help refugees settle in America. Volunteering with IRC requires a 3 month commitment beginning with a 2 to 4 week on-boarding process. A background check is required.

Contact: VolunteerATL@Rescue.org

Location: 2305 Parklake Dr Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30345

Volunteer positions include:

-Marta Orientation Volunteer: *Provide newly arrived refugee clients with an initial introduction to public transportation. Provide basic information to refugee clients about the transportation system including the Marta system. 2-3 hours minimum per week.*

-Resettlement Shop Assistant: *Help refugees get needed items! The Resettlement Shop is a thrift store setting where volunteers with help sort donations, stock shop, assist shoppers. 3-9 hours a week; 10:30am-1:30pm, T,W, Th*

-Computer Lab Assistant: *Close the technology gap! Assist staff in teaching basic computer skills to clients. Help clients build resumes, surf the web, and even build a Facebook page. 2-12 hours a week; 9:00am-4:00pm, M-F*

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- Child tax credit up to \$1,000 per child



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<http://www.atlantaprosperty.org/services/tax-assistance/free-tax-prep-sites>

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E² MENTORING

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS FIRST BASIC: A ONE-ON-ONE RELATIONSHIP WITH A CARING ADULT

At Communities in Schools our philosophy is that every child deserves the 5 Basics:

1. **A one-on-one relationship with a caring adult**
2. A safe place to learn and grow
3. A healthy start and a healthy future
4. A marketable skill to use upon graduation
5. A chance to give back to peers and community

WHAT IS A MENTOR?

A mentor is an older, more experienced person who seeks to further the development of character and competence in a younger person. Mentors provide on-going support to the educational and personal growth of students. As a role model for students, mentors demonstrate values of dependability, goal setting, and the importance of education.

HOW ARE MENTORS MATCHED WITH STUDENTS?

Students who have expressed an interest in receiving a mentor complete an assessment that will be used to match them with an adult that has similar interest and experiences to share. Students may communicate their desire for a mentor through their Counselor, Advisement Teacher or by picking up a Mentor Request Form from Ms. Howard in H224-A. Our mentors are recruited from local colleges and businesses and are matched with students throughout the year. After applying, interviewing, and completing a background check mentors are invited to attend a mandatory training after which they are matched with a student.

MEETING WITH A MENTOR

There are three (2) types of mentoring meetings that are offered through E²:

1. One-on-one where students meet for 1 hour during school with their personally assigned mentor.
2. Chat & Chew a lunch time/after school activity where one or more mentors lead a small group of students in a discussion about an issue that affects youth and their peers around the world.

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STUDY HAUL

“HAULING OUT THOSE OLD STUDY HABITS”

Study Haul creates a comfortable space where students can collaborate with teachers, college students and peers to create unique, innovative methods of studying and retaining course subject matter. Study Haul will be offered every day during lunch and 3 days per week after school. Trained college students will be asked to come in and tutor high school students in their area of study and will be scheduled as the needs increase. Study Haul consist of 3 layers of activity, quiet/ individual study, peer/college student tutoring, teacher presentations with study method engineering (SME).

QUIET/INDIVIDUAL STUDY:

Students are invited to spend their lunch period or after school tutoring time to have a quiet place to study or do school work located in the Media Center, Boost, or the QPLC workroom. Students are required to sign up for study hall at the start of the day in the front office 1 day in advance and can pick up their pass in Advisement. Any time a student is signed up for individual study, they have the option of tutoring if there is one available.

PEER/COLLEGE TUTORING

Students will sign up for a tutor through their advisement teachers by filling out a Tutor Request Form. Students are then matched with a peer or college level tutor in the subject they requested. Tutors are available to meet with students in Boost during lunch or after school. Students enrolled in the QPLC will have an additional opportunity to meet with their tutor depending on availability.

TEACHER PRESENTATIONS WITH SME (STUDY METHOD ENGINEERING)

Teachers who deliver 9th and 10th grade courses in all subjects offered to the QPLC, including Math, English-Language Arts, Science and Social Studies, will present best practices to students on Wednesdays after school 2:30pm-4:00pm. Focusing on their subject they will cover methods of studying for test, quizzes, multiple choice and short essay questions. After each teacher presentation students will be divided into small groups to create new and innovative ways to use the teacher’s information to study for a test. Each group will present their method after which students will choose the method they will practice and the most successful one will be recorded and place on our social media sites (Facebook and YouTube).



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