



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Introduction

LSA Family Health Service, located at 333 East 115th Street, is committed to offering high quality service learning opportunities for high school students who are open to learning about and working with the most vulnerable children and families in East Harlem. The program is designed to help students broaden their perspective and their understanding of civic responsibility by engaging in meaningful volunteer activities that also fulfill community service graduation requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities at LSA

LSA is a multi-program human service organization with volunteer opportunities on-site at LSA in the following areas:

Parent and Child Development. Student volunteers work in the classroom with mothers and their children up to 3 years old. Activities include engaging mothers and children in various forms of age-appropriate play and assisting classroom teachers with structured activities. Each session is two hours, with 3 sessions a day. Volunteer hours are flexible.

Afterschool Homework Help. Student volunteers provide 1 on 1 homework help to children attending East Harlem public and parochial schools, first grade through high school. The program runs Mondays and Thursdays, 4:45 to 6:00 pm.

Food Pantry. LSA's food pantry is open to LSA clients on an ongoing basis and to the community at large on Wednesdays, 1-3 pm. Student volunteers help stock shelves and assist families in choosing food items. Volunteer hours are flexible.

Sharing Place Thrift Shop. LSA runs a thrift shop at its building on 115th Street between First and Second Avenues. The shop is open to community residents Monday-Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. Student volunteers assist customers, help with stocking shelves and racks, keep clothing folded and properly hung/displayed, and may accompany the thrift shop van in picking up donations in Manhattan, the Bronx and Queens. Volunteer hours are flexible.

Arts. Student volunteers work with children in LSA programs on creative art projects, writing and poetry workshops, and inter-active musical performances for the winter holidays and other times throughout the year. Volunteer hours are usually late in the day, but with some flexibility.

Custom Designed Opportunities. We welcome and encourage student creativity by enlisting their help and feedback to design projects that relate to their own interests. We can create service learning projects for one student or groups of students that fit both the needs of the students and the needs of our programs. It's a win win!

LSA Community Service Partnerships (to date)

The Brearley School
Christo Rey High School
Convent of the Sacred Heart
The Dalton School
Friends' Seminary

The Hewitt School
Hunter College High School
The Little Red School House
Marymount High School
Dominican Academy

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