

PROVIDENCE

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Dear Students and Parents:

We appreciate your patience during the start of this school year as we have worked to adjust to all the needed changes due to COVID-19. Your health and safety is our first priority, and it is with that in mind that we have taken much time to discern how to approach the service learning requirements for this school year. After much research and collaboration amongst administration and staff, we have a plan in place to allow students and their families to choose what will best meet their needs during this time, while still maintaining the priority and integrity of our service learning program.

Giving of ourselves in service to others has always been an integral part of our call and responsibility as people of faith. While so much around us has changed, our responsibility to care for all our brothers and sisters in Christ has not. In fact, I believe I can say with confidence that these acts of love, service, and kindness are needed now more than ever. While we cannot maintain our normal service learning goals, we can still find ways to reach out to our communities, our neighbors, our own families, and in some cases even strangers, to share with them the hope and love that can be found in Jesus Christ.

In the attached documents you will see that the service learning requirements have been reduced to **10 hours of service** for all students this school year. The options for service have also been expanded so that you/your child(ren) can find something that best meets your needs and comfort level at this time. If you have ideas or ways you would like to serve that are not listed in the attached information, please reach out to me. I would be happy to discuss these with you! I would also like to note that we will NOT be requiring students to make up any hours that were incomplete from the 2019-20 school year.

I believe strongly in the value of this program, its role in the mission of Providence, the impact it has on our local community, and the part it can play in the spiritual growth of our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at Lkelly@providencehigh.net. Because I do not work in the building, I do not have an office number, but if you'd prefer to speak on the phone, please send me an email and we can set up a time to talk.

In Christ,

Leah Kelly

Leah Kelly
Service Learning Coordinator

Attachments (3)

*Our Lady of Providence
Inspires Faith, Empowers Hope,
Strengthens Love and Formation of the Whole Person
Through Exemplary Catholic Education*

Providence Service Learning Program

Goal & Purpose:

The goal of the Our Lady of Providence Service Learning Program is to foster an environment where students will have an authentic service experience in which they put into practice the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and perform the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Objectives:

- To expose students to a variety of service opportunities so that they will discover their gifts and interests and remain committed to Christian service for life.
- To enable students to work directly with disadvantaged populations (outreach) and to have a deeper appreciation of the dignity of all human persons.
- To give students an opportunity to reflect on the message of Jesus Christ as it relates to their service experience and to make that message a permanent part of their lives.

Requirements for the 2020-21 school year:

PLEASE NOTE: Significant changes have been made from the normal requirements in order to meet the needs of students and families during the Covid-19 pandemic. We will revisit these requirements at the end of the school year to determine future requirements.

All students are required to complete 10 hours of service this school year. Outreach hours will not be required, and many restrictions have been lifted in order for students to safely complete their hours at this time. Service should still be completed outside of Providence sponsored events and activities. Please see the attached *2020-21 Service Opportunities* list for options and ideas.

Tracking and Submission:

Students are to submit hours on the x2VOL.com website using their school account. Freshmen students will be setting up their accounts in Theology class upon returning from Fall Break. All hours must be verified electronically by an activity contact from the organization where the student served. If hours are completed for neighbors or family friends, the recipient of the service can be the activity contact. Parents may only be the activity contact if service is completed for direct family members. The x2VOL site generates an email to be sent to these contacts after the student has submitted the hours. Paper verification is not accepted. All service hours must be completed and documented by the due date each school year. Senior hours will be due Monday, April 12, 2021. Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior hours will be due Monday, April 26, 2021. Students may submit hours they have completed for this school year dating back to May 23, 2020.

Collaborating with Theology Classes:

The completion of the yearly-required service hours will be incorporated into each student's 4th quarter Theology course with a culminating assignment about their year of service. This assignment will be a major component of the 4th quarter and failure to complete the assignment and required hours will have a negative impact on the overall Theology grade.

Approved Agencies and Organizations:

A listing of Community Volunteer Opportunities can be found on the Service Learning page of the Providence website. Students are not limited to these organizations, but do need to follow the guidelines listed above when choosing a place to serve.

If you have questions or need further information about the service learning program, feel free to contact:

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2020-21 Service Opportunities Our Lady of Providence High School

It should first be noted that all service opportunities that were approved for the 2019-20 school year can still be done to meet the requirements for this year. This includes any service completed for non-profit agencies or organizations, including all local churches. This year, we are simply expanding the options to meet the needs of each individual. In addition to serving local agencies and organizations, this year students may serve in the following ways:

Service from a distance

- Find a place to partner with where you can record yourself reading books for young children or the elderly.
- Set up a pen pal program with a local nursing home.
- Donate items to a local agency (clothes, shoes, personal items, hygiene items, canned goods).
- Make blankets or dog toys for an animal shelter/the humane society.
- Make baby blankets for St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities.
- Make cloth masks and donate to soup kitchens/homeless shelters/churches/any agencies that need them.
- Run errands for vulnerable populations. Do you have a relative or neighbor who cannot make a run to the store? Offer to shop for them and drop off the goods at their front door.
- Walk through a cemetery to pray for repose of the souls of the dead.
- Cut grass/other outdoor lawn or landscaping maintenance for vulnerable neighbors.
- Wash cars of vulnerable neighbors.
- Donate blood (<https://www.redcrossblood.org>)
- Provide online tutoring (requires an application) - (teensgive.org)
- Assist blind individuals through the app 'Be My Eyes'
- Build a website for a non-profit (or offer to help with their social media platforms)
- Help improve people's access to media by:
 - [Helping the Smithsonian Institute transcribe documents!](#)
 - [Helping Learning Ally make audiobooks for those with learning differences](#)
 - [Recording audiobooks from the public domain with LibriVox](#)

Write a letter to:

- A woman recently diagnosed with breast cancer (girlslovelove.com)
- A hospitalized child (cardsforhospitalizedkids.com)
- Someone in need of encouragement (moreloveletters.com)
- A girl going through a hard time (toloveourselves.com)
- Youth separated from their family (<http://braidmission.org/get-involved/cards-of-hope/>)
- Troops overseas
- Imprisoned/incarcerated individuals
- Individuals in nursing homes

Family/Home Hours (These should be above and beyond your typical family responsibilities)

- Cook and serve meals to your family
- Clean up and do the dishes after dinner
- General cleaning and disinfecting in your home
- Do any sort of yard work without pay
- Any home project for your parents
- Help younger siblings or cousins with school work
- Babysit younger siblings
- Assist a parent with a deep-cleaning or de-cluttering project
- Writing letters to family members that live far away
- Calling/facetiming any sick or infirm relatives that are unable to have visitors due to their condition.
- Cook a meal and bring to your neighbors.

****If you have an idea or an opportunity that is not listed above,
please contact Mrs. Kelly for approval prior to completing the service.****

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Students are not limited to these organizations. These are simply ideas in case you aren't sure where to get started!

Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services
Louisville, KY 40208
2911 South Fourth Street
Gail DuPre
502-636-9263

Clark County Youth Shelter
118 East Chestnut Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
Laura Fleming-Balmer
812-284-5229

Family Ark
101 Noah's Lane
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
812-282-8636

Franciscan Kitchen
748 South Preston Street
Louisville, KY
Chuck Mattingly
502-589-0140

In Heaven's Eyes
Holy Family Catholic Church
129 W Daisy Lane
New Albany, IN 47150
812-941-0091

Maple Manor Christian Children's Home
637 West Utica Street
Sellersburg, IN 47172
812-246-2769

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center/Sanctuary
101 St. Anthony Drive
Mount St. Francis, IN 47146
812-923-8817

Catalyst Catholic
101 St. Anthony Drive
Mount St. Francis, IN 47146
Michelle Fessel
812-923-8355
michelle@catalystcatholic.org

Blue River Services Inc
1365 Hwy 135 NW
P.O. Box 547
Corydon, IN 47112
812-738-2408

Providence Retirement Home
4915 Charlestown Road
New Albany, IN 47150
812-945-5221

St Elizabeth's Catholic Charities
601 East Market Street
New Albany, IN 47150
Cathy Reid
812-949-7305

Lincoln Hills Retirement/Nursing Facility
326 Country Club Dr.
New Albany, IN 47150
Sadie Powell
812-945-1311

Griffin Recreational Center
1140 Griffin St.
New Albany, IN 47150
Kathy Wilkerson
812-948-5361

Hope Southern Indiana
1200 Bono Rd
New Albany, IN
812-948-9248

Open Door Youth Services
2524 Corydon Pike #108
New Albany, IN 47150
812-948-5481

Casa Latina Catholic Worker House
230 Woodbine St.
Louisville, Ky 40208
502-777-2497

Center for Lay Ministries
213 E Maple St.
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
812-282-0063

Villages at Historic Silvercrest
Assist Living Facility
1809 Old Vincennes Road
New Albany, IN 47150
Molly Rucks
812-542-6720

Volunteers of America
Family Shelter
570 S 4th Street
Louisville, KY 40202
Donna Trabue
502-636-4641

Wayside Christian Mission
120 West Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
Kim Likins
502-299-2692

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Open Hand Kitchen and Thrift Store
1015-C South Preston Street
Louisville, KY 40203
502-584-2480

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Thrift Store
706 E Lewis and Clark Pkwy
Clarksville, IN 47129
812-288-1165

LifeSpan Resources
Promoting Independent Living
For people of all ages
33 State street; 3rd floor
PO Box 995
New Albany, IN 47150
Michael Kolodziej
812-206-7960

Dare to Care Food Bank
5803 Fern Valley Rd.
Louisville, KY 40228
502-966-3827

Habitat for Humanity
1620 Bank St.
Louisville, KY 40203
Allie Raque
502-805-1665

Metro United Way
334 East Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
Felicia Young
502-292-6112

Supplies Over Seas
Medical Surplus Recovery Organization
1500 Arlington Ave.
Louisville, KY 40206
502-736-6360

The Cabbage Patch Settlement House
1413 S. Sixth Street
Louisville, KY 40208
502-753-4457

Bennett Place Assisted Living Community
3928 Horn Ave.
New Albany, IN 47150
Rich Pederson
812-949-7842

Catholic Cemeteries of New Albany
415 E 8th Street
New Albany, IN 47150
Landscaping and Maintenance help
Teri Popp
812-944-0417 ext. 28
teri@stmarysna.org

Arami Acres
Therapeutic Horse Riding for Children and adults
with Special needs
3895 Highway 64NE
Georgetown, IN 47122
Cindy Sauer
aramiacres@aol.com