Alternative Break Roundup!

Sandy Relief

Over winter break, 22 students traveled to Atlantic City, New Jersey to work on Hurricane Sandy Relief. While partnering with Community Collaborations and AmeriCorps, they worked towards the rebuilding of the New Jersey community, starting with specific houses that had been damaged by flooding and learning more about the other community needs.

We’re looking forward to the next round of Alternative Break trips this spring break! Be sure to check out our website at volunteer.cofc.edu

Children’s Issues in Morocco

11 Bonner Leader students traveled to Rabat, Morocco to work with Cross Cultural Solutions at a Children’s Hospital, orphanage for the disabled, and school for street children. Both groups of students fell in love with the new communities they discovered and left feeling like they had really accomplished something great.

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SPOTLIGHT

Sheryl Dizon, a senior at CofC and member of Best Buddies Charleston, went on her first alternative break trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey. She chose to go on this adventure to find out first hand exactly what damage had occurred as a result of Hurricane Sandy. When she first arrived, Sheryl was surprised by the minimal external devastation. It wasn’t until she stepped inside of the flooded houses when the mold and other damage became much more apparent.

Reflecting back on the trip, Sheryl was most grateful for the close bonds she formed with her classmates, and the realization that making an impact on a community through disaster relief and other forms of service doesn’t require traveling very far outside of your own.

Communities in Schools

Communities in School, a drop-out prevention program, serves students from Charleston and Berkeley counties, is in need of volunteers for their HGTV Dream Home Tour fundraiser on Kiawah Island. Tour dates are February 14-18 and every weekend through March 10. Volunteers must be able to provide their own transportation to and from Kiawah Island and must be able to stand for long periods of time. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. All proceeds benefit Communities in Schools! Sign up to participate at hgtvdreamhometours.org

What: Homecoming Service Project at Lowcountry Food Bank

When: Saturday, February 2nd, 8:20am to 12:15pm.

Where: Meet in front of the Stern Student Center.

To Register: Please e-mail volunteer@cofc.edu

Homecoming Spirit points awarded for participation!

Center for Civic Engagement will also be holding a cereal and oatmeal collection to benefit the Lowcountry Food Bank. Make a GRRRRRRREAT impact on hunger by donating your favorite cereal! Donations can be dropped in Lightsey 203 from January 28th to January 31st, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

The Asheville Alternative Spring Break group is partnering up with Butcher and Bee on February 9th for a Mediterranean dinner from 5:30-9:30pm. Cuisine will be celebrating food from the Middle East, and dinner is $20 per person. You can make reservations, or check out Butcher and Bee on Facebook and look under events to get a peek at the menu closer to the event. Ten percent of the evening’s profits will be donated to the Asheville Alternative Spring Breakers to help fundraise for the trip!