Volunteer Directory Update

The Center for Civic Engagement wants to serve as a resource to our community partner in any way possible such as sharing event marketing materials, recruiting volunteers or other methods. Additionally, the Center for Civic Engagement maintains a volunteer directory of all service opportunities in the Charleston area. We share this information with students who are looking to give back to the community. The directory is updated with new opportunities after a community partner has contacted us with the opportunity. However, many entries are outdated. If you have any time availability, please fill out this form so we can add you to our directory or update an existing entry. Please let us know any way we can better assist you as a community partner. The directory can be found on our website. Volunteer Directory Edit Form

Alternative Spring Break 2014

Guatemala, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, New Orleans, and D.C.

- Agricola NOLA: Urban agriculture and community restoration
- The People Behind the Policy: Healthcare in our nation’s capital
- Conserving Crops in Costa Rica: Organic Farming and sustainability
- Games and Grammar: Youth Outreach and literacy education
- Not Just a Bandage: Access to healthcare in Guatemala

Alternative Spring Break Return and Reflect

Please join us for a night of education, activism, and critical reflection. We will discuss what the students have learned on their trips and how to further engage locally, as well as with our domestic and international community partners. Light refreshments will be served.
Wednesday March 26th 6-7:30pm, Avery Research Center.

Please email cofc.alternativebreak@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.
Spring into Action
...Community Empowerment

Spring into Action is our newest service initiative during the Spring semester. This event will consist of 5 service events and an interactive forum. This year’s theme is Community Empowerment. We will be working with community partners that are invested in local engagement to create change in our community. We will be working with Sweetgrass Gardens, Metanoia, East Cooper Habitat for Humanity, and Low Country Local First Farm Tour. We will be partnering with the Office of Sustainability for Sustainability Week service component at SCORE.

Additionally, we would like to invite community partners to participate in our community forum. This forum will be a way for student advocacy groups, community partners and service clubs to come together to discuss the spectrum of service and how we all contribute to the Charleston community. We would like community partners to attend to express the varying ways organizations can make a difference. The forum will consist of an educational piece, large and small group discussions.

Our Office as a Resource
The Center for Civic Engagement is a great resource for you! If you send marketing/promotional material to the office we can share it with the college community. Additionally, we have a one time service event calendar. Please email us or visit our website to add your event to the calendar. Feel free to stop by the office to drop off materials or email us materials at volunteer@cofc.edu. If you email, a flyer, jpeg or png are preferred for social media.

Volunteer Fair
We captured over 300 students who spoke with approximately 30 local organizations about volunteering over the course of two hours on Saturday, August 24th on Rivers Green. The event itself was part of the Back to School Jam which is a partnership between Student Life, MSP, and Residence Life. Thanks to all our community partners who were able to attend the event. We hope you found success in recruiting volunteers!

Email us if you are interested in participating in August 2014. More details to come this summer!

Did You See This?
SNAP Challenge Blog
As part of our Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, we enacted a SNAP Challenge, an advocacy experience that encourages participants to experience what life is like for millions of low-income Americans. We had 35 participants including students and community members. You can read about some participant’s experience on the website. We want to encourage community involvement with all our initiative for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

If you are interested in partnering next November email us volunteer@cofc.edu.