Recurring Service

This year the Center for Civic Engagement is excited to be partnering with a few of our community organizations to provide students with recurring service opportunities. Students volunteered with Keep Charleston Beautiful, Lowcountry Food bank, and Neighborhood House. Recurring Service opportunities are a great way for volunteers to get involved with the local Charleston community, as well as interact with other members of the College who share similar interests. Contact us to see how you can get involved!

Volunteers were able to help keep Charleston beautiful at the statewide Beach Sweep River Sweep.

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Bonner Leader Program

The Bonner Leader Program is a four-year civic leadership and development program where students are partnered with a Charleston-area non-profit where they serve approximately 300 hours per academic year. The Bonner program helps students develop both professional, career, and leadership skills applicable to many areas.

Through reflection activities, training, Service Saturdays, and other events, Bonners create a strong sense of family that exists to promote diversity, and facilitate dialogues for their peers.

This semester Bonners volunteered their time at Fam Jam as part of their Service Saturday – a program-wide day of direct service.

Bonners also had their orientation at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island.

“[As a woman of color] I found my voice in the community in spaces and with people who gave me the room to practice speaking.

“It takes a lot for me to open up to a large group of strangers, but the concept of Bonner Love helped me really feel comfortable sharing the deeper parts of myself.”

“I feel like the most important part is that I’ve not just found my voice, I’ve usually found a voice. Even if it’s not always spoken, the voice in my head is so much more powerful than it’s ever been.”

“I found my voice through Bonner through my service site! It gave me an outlet to work with a non-profit that focused on what I was passionate about. It helped me become more open and confident. Because of Bonner & the endless opportunities I now know what I want to want to do with my life.”
Volunteer Corps

Volunteer Corps is a student organization that plans service events, social events, and non-profit fundraisers for students to participate in. Members have participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on September 19th. On October 24th, Volunteer Corps will be participating in the Ronald McDonald Red Shoe Walk. They will also be working with SCORE – South Carolina Oyster Restoration and Enhancement Program on November 7th. Possible upcoming service opportunities include working with Charleston Miracle League.

“I’ve loved my Alternative Break experiences because they’ve allowed me to be part of a group of like-minded individuals from which I’ve learned so much. The experience of working together toward a common goal, even if it is only for a short time, creates such a good bond. Not only has AB been a learning experience in social justice for me, it has taught me some great lifelong skills in teamwork, professionalism, and leadership.”

Alternative Break

The Alternative Break program serves to connect students with communities across the nation and even the globe to learn about different social issues. This past fall break two groups participated in alternative programs from the College. Students went to Asheville, NC and Beaufort, SC and worked with the issues of people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity, as well as the issues facing migrant farmworker communities. Applications for MLK Weekend, Spring Break, and Maymester alternative breaks will be available November 4th at volunteer.cofc.edu
Meet the Staff

Meet the staff that makes our office what it is! Pictured from left: Bonner Program Coordinator Suzanne Williams, Associate Director Domenico Ruggerio, Director Stephanie Mills-Visser, AmeriCorps VISTA Jameson Marsh, Assistant Director Chris Ciarcia, Bonner Senior Intern Angel Fross, CCE Fellow Aly Skiko, Marketing Fellow Nicole Fernandez, and Bonner Senior Intern Ansley Pope. Not pictured above: Bonner Senior Intern Kirk McSwain.

Jameson Marsh
AmeriCorps VISTA
Join us in welcoming our new AmeriCorps VISTA! Jameson is from Indiana and is really excited to be added to our team in Charleston.

Chris Ciarcia
Assistant Director
A big welcome to Chris, our new Assistant Director from Connecticut! He’s a great addition to our stellar cast here at CCE.

One Time Service Events

One-time Service events connect students with community partners and meaningful service opportunities that don’t require a long-term commitment. These service opportunities include vital education and reflection components as part of the quality service model. The first one-time service event of the semester was the Volunteer Fair in Cistern Yard that connected community partners with students. Upcoming events include Veteran’s Day, and Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week.

Upcoming Service Opportunities

- **October 23rd** Lowcountry Food Bank
- **October 24th** Keep Charleston Beautiful
- **October 28th** Bonner Leader Program Open House
- **November 4th** Alternative Break Return & Reflect
- **November 11th** Veterans Day One-time Service Events
- **November 14th** Neighborhood House
- **November 14th – 21st** Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
- **November 16th** Alternative Break Participant Applications Due
- **November 19th** Social Justice Coffee Hour

For more information & to register contact: volunteer@cofc.edu
Register by Nov. 9th
*Registration Required