

# 2011/2012 YOUTH RESOURCE BOOKLET

A Student's Guide to  
Volunteering in Williamsburg

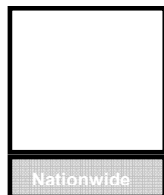
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## WELCOME TO THE YOUTH RESOURCE BOOKLET!

The goal of the **Youth Resource Booklet** is to help students, of all ages, learn more about the many different opportunities available to them to make our community a better place. As you look through, you will find many ways to get involved to lend a helping hand.

Now in its 3rd year, the booklet has been updated to include new opportunities for youth *of all ages* to get involved in the community!

We say it all the time -- nonprofit organizations need volunteers! In fact, many can't survive without them. In today's uncertain economy, many nonprofits are facing continued shortfalls in funding. Despite this, the needs in the community continue and many have increased significantly over the last few years. This means that more volunteers can help to ensure that needed programs continue to reach people.

Volunteers come in many forms, whether they are preparing a bulk mailing, reading to children, cleaning a house, performing yard work, or organizing a collection drive – we appreciate you & we need you!

Inside you will find volunteer needs from dozens of nonprofits serving the greater Williamsburg area. We have tried to make finding the right opportunity easy. You can search by:

- **Interest** - to get a taste for a particular career.
- **Type of volunteer** - office help, events, etc.
- **Age, time of year & amount of hours** required.
- **Opportunity** – there are many ways for you & a group of friends, a youth group or school club to all volunteer together.
- **Cause or organization**. - find out what your favorite organization needs to continue the great work they do.

Again this year, we have also added a section on the many ways you can help a nonprofit even if they don't have any hands-on volunteer opportunities that fit your schedule or your interests.

We hope you find this book an important resource in helping you discover the needs in our community and learning how valuable you are in making a difference. With your help, we can create a place where everyone is working to share their time, talent, and treasure!

Karen P. Dutro, Executive Director

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**"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."**

*Mahatma Gandhi*

# NetworkWilliamsburg



**NetworkWilliamsburg** is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that supports more than 80 local nonprofits through a network of community-minded people, businesses, civic & faith-based organizations committed to meaningful, lasting change. We provide a community website, monthly continuing education workshops, networking and fundraising events, and much more – all to help strengthen and sustain the nonprofits that matter most to you!

**NetworkWilliamsburg** was founded in December 2007 with a mission to raise awareness about the needs in the greater Williamsburg area, encourage involvement from the community, and strengthen nonprofits by increasing resources available to them.

**Raising Awareness** - we provide an interactive website for community members to review and respond to the needs of more than 80 nonprofits in the greater Williamsburg area. This includes volunteers needed, items needed, upcoming events, and much more!

**Encouraging Involvement** - we create opportunities for businesses, civic and faith-based groups to support multiple area nonprofits, to increase their own outreach efforts, and to impact the future of our community for good. We offer networking opportunities, board training and other community workshops, and we help coordinate collection drives, work days, and other service projects that match your interests to the needs of nonprofits.

**Strengthening Nonprofits** - in addition to our website that matches nonprofits to volunteers and items available, and a community calendar to publicize community events; we provide free continuing education workshops, networking opportunities, a grants database, discounts from area businesses, and fundraising events that benefit multiple nonprofits.

**If you are interested in receiving weekly e-mail updates on the news, needs & events recently posted by area nonprofits, please visit our website and click on "JOIN US".**

[www.NetworkWilliamsburg.com](http://www.NetworkWilliamsburg.com)

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*"If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain.  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain."*

*Emily Dickenson*

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**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**A – Z**

**American Red Cross**  
Arc of Greater Williamsburg  
Avalon

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Virginia Peninsula**  
Blooms that Brighten  
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula

**Care Net Resource Pregnancy Centers**  
Colonial CASA

**Dream Catchers**

**Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast**  
Grove Christian Outreach Center

**Historic Triangle Senior Center**  
Honor Flight Historic Triangle  
Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg

**Jamestown 4-H Educational Center**  
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

**Olde Towne Medical Center**

**Salvation Army**  
Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center

**This Century Art Gallery**

**VCE Family Focus**  
Virginia Capital Trail  
Virginia Legacy Soccer Club

**Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center**  
Williamsburg Faith in Action  
Williamsburg-James City Community Action Agency/Head Start

**American Red Cross**

Kesha Person  
898-3090  
1317 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg  
6912 George Wash Mem Hwy, Yorktown  
kperson@hrcross.org  
<http://cvc.redcross.org>

**The Red Cross** is the nation's foremost volunteer emergency services organization. Our mission is to help prevent and relieve human suffering.

**Arc of Greater Williamsburg**

Bette Faye Poythress-King  
229-3535  
202D Packets Ct, Wmsbg  
bettfaye@thearcgw.org  
[www.thearcgw.org](http://www.thearcgw.org)

**The Arc** provides support services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They offer educational, life & job skills, health & wellness, social & recreational programs & activities. They also provide respite for families and caregivers.

**Avalon**

Bridget Casey  
258-5022, ext. 1016  
PO Box 6805, Wmsbg VA 23187  
bridget@avaloncenter.org  
[www.avaloncenter.org](http://www.avaloncenter.org)

**Avalon** is committed to intervening in & reducing the incidence of domestic violence & sexual assault. In order to achieve this mission, Avalon offers shelter, advocacy, education & support to survivors & fosters awareness & prevention by educating the community.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Virginia Peninsula**

Clover Jones  
253-0676  
364 McLaws Circle, St. 2, Wmsbg  
Clover.jones@bbbsgw.org  
[www.bbbsgw.org](http://www.bbbsgw.org)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters** offers a unique one-to-one relationship for a volunteer to provide guidance & friendship to a child living in an "at-risk" environment with need for an outside adult relationship.

**Blooms that Brighten**

Patti DeBlass  
229-1665  
6596 Richmond Rd, Wmsbg  
info@bloomsthatbrighten.com  
[www.bloomsthatbrighten.com](http://www.bloomsthatbrighten.com)

**Blooms that Brighten** provides fresh flowers free of charge to patients in hospice & assisted living communities, in order to lift spirits & brighten days with love & support.

**Boys & Girls Club VA Peninsula**

Chanda Vaughan  
223-7204  
11825 Rock Landing Dr., Newport News  
[www.bagclub.com](http://www.bagclub.com)

**Boys & Girls Clubs** enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

**Care Net Resource Pregnancy Ctr**

Robin Batten  
220-0202  
1158 Professional Dr, Ste. N, Wmsbg  
info@friendsofcarenetnn.org  
[www.friendsofcarenetnn.org](http://www.friendsofcarenetnn.org)

**Care Net** offers emotional, physical & spiritual support to those facing unplanned pregnancies, sexual decisions & post-abortion trauma.

**Colonial CASA**

Sarah Serra  
229-3306  
1311 Jamestown Rd, Wmsbg  
Sarah@colonialcasa.org  
[www.colonialcasa.org](http://www.colonialcasa.org)

**Colonial CASA** believes all children should live in safe & permanent homes. They recruit, train & support community volunteers to advocate for the abused & neglected children embroiled in the court system through no fault of their own.

**Dream Catchers**

Melissa Conner  
566-1775  
10120 Fire Tower Rd, Toano  
info@dreamcatcherswilliamsburg.org  
[www.dreamcatcherswilliamsburg.org](http://www.dreamcatcherswilliamsburg.org)

**Dream Catchers** offers therapeutic riding & horse-related activities in a caring, safe environment to special needs individuals.

**Girl Scout Council Colonial Coast**

Terry Washington  
410-0725  
912 Cedar Rd, Chesapeake  
terriw@gscoc.org  
[www.gscoc.org](http://www.gscoc.org)

Girl Scouts is a leadership development program for grades K-12. Girls are empowered to connect w/ other girls & build self-esteem needed to make a difference.

**Grove Christian Outreach Ctr**

Deena Walls  
887-1100  
8910-E Pocahontas Trail, Wmsbg  
Godspeed974@cox.net  
[www.groveoutreach.com](http://www.groveoutreach.com)

**Grove Christian Outreach Center** ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the Grove community of James City County.

**Historic Triangle Senior Center**

Jim Bowles  
259-4181  
5301 Longhill Road, Wmsbg  
James.bowles@htsc.hrcoxmail.com  
[www.theseniorcenter.org](http://www.theseniorcenter.org)

HTSC's mission is to provide programs & opportunities to all senior citizens who reside in the City of Williamsburg, James City County & the Bruton district of York County.

**Honor Flight Historic Triangle**

877-424-VETS  
PO Bo 798, Lightfoot VA 23090  
jack@jackgreenhalgh.com  
[www.honorflightva.org](http://www.honorflightva.org)

Honor Flight's goal is to take every World War II & terminally ill veteran in the Hampton Roads and Richmond areas that is able and has not visited the World War II Memorial built in their honor on a charter bus trip to Washington, DC.

**Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg**

Terri Christin  
253-1220  
4445 Powhatan Parkway, Wmsbg  
tchristin@williamsburghospice.org  
[www.williamsburghospice.org](http://www.williamsburghospice.org)

**The Hospice House** was founded to enhance the quality of living for individuals facing the last phases of life & support the people they love.

**Jamestown 4-H Educational Ctr**

Marlie Smith  
253-4931  
3751 4H Club Rd, Wmsbg  
smithm06@vt.edu  
[www.jamestown4hcenter.org](http://www.jamestown4hcenter.org)

**Jamestown 4-H** is dedicated to the development of youth & adult volunteers through innovative 4H camping, environmental education and training.

**Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation**

Elaine Cannon  
253-4034  
PO Box 1607, Wmsbg VA 23187  
Elaine.cannon@jyf.virginia.gov  
[www.historyisfun.org](http://www.historyisfun.org)

**Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation** educates & provides understanding & awareness of the US. They administer two living-history museums – Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center.

**Olde Towne Medical Center**

Elaine Brennan  
259-3250  
5249 Olde Towne Rd, Wmsbg  
elainec@james-city.va.us  
[www.oldetownmedicalcenter.org](http://www.oldetownmedicalcenter.org)

**OTMC** is a "safety net" clinic for those without insurance, or with Medicare/Medicaid. Services include: dentistry, medical care for children & adults, hearing & vision screenings; chronic disease care, mental health counseling; referrals for treatment & help in obtaining free/low-cost prescriptions.

**Salvation Army**

Capt Roger Hasty / Linda Belote  
784-6253 / 229-6651  
151 Kristiansand Drive, Wmsbg  
Roger\_Hasty@uss.salvationarmy.org  
[www.salvationarmywilliamsburgva.org](http://www.salvationarmywilliamsburgva.org)

In addition to church, the **Salvation Army** provides emergency assistance for food, rent, utilities, clothing, and medication. We also administer an ongoing Transitional Housing program and seasonal programs for children, seniors and students to help with new clothes, gifts and school supplies.

**Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center**

Debra N. Hardin  
984-7195  
100 Sentara Circle, Wmsbg  
dnhardin@sentara.com  
[sentara.com/HospitalsFacilities/Hospitals/Williamsburg/Pages/volunteers.aspx](http://sentara.com/HospitalsFacilities/Hospitals/Williamsburg/Pages/volunteers.aspx)

**Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center** serves the region with life-saving capabilities of an ultra-modern medical center.

**This Century Art Gallery**

Karen Schwartz  
565-2795  
110 Westover Avenue, Wmsbg  
tcag@thiscenturyartgallery.org  
[www.thiscenturyartgallery.org](http://www.thiscenturyartgallery.org)

TCAG dedicated to promoting excellence in current century fine arts & crafts as a way of enriching the cultural life of the Williamsburg community.

**VCE Family Focus**

Sheree Press  
898-2945  
8201 Croaker Rd, Williamsburg  
spress@vt.edu  
[www.familyfocusva.org](http://www.familyfocusva.org)

The mission of Family Focus is to support and strengthen families and promote the well being of children through community based, culturally sensitive services for families with young children.

**“ALWAYS DO RIGHT. THIS WILL GRATIFY SOME PEOPLE, AND ASTONISH THE REST.”**

MARK TWAIN

**Virginia Capital Trail Foundation**

Jen Harman  
757-784-3807  
POB 17966, Richmond VA 23326  
jen@virginiacapitaltrail.org  
[www.virginiacapitaltrail.org](http://www.virginiacapitaltrail.org)

Virginia Capital Trail Foundation works to improve the Virginia Capital Trail through community outreach, fundraisers, and ongoing educational programs.

**Virginia Legacy Soccer Club**

Mitch Bickmore  
253-8572  
1117 Old Colony Lane, Wmsbg  
bickmore@valegacysoccer.com  
[www.valegacysoccer.com](http://www.valegacysoccer.com)

**Virginia Legacy Soccer Club** provides superior, fun, dynamic and inspiring soccer experiences for youth, inclusive of individuals from diverse backgrounds and regardless of financial means. VLSC provides the highest quality developmental, recreational, educational, and competitive soccer programs that promote players' physical, social, and emotional growth.

**Williamsburg Christian RetreatCtr**

Bob Briscoe  
566-2256  
9275 Barnes Rd, Toano  
director@wcr.info  
[www.wcr.info](http://www.wcr.info)

**WCRC** provides Christ-Centered programs, services & retreat facilities in a peaceful setting to encourage fellowship, growth & renewal.

**Williamsburg Faith in Action**

Jean Gillespie  
258-5890  
354 McLaws Circle, Wmsbg  
info@wfia.org  
[www.wfia.org](http://www.wfia.org)

**WFIA** helps seniors and adults with a chronic illness or a physical disability remain independent in their own homes. Services include transportation, grocery shopping, in-home visits, respite care and yard work.

**Williamsburg-JCC Community Action Agency/Head Start**

Dr. Jocelyn Henry-Whitehead  
229-6417  
312 Waller Mill Rd, Wmsbg  
[www.actionagency.org/headstart/](http://www.actionagency.org/headstart/)

**Head Start** promotes school readiness by enhancing the social & cognitive development of children through educational, health, nutritional, social & other services to enrolled children and families.

*I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know. The only ones among you who will be truly happy will be those who have sought and found how to serve.*

*Albert Schweitzer*

**ORGANIZATIONS BY FIELD OF INTEREST**

<b>Animals</b>	Dream Catchers
<b>Art</b>	This Century Art Gallery
<b>Children/Youth</b>	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater VA Peninsula Boys & Girls Clubs Virginia Peninsula Colonial CASA Dream Catchers Williamsburg Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast Grove Christian Outreach Center Jamestown 4-H Education Center Salvation Army VCE Family Focus Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start Williamsburg Regional Library
<b>Disabled/ Special Needs</b>	Arc of Greater Williamsburg Dream Catchers Williamsburg Faith in Action
<b>Domestic Abuse</b>	Avalon
<b>Faith-Based</b>	Grove Christian Outreach Center Salvation Army Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center
<b>Health Care</b>	American Red Cross Blooms that Brighten Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg Olde Towne Medical Center Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center
<b>Housing</b>	Colonial CASA WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start
<b>Hunger</b>	Grove Christian Outreach Center Salvation Army
<b>Military</b>	Honor Flight Historic Triangle
<b>Museums</b>	Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
<b>Senior Citizens</b>	Blooms that Brighten Historic Triangle Senior Center Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia Williamsburg Faith in Action
<b>Sports/ Recreation</b>	James City County Parks & Recreation Virginia Capital Trail Foundation Virginia Legacy Soccer Club WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start
<b>Women</b>	Avalon Care Net Resource Pregnancy Centers

## ORGANIZATIONS BY TYPE OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### Direct Contact w/ Clients

#### **Animals**

Dream Catchers

#### **Adults**

Arc of Greater Williamsburg  
Sentara Williamsburg  
Regional Medical Ctr  
Virginia Capital Trail Foundation

#### **Children**

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Dream Catchers  
Jamestown-Yorktown Fdn  
Sentara Williamsburg  
Regional Medical Ctr  
This Century Art Gallery  
VA Legacy Soccer Club  
VCE Family Focus  
WJCC Community Action  
Agency/Head Start

#### **Seniors**

Historic Triangle Senior Center  
Honor Flight Historic Triangle  
Hospice House Williamsburg  
Sentara Williamsburg  
Regional Medical Ctr

### Fundraising/

### Raising Awareness

Avalon  
Arc of Greater Williamsburg  
Care Net Resource Pregnancy  
Colonial CASA  
Honor Flight Historic Triangle  
Salvation Army  
Virginia Capital Trail Foundation  
WJCC Community Action  
Agency/Head Start

### Group Projects

#### **Bulk Mailings**

Arc of Greater Williamsburg  
Olde Towne Medical Center

#### **Collection Drives**

Grove Christian Outreach Ctr  
Hospice House Care Baskets

#### **Bell Ringing**

Salvation Army

#### **Yard Work/Painting**

Williamsburg Faith in Action

### Kitchen Help

Jamestown 4-H  
Wmsbg Christian Retreat Ctr

### Office Tasks

American Red Cross  
Arc of Greater Williamsburg  
Olde Towne Medical Center  
WJCC Community Action  
Agency/Head Start

### Yard Work/ Housekeeping

Jamestown 4-H  
Wmsbg Christian Retreat Ctr  
Williamsburg Faith in Action

## Special Events

### FALL

*Day of Caring*  
United Way

*Run for Arc Awareness*  
The Arc of Greater Williamsburg

*Send Off for World War II Veterans*  
Honor Flight Historic Triangle

*The Art of Tea*  
Blooms that Brighten

### WINTER

*Feed the Need*  
WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start

*Christmas Celebration / ShoeBox Distribution*  
Grove Christian Outreach Center

### SPRING

*Blue Elephant Affair*  
Colonial CASA

*Community of Stars*  
WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start

*Send Off for World War II Veterans*  
Honor Flight Historic Triangle

*Cap2Cap Bike Ride*  
Virginia Capital Trail Foundation

\*For a full listing of upcoming events to benefit area nonprofits, click on the Community Calendar at [www.NetworkWilliamsburg.com](http://www.NetworkWilliamsburg.com).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY BY AGE &amp; GRADE

## AGES

**10+**

Salvation Army\*

**11+**

Williamsburg Faith in Action\*

**12+**

Colonial CASA  
Historic Triangle Senior Center  
Hospice House Williamsburg  
Jamestown-Yorktown Fdn  
Olde Towne Medical Center  
Virginia Capital Trail Foundation  
Wmsbg Christian Retreat Ctr

**14+**

Dream Catchers  
Honor Flight Historic Triangle  
Sentara Williamsburg Med Ctr  
WJCC Community Action  
Agency/Head Start

**15+**

Avalon  
Blooms that Brighten  
Boys & Girls Clubs  
Historic Triangle Senior Center  
Jamestown 4-H Educational Ctr

**16 +**

Arc of Greater Williamsburg  
Olde Towne Medical Center  
Salvation Army  
Wmsbg Christian Retreat Ctr  
WJCC Community Action  
Agency/Head Start

**18+****Adult Supervision Required**

Salvation Army (< 15)  
Williamsburg Faith in Action

**All Ages**

Blooms that Brighten  
Care Net Resource Pregnancy  
WJCC Community Action  
Agency/Head Start

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**Grades 6-12**

Honor Flight Historic Triangle VA

**Grades 9-12**

American Red Cross  
Avalon  
VA Legacy Soccer Club

**Grades 10-12**

Big Brothers Big Sisters

(\*=**with adult supervision**)

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The time is always right to do right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY BY ORGANIZATION

**American Red Cross**

Scanning & shredding to keep files on computer only.

Contact: Kesha Person, 898-3090

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: After school to 4:00
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: High school

**Arc of Greater Williamsburg**

Volunteer to help clients during programs like bingo, arts & crafts classes. Help with set up and clean up of programs. Escort attendees to and from program (at facility).

Contact: Pam McGregor or Bette Faye Poythress-King, 229-3535

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: 6:30-9:00 p.m. weekdays.
- Application Required: N
- Training: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 16-18
- Skills: work comfortably with Adults w/ intellectual & developmental disabilities; outgoing personality; desire to make a difference.

**Avalon**

*Youth Leadership Council* – Represent the student's school on a council to facilitate leadership & initiative within the community & to work w/ Avalon to complete service & awareness projects.

Contact: Bridget Casey, 258-5022, x116

- Time of Year: School year
- Hours: 1 day every 2 weeks approx 2 hrs. + other events.

**Avalon (cont'd)**

- Adult Chaperone: No
- Skills: Ability to work well w/ others, creative & innovative.
- Age: enrolled in local high school.
- Training req'd: N
- Application req'd: Y
- Other: This council will help to build students' leadership skills. They will learn about dating violence, bullying & other topics & learn to confront these issues in their schools & communities.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Virginia Peninsula**

High school mentors to build friendships with elementary school children.

Contact: Clover Jones, 253-0676

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: After school 1 hr/week
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: Grades 10-12
- Skills: energetic, able to interact well with children.

**Blooms that Brighten**

*Event Volunteer* -- Set up event, check in guests, refreshment sales, breakdown event.

Contact: Patti DeBlass, 229-1665

- Ages: 15 & up
- Hours: 11:00am–7:00pm – Nov. 6
- Application Required: N
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N

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### Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula

*Homework Assistance* – Help BAG Club members ages 6-10 with general homework questions during “Power Hour” Study Hall. (Location: Queens Lake Middle School.)

Contact: Chanda Vaughan, 223-7204; [cvaughan@bagclub.com](mailto:cvaughan@bagclub.com)

- Time of Year: School year
- Hours: Mon-Thurs 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Application Required: Y (plus Background Consent Form)
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 16 and up.
- Skills Needed: able to communicate with members & understand their needs.

*Program Assistance* – Help BAG Club staff with educational programs including sports group games and tournaments. (Location: Queens Lake Middle School.)

Contact: Chanda Vaughan, 223-7204; [cvaughan@bagclub.com](mailto:cvaughan@bagclub.com)

- Time of Year: School year
- Hours: Mon-Fri 2:30-7:00 p.m.
- Application Required: Y (plus Background Consent Form)
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 15 and up.
- Skills Needed: be creative w/ ability to motivate members to learn different programs.

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### Care Net Resource Pregnancy Centers

*Fundraising* - Organize a Baby Bottle Campaign in your school, church, youth group, or club. Return bottles filled with coins to the Center.

*Raise Awareness* - Provide input on local places to hand out cards which serve as promotions for this pro-life ministry. Once approval is given by us, distribute cards.

Contact: Robin Batten, 349-4056

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: at your convenience
- Application Required: N
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: All ages
- Skills Needed: communication skills, desire to raise money for our ministry.

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### Colonial CASA

*Blue Elephant Fair* - Advertise for and collect items for sale. Help with set up and take down of event.

Contact: Sarah Serra, 229-3306

- Time of Year: February-April
- Hours: As need before event
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 12 and up
- Skills Needed: Ability to lift, carry items; detail oriented.

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### Colonial CASA (cont'd)

*Kids for CASA* - Conduct small fundraisers in schools, churches & clubs.

Contact: Sarah Serra, 229-3306

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: On your own
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 12 and up
- Skills Needed: creative, team player.

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### Dream Catchers

Help riding students stay safe. Side walk during lessons, be a camp counselor.

Contact: Melissa Conner 566-1775

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: 1 hour/wk minimum
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 14 and up
- Skills Needed: We train you!

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### Grove Christian Outreach Center

Organize collection drives for non-perishable food, clothes, back-to-school supplies, Christmas shoebox gifts, toiletries, etc.

Contact: Deena Walls, 887-1100

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: Your choice.
- Ages: All ages

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### Historic Triangle Senior Center

(1) Webmaster Assistant,  
(2) Newsletter Publishing Assistant,  
(3) Assistant Event Planner,  
(4) Director's Assistant of Program Advertising, Promotion & Development.

Responsibilities: Update website w/ weekly events & monthly calendar. Publish quarterly newsletter, write articles & submissions for VA Gazette. Opportunity to work w/ local gov't reps. Develop & organize social events & trips.

Contact: Jim Bowles, 259-4181

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: 2-4 hours/week, flexible, during office hours (9-4:30)
- Application Required: N
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 15 & up
- Skills Needed: looking for enthusiastic individual who is eager to learn & self-motivated with community service in mind. Some experience is required.

“Those who bring sunshine  
to the lives of others  
cannot keep it from  
themselves.”

Sir James M. Barrie

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### Honor Flight Historic Triangle

*Coordinator:* Thank you campaigns for WWII Veterans.

Responsibilities: Solicit hand-written letters from students/student clubs in area schools, thanking veterans for their service. Letters will be given to Vets during their trip to the National WWII Memorial in Washington DC.

Contact: Chuck Reusing,  
creusing@cox.net

- Age: Middle/high school students
- Adult chaperone req'd: N
- Application req'd: N
- Skills: Awareness of WWII & appreciation of the veterans that fought it on our behalf.
- Time of year: October 22, 2011 and April 2012. Ltrs are needed by the first of each of these months.

*Coordinator:* Send Off Ceremonies for WWII Veterans visiting WWII Memorial in Wash DC for first time.

Responsibilities: Organize student groups, civic groups to attend send off ceremony two times per year, in April & October.

Contact: Tom Randall  
Tr1957nyc@verizon.net

- Age: Middle/high school students.
- Adult chaperone req'd: N
- Application req'd: N
- Skills: Awareness of WWII & appreciation of the veterans that fought it on our behalf.
- Time of year: Oct. 22, 2011 at Historic Triangle Community Bldg and April 2012. Send off times are 6:30 am – 7:30 am on day of trip.

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### Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg

*Teen Outreach Volunteers* - Work in area of interest and on group projects including Care Baskets and video memory projects.

*Patient Visiting* – spend time with patients, reading, playing Board games, talking.

Contact: Terri Christin, 253-1220

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: Varied.
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Age: 12 for outreach projects; 14 for patient visits
- Skills Needed: commitment to volunteering, desire to learn, good listener/communicator.

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### Jamestown-Yorktown Fdn

*Broadside Assistant* – Help teachers, prepare crafts/snacks, bring children to programs.

Contact: Elaine Cannon, 253-4034

- Time of Year: June-August
- Hours: 8:30-1:00 or 12:30-4:00
- Application Required: Y *Feb-Apr*
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 12-17
- Skills: babysitting experience, good listener, able to do crafts.

*4-H Peer Teacher* (Costumed interpreter – Interact w/ visitors

Contact: Elaine Cannon, 253-4034

- Time of Year: Jun-Aug or school yr
- Hours: 4 hour increments
- Application Required: Y  
*Feb-Apr / through local 4-H agent*
- Training Required: Y

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### Jamestown-Yorktown Fdn (cont'd)

- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 13-17
- Skills: passion for history, public speaking, outgoing.

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### Jamestown 4-H Educational Center

Waitstaff/Kitchen Help – during camps held throughout the year.

Contact: Marlie Smith, 565-1496

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: 5 hour shifts max
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 15-17
- Skills: hard working, flexible, good listener, dependable.

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### Olde Towne Medical Center

Help w/ bulk mailings

Contact: Elaine Brennan, 259-3250  
Volunteer Coor, 259-3260

- Time of Year: Oct/Nov; June/July
- Hours: to 5:00MWF; 7:00T,Th; Sat (groups only w/ chap)
- Application Required: N
- Training Required: Y (minimal)
- Adult Chaperone: 12-15 Y (16+ N)
- Ages: 12 and over
- Skills: dependable, detail oriented, good listener.

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### Salvation Army

*Bell ringers* - needed starting the day after Thanksgiving and going through to Christmas Eve.

Contact: Capt Roger Hasty / Linda Belote, 784-6253 / 229-6651

Time of Year: November-December

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### Salvation Army (cont'd)

- Hours: 2-4 hr shifts Mon-Sat between 10 am – 8 pm
- Application Required: Y(basic info)
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: Y (if <16)
- Ages: All ages & groups
- Skills: Friendly, wish people Merry Christmas, God Bless You

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### Sentara Williamsburg Medical Ctr

*Summer Junior Volunteer Program*

Contact: Debra N. Hardin, 984-7195

- Time of Year: Summer
- Hours: 2 wk session, M-Th 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: Completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Skills: Mature, respectful of confidentiality.

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### This Century Art Gallery

*Buddy Art* - Help with program designed to provide art activities for children with special needs and/or physical disabilities.

Responsibilities: Volunteers are each assigned a child to work with one-on-one, help explore the materials, replenish supplies, etc.

Contact: Karen Schwartz, 565-2795

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: 2:15-4:15 p.m. Saturdays
- Training: N
- Skills: Do not need art experience but simply need to like kids and be willing to explore the art activities with their "little Buddy".

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**Virginia Capital Trail Foundation**

*Trail Maintenance* – need ongoing help checking the VA Capital Trail sections between Jamestown Settlement & Chickahominy Riverfront Park.

Responsibilities: Check for trash, debris, and downed branches, and other repairs as needed. Potentially helping to survey trail usage & make suggestions on improving trail experience.

Contact: Jen Harman, 784-3807

- Time of year: Ongoing
- Time req'd: Flexible
- Hours/Days: Flexible
- Application: N
- Training: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Age: 12 and over
- Skills: Self-starter, able to communicate in a timely fashion, interest in exercise/athletic a plus.
- Other: Welcome students' creative ideas on making trail better or events that could be held on it or for it!

*Cap2Cap Bike Ride* – volunteer in annual bike ride fundraiser.

Responsibilities: Put out signs, serve lunch, water/snacks at rest stops, help w/ cleanup etc

Contact: Jen Harman, 784-3807

- Time of year: May
- Time req'd: Flexible
- Hours/Days: Event May 12
- Application: N
- Training: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Age: 12 and over
- Other: It's a fun day and you get a free t-shirt and lunch!

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**VCE Family Focus**

*Event assistant* – help staff at one-day events held throughout year.

Responsibilities: Set up, clean up, man booths during events, pass out information, help w/ activities, etc.

Contact: Sheree Press, 898-2945

- Time of Year: Seasonal
- Hours: Mostly Saturdays
- Time req'd: 2-8 hours
- Training req'd: N
- Age: 12-18
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Application: Y
- Skills: Friendly, enjoy children.
- Other: events include County Fair, Carnival, Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month Activities.

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**Virginia Legacy Soccer Club**

Help children 6-11 years old during soccer practices & local games.

Contact: Mitch Blackmore, 253-8572

- Time of Year: Sept - Nov
- Hours: Tues/Wed 5:30-6:30 or 6:30-7:30 & Sat 9-11 am
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Skills: Good with children, works well with others.

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**Williamsburg Christian Retreat Ctr**

*Campground Assistant* - Help out at the campgrounds. Set up tables & chairs, help prepare for campers.

Contact: Bob Briscoe, 566-2256

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: Saturdays, 9:00-4:00
- Application Required: Y

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**Williamsburg Christian Retreat Ctr (cont'd)**

- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 16 and up
- Skills: great attitude, good communicator, good listener.

*Kitchen Assistant* - Serve as a kitchen assistant to help set up dining room, wash dishes, etc.

Contact: Bob Briscoe, 566-2256

- Time of Year: Ongoing
- Hours: 2 hour shifts.  
Fri 6-8 pm/Sat 8-10 am;  
12-2 pm; 5:30-7:30 pm
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 12 and up
- Skills: hard worker.

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**Williamsburg Faith in Action**

Help shut ins and elderly or disabled residents with needed yard work.

Contact: Jean Gillespie, 258-5890

- Time of Year: Fall / Spring
- Hours: Afternoons, Weekends
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: Y
- Ages: 11 and up
- Skills: willingness to work.

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**WJCC Community Action Agency**

*HOPE Tutoring* – Tutors for children needing help w/ homework.

Contact: Linda Wallace-Cody, 229-9332

- Time of Year: October-May
- Hours: 4:45-8:00 pm
- Application Required: N
- Training Required: N

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**WJCC Community Action (cont'd)**

- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 14-18
- Skills: tutoring; good communication

*Neighborhood Basketball League* – Volunteers needed to coach, keep score, attend tables, chaperone.

Contact: Linda Wallace-Cody, 229-9332

- Time of Year: March to June
- Hours: 5:45-9:30pm/7:45-11:00pm
- Application Required: N
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 17 & 18
- Skills: knowledge of the game

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**WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start**

*Classroom Volunteer* – Assist teacher in the classroom.

Contact: Carol Justis, 229-6417

- Time of Year: Sept – June
- Hours: 2 hr shifts / Mon-Fri
- Application Required: Y
- Training Required: Y
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 16 and up
- Skills: enjoy work w/ children.

*Special projects* – work w/ staff to organize Feed the Need programs & other seasonal events (Nov/Dec)

Contact: Carol Justis, 229-6417

- Time of Year: Fall/Winter
- Hours: Eves/Sats. 2-3 hr shifts
- Application Required: N
- Training Required: N
- Adult Chaperone: N
- Ages: 16 & over
- Skills: good communication skills.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BY TIME OF YEAR****Year Round (Ongoing need)**

American Red Cross  
 Arc of Greater Williamsburg  
 Avalon  
 Care Net Resource Pregnancy Centers  
 Colonial CASA  
 Dream Catchers  
 Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast  
 Grove Christian Outreach Center  
 Hospice House of Williamsburg  
 Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center  
 WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start

**School Year**

Big Brothers Big Sisters Greater VA Peninsula  
 Boys & Girls Club of VA Peninsula  
 WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start

**Fall**

Blooms that Brighten  
 Honor Flight Historic Triangle  
 Olde Towne Medical Center  
 Salvation Army  
 VA Legacy Soccer Club  
 Williamsburg Faith in Action

**Winter**

Salvation Army  
 WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start

**Spring**

Colonial CASA  
 Honor Flight Historic Triangle  
 Virginia Capital Trail Foundation  
 Williamsburg Faith in Action  
 WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start

**Summer**

Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation  
 Olde Towne Medical Center  
 Sentara Regional Medical Center  
 WJCC Community Action Agency/Head Start

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**OTHER WAYS TO HELP NONPROFITS  
IN OUR COMMUNITY***Is your schedule already too full?*

If the hours or ages don't fit your schedule, there are many other ways you can get involved in the community. Below are just a few ideas that you can do alone or with a group of friends, a service club, youth group, or other group.

**COLLECTION DRIVES**

If you can provide items that nonprofits need to run their programs or can give to clients in need, you are helping them to save money that can now be spent to help even more people!

*Items needed by area nonprofits:*

- Office supplies
- Back to school items
- Non-perishable food (canned good, dry goods)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc)
- Gently used clothes, shoes, purses, hats
- Coats
- Baby clothes, toys, diapers
- Children's books
- Bottled water
- Pet food & supplies

**CUT COUPONS**

Many nonprofits can hand out coupons to their clients to help them save money on food, diapers, etc.

**MAKE A CARD***And make someone's day!*

- Send a greeting to families of military personnel.
- Make holiday cards for seniors at the Senior Center.
- Decorate placemats for groups serving meals to the homeless during the holidays.
- Make birthday cards for shut-ins or elderly residents.

**NetworkWilliamsburg** can help you find the right nonprofit for your idea or project. E-mail us at [info@networkwilliamsburg.com](mailto:info@networkwilliamsburg.com) or call Karen at 945-1285.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

### **This Century Art Gallery**

Each Spring, TCAG awards Art Scholarships to graduating seniors in the Williamsburg, James City County and Bruton District of York County School Districts, including home-schooled students residing in these districts. The scholarships are awarded to the high school seniors who best demonstrate an ability in art and are planning to continue their education at the college level in the Fall with art as a major interest.

Scholarship applications are available in February of each year, and the portfolios are due in March. Portfolios may include original work, slides of original work, or digital images of original work on CD. For more information about the scholarship program and application process, visit: <http://www.thiscenturyartgallery.org/scholarships.cfm>.

### **Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Ctr Auxiliary**

The Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center Auxiliary makes available scholarship funds to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a career in healthcare. Applications are available through school guidance offices in March and are due May 1.

### **Soroptimist International**

*Soroptimist International* is an organization of women from around the world whose main purpose is to advance the status of women and girls. Soroptimist International of Williamsburg, in following with this tradition, offers a \$2500 Scholarship to a deserving graduating senior female. Applications can be found at Warhill, Bruton, Lafayette, and Jamestown High in January 2012, with a deadline of April 15.

### **WJCC Community Scholarship Funds**

The WJCC Community Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for students graduating from Jamestown, Lafayette, and Warhill High Schools. Application forms are available in February from WJCC high school guidance offices.

Other WJCC Community Scholarship Funds include:

*The Wilder Career Path Scholarship*, offered to Jamestown High School students. The Scholarship is intended for a senior with a goal of pursuing an occupational skill that will lead the student directly to the work force.

*Lafayette High School's Practical Nursing Program* – available to graduates of this program.

### **For Even More Local Scholarships -**

[http://www.wjcc.k12.va.us/content/programs/guidance/college\\_scholarships/Local%20Scholarships.pdf](http://www.wjcc.k12.va.us/content/programs/guidance/college_scholarships/Local%20Scholarships.pdf)

### **Other Local Scholarship Funds\*:**

**ACT-SO**–Afro-Academic, Cultural, Tech-Scientific Olympics, 253-0841

**CIAO** – Colonial Italian American Organization –  
[www.ciaowilliamsburg.org](http://www.ciaowilliamsburg.org)

**DAR** – Daughters of the American Revolution  
[www.dar.org/natsociety/chapters.cfm?state](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/chapters.cfm?state)

**Engineers Club of VA**  
<http://webpages.charter.net/a.johnson2/>

**George E. Allen Scholarship**  
<http://www.allenandallen.com/scholarships.html>

**Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance**  
<http://www.williamsburgcc.com/membership/documents/ScholarshipApplicationandInstructions.pdf>

**Hampton- Newport News Alumni Chapter**  
**Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity**  
<http://www.h-nn-kapsi.org/>

**Junior Woman's Club**  
<http://www.williamsburgjuniors.org/>

**Kiwanis Club of Colonial Capital**  
<http://www.colonialcapitalkiwanis.org/public/index.aspx>

**Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg**  
[www.williamsburgkiwanis.org](http://www.williamsburgkiwanis.org)

**NAACP**  
[www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org)

**Occasion for the Arts**  
[www.aofta.org](http://www.aofta.org)

**Williamsburg Jaycees**  
[www.williamsburgjaycees.com](http://www.williamsburgjaycees.com)

**Williamsburg Masonic Lodge**  
[www.williamsburgmasons.com](http://www.williamsburgmasons.com)

**Williamsburg Rotary Club**  
[www.williamsburgrotary.org](http://www.williamsburgrotary.org)

**Be sure to check with your guidance counselor to learn about other opportunities available to seniors, student volunteers & more.**

### **Links on Youth & Community Service:**

- Youth Service America [www.ysa.org](http://www.ysa.org)
- Corporation for National & Community Service [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)
- America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth [www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org)
- ServeNet [www.servenet.org](http://www.servenet.org)

## Additional Resources:

### United Way of Greater Williamsburg

312 Waller Mill Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185

757-253-2264; [www.uwgw.org](http://www.uwgw.org)

United Way of Greater Williamsburg operates the *Information and Referral Helpline* for those seeking information about health and human service programs in the area and the Volunteer Center hosts the local Volunteer Solutions software matching volunteers with agencies via the website.

### Project Discovery Youth Program

312 Waller Mill Rd, Williamsburg, VA. 23185

757-229-9332; [www.actionagency.org](http://www.actionagency.org)

After school club is an educational drop out prevention program serving WJCC students who are first generation to attend college, economically disadvantaged and/or need help in improving social skills & grades. Project Discovery consists of motivational life-skill workshops, guest speakers & field trips to colleges, sporting events, businesses & exposure to culturally enriching activities. The youth also take part in community service projects.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS FOR STUDENTS:

### Inclusion

4403 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg VA 23188

757-592-4289, [www.inclusion-i3.org](http://www.inclusion-i3.org)

A Williamsburg-based nonprofit social welfare organization, is accepting applications for youth initiatives that meet their mission to inform, involve, and inspire children from diverse backgrounds in the Historic Triangle Community. The *Youth Opportunities Grant* is a program designed to award grants to young people between the ages of 11 and 18 from the Historic Triangle Community (Jamestown, Yorktown, Williamsburg). Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and grant amounts vary.

**State Farm & Youth Service America** are offering grants of up to \$1,000 to youth-led service-learning initiatives. Eligible programs will engage youth in service-learning, an effective teaching and learning strategy that promotes student learning, academic achievement, workplace readiness, and healthy communities. Deadline is **November 9, 2011**.

<http://www.ysa.org/goodneighbor>.

**The Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program** honors young people (ages 13 to 18) who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. Each winner will also receive a trip with his/her parent or legal guardian to Los Angeles for the Nestlé Very Best In Youth awards ceremony, including \$500 spending money. In addition, Nestlé will donate \$1,000 to the charity of his or her choice. Next Deadline: **Spring 2012**. <http://verybestinyouth.nestleusa.com/About/Default.aspx>

**Do Something Awards & Scholarships** – given to youth engaged in service projects in their community. They also offer special project grants & educational scholarships. Deadlines vary.

[www.dosomething.org/scholarships](http://www.dosomething.org/scholarships)

Keep checking [www.NetworkWilliamsburg.com](http://www.NetworkWilliamsburg.com) for up to date grants available for students throughout the year.

## WHY IS COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPORTANT?

In 2010, **Do Something** surveyed admissions officers of top colleges & universities in the United States. The purpose was to understand the importance of community service in the college admission process.

*Some of the important advice given on the survey?*

- It's better to show a long-term commitment to any kind of service rather than a shorter amount of time volunteering abroad for a month.
- Three words that counselors tend to look for are: Leadership, Commitment & Passion. The three words that they frown upon are: Required, Hours & Mandatory!
- 100% of the counselors said that the preferred way to describe your community service is through your essay.

*Other major findings included:*

### Passion and Consistency Valued Most

When asked, "Which would you value more: four years volunteering at a local community center or one month helping orphans in Somalia?" 100% surveyed chose four years at a community shelter. This response indicates passion and consistency hold much higher value than a smaller, even more intensive program. This theme is reiterated in the entire study.

### Time Spent Worth More than Money Raised

When asked, "Which would you value more: raising \$100,000 for the homeless or spending a summer working at a homeless shelter?" 68% surveyed valued time spent over money raised. While raising such funds is admirable and impressive, time spent indicates the universality of volunteerism. Anyone can find a homeless shelter where they can volunteer, but not everyone has the ability to ask for money. Admissions officers "get it." They are looking for evidence of actual service, not the ability to connect with wealthy people.

### Community Service Ranks Fourth Among Valued Criteria

When asked to rank GPA, SATs, legacy, reference letters, extra curricular activities, and community service, 37.5% surveyed ranked community service fourth. While GPA and SATs are obviously the most valued criteria, community service ranks higher than legacy and reference letters.

