Sophomore Days of Service 2017

Service Site Descriptions

Below is a description of each service site along with the work you can expect to participate in as a volunteer. Volunteer descriptions listed do not reflect all work that may be available at sites.

**Barb Food Mart (Thursday, Feb. 2 & Thursday, Feb. 16)**

*Description:* A school-based food pantry serving the families of DeKalb School District #428.

*Volunteers:* 7 spots available. Volunteers will learn about the site and help families shop for food at the pantry.

*Time & Location:* 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (2/2) / 9:30 AM -11:00 AM (2/16) / 1515 South 4th Street, Door 28 DeKalb, Il 60115

**Huskie Student Pantry (Thursday, Feb. 2 & Thursday, Feb. 23)**

*Description:* The Huskie Student Food Pantry works to provide non-perishable, supplemental food and other necessities for NIU students in need of support.

*Volunteers:* 4 spots available. Volunteers will help sort inventory and stock pantry for students before pantry night begins.

*Time & Location:* 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM / Chick Evans Field House

**Raven’s Huskie Haven & Rescue (Saturday, February 4)**

*Description:* Raven’s Huskie Haven & Rescue is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and sustainable adoption of Siberian Huskies.

*Volunteers:* 14 spots available. Volunteers can expect to be cleaning the kennels and facility, exercising the huskies, landscape/facade maintenance or improvement, bathing/grooming the huskies, organizing various areas of the facility, and training with the huskies.

*Time & Location:* 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM / 27779 Five Point Rd. Sycamore, IL 60178
Communiversity Gardens (Monday, Feb. 6 & Thursday, Feb. 23)
**Description:** Communiversity Gardens serves many purposes in the community such as increasing education about sustainable practices, encouraging environmental awareness and more.

**Volunteers:** 12 spots available. Volunteers can expect to help prepare the garden to open in the spring by creating plant information sheets, painting bricks as bed markers and creating educational handouts.

**Time & Location:** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM / Altgeld Hall, Room 100

Campus Childcare (Tuesday, Feb. 7 & Monday, Feb. 13)
**Description:** Daycare center located on campus that serves the children of NIU students, staff, and faculty. Children range from a variety of ages (infant, preschool through early elementary).

**Volunteers:** 17 spots available. Volunteers will play and read to children from different age groups.

**Time & Location:** 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM / Gabel Hall

Barb City Manor (Thursday, February 9)
**Description:** Local senior retirement home.

**Volunteers:** 12 spots available. Come celebrate Valentine’s Day early, at this senior home. Create crafts with residents. Students with any musical talents are encouraged to sign up for this event to share their gifts during an "open mic". Indicate if you are preforming in the comments.

**Time & Location:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM / 680 Haish Blvd. DeKalb, IL

Kishwaukee YMCA (Sunday, February 12)
**Description:** Local community center to help members become healthier. Supports programs that strengthen the community.

**Volunteers:** 28 spots available per shift. The YMCA is hosting their annual indoor triathlon. Come help support athletes of all ages during this event by serving in multiple service roles.

**Time & Location:** 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM & 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM / 2500 W. Bethany Rd. DeKalb, IL 60115
**DeKalb Public Library (Monday, February 20)**

**Description:** Local library. Hosts events for community enrichment.

**Volunteers:** 15 spots available per shift. Spend President’s Day helping children learn about U.S Presidents. Help them children through an interactive activity!

**Time & Location:** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM / 309 Oak St. DeKalb, IL 60115

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**West Elementary School (Friday, February 24)**

**Description:** Elementary school located in Sycamore.

**Volunteers:** 35 spots available. West Elementary School is hosting their annual Mardi Gras fun fair! Volunteer to help with games, prizes, food etc.

**Time & Location:** 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM / 240 S. Fair St. Sycamore, IL 60178

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**DeKalb Area Women’s Center (Sunday, February 26)**

**Description:** Nonprofit organization serving the DeKalb, IL area. Serves to develop a community supportive of women’s culture and encouraging empowerment of women.

**Volunteers:** 15 spots available. Volunteers will help the center prepare for Women’s History Month. Reorganize furniture, prepare the DAWC Newsletter, remount and install equipment in the gallery.

**Time & Location:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM / Old Finn Hall 1021 State Street DeKalb, IL 60115

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**Blood Drive (Tuesday, February 28)**

**Description:** Heartland Blood Centers distribute nearly 4,000 units of blood components each week to treat patients within the community hospitals and emergencies around the world.

**Volunteers:** 20+ spots available. Volunteers should expect this process to take 45- 60 minutes. The donation process includes registration, a brief medical screening, blood collection and refreshments.

**Time & Location:** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM / Campus Life Building, Room 100