Sophomore Days of Service 2016
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.

Huskie Student Food Pantry (Thursday, Feb. 4)

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

**Volunteers:** 10 spots available. Volunteers will help with stocking, organization, and distribution of services.

**Time & Location:** 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. / 401 Normal Road, DeKalb, IL 60115 (in the Grace Place Campus Ministry Building)

West Elementary School Fun Fair (Friday, Feb. 5)

**Description:** West Elementary School hosts a fun fair that features games and activities for children.

**Volunteers:** 45 spots available. Volunteers will help with hosting games, interacting with children and families, working in the cafeteria, and helping with clean up.

**Time & Location:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. / 240 S. Fair St. Sycamore, IL

Campus Child Care (Wednesday, Feb. 10) – Date Option 1

**Description:** Daycare center located on campus that serves the children of NIU students, staff, and faculty. Children range from a variety of ages (infant, pre-school through early elementary).

**Volunteers:** 15 spots available. Volunteers will read and interact with children.

**Time & Location:** 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / East side of Annie Glidden Road (behind Gabel Hall, Across from IHOP)

Campus Child Care (Thursday, Feb. 11) – Date Option 2

**Description:** Daycare center located on campus that serves the children of NIU students, staff, and faculty. Children range from a variety of ages (infant, pre-school through early elementary).

**Volunteers:** 15 spots available. Volunteers will read and interact with children.

**Time & Location:** 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / East side of Annie Glidden Road (behind Gabel Hall, Across from IHOP)

Read to a Huskie @ DeKalb Public Library (Friday, Feb. 12) – Time Option 1

**Description:** The DeKalb Public Library has existed since the 1880s and is stocked with over 150,000 items. We partner with the DeKalb Public Library to host Read to a Huskie, an event that services the children of the DeKalb community.

**Volunteers:** 6 spots available. Volunteers will visit the library to read to children, and have children read to them.
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Time & Location: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. / 309 Oak St., DeKalb, IL 60115

Read to a Huskie @ DeKalb Public Library (Friday, Feb. 12) – Time Option 2

Description: The DeKalb Public Library has existed since the 1880s and is stocked with over 150,000 items. We partner with the DeKalb Public Library to host Read to a Huskie, an event that services the children of the DeKalb community.

Volunteers: 6 spots available. Volunteers will visit the library to read to children, and have children read to them.

Time & Location: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / 309 Oak St., DeKalb, IL 60115

Barb Food Mart (Thursday, Feb. 18)

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

Volunteers: 10 spots available. Volunteers will learn about the site, help with stocking the pantry and distributing food items to low income families.

Time & Location: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Huntley Middle School, 1515 S. 4th St, DeKalb, IL 60115

Feed My Starving Children (Friday, Feb. 19)

Description: Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit organization committed to feeding malnourished children. The organization’s meals reach nearly 70 countries around the world.

Volunteers: 15 spots available. Volunteers will visit the Aurora location to learn about the organization and hand-pack specifically formulated meals for malnourished children.

Time & Location: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (includes travel times) / Aurora Site: 555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL, 60504

Beloved Community Dinner (Sunday, Feb. 21)

Description: A potluck dinner for members of the NIU and DeKalb communities. Conversation centers on bringing people together across racial and faith lines to strengthen the community.

Volunteers: 8 spots available. Volunteers will help with dinner set-up, greet participants as they arrive, possibly interact with children during dinner, help with cleaning.

Time & Location: 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. / Location TBD

DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center (Wednesday, Feb. 24)
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**Description:** The DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center has been in existence since 1853 and is the oldest and largest health care provider in DeKalb County. The 190-bed facility specializes in both short and long-term nursing and rehabilitation services for the elderly.

**Volunteers:** 10 spots available. Volunteers will visit the site and interact with the elderly residents. These residents love spending time with NIU students and welcome visitors.

**Time & Location:** 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. / 2600 N. Annie Glidden Rd, DeKalb, IL, 60115

**Hope Haven (Saturday, Feb. 27)**

**Description:** Hope Haven is a non-profit organization with the mission to provide shelter, meals, and life skills programs for homeless individuals and families while preparing for re-housing.

**Volunteers:** 5 spots available. Volunteers will visit the facility and interact with its residents and children. Will participate in activities such as reading, coloring, and games.

**Time & Location:** 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. / 1145 Rushmoore Dr, DeKalb, IL, 60115

**Feed ‘Em Soup (TBD)**

**Description:** Feed ‘em Soup works to empower the community by serving fresh food with compassion and respect in a restaurant quality environment to anyone, regardless of situation, background or ability to pay.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers will assist the organization with food service, interacting with customers, and clean-up.

**Time & Location:** Time TBD / 251 East Lincoln Highyway, DeKalb, IL, 60115