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**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT / VOLUNTEERISM / OUTREACH**

**Campus Compact, Middlesex, NJ February 29th 2020**

**Presenter**

Spoke in front of 250 people about things to consider when leading service abroad.

**New Orleans, Lowernine LA**

**Trip Leader**

Planned and organized a service trip to New Orleans for 16 Drew University Students.

**Volunteer Without Borders, Madison NJ Spring 2019-Presnet**

**Board Member**

Plan service trips domestically and abroad for students within the Drew Community.

**Alphi Phi Omega Spring 2019-Present**

**Treasurer**

In charge of handling dues for different events and memebership.

**Kids2Kids, Morristown, NJ Spring 2019-Present**

**Intern**

Planned and researched the importance of having a dance program for kids with special needs. Started a sector of the non-proft that teaches kids with special needs how to dance. Teaching classes once a week in the hopes of explanding the program.

**Alternative Spring Break - Mission trip, Harlan KY March 2019**

**Helping with mountaintop removal**

Educated on coal mining and recovering the land in the area; Help at a church for a dinner preparation; Working in Homeless shelters

**Drew Honduras Project, Madison NJ 2018-2019**

**A member of the organization at Drew University**

Raised funds to visit an all girls home in the Dominican Republic; Will work in an all girls home to help paint and rebuild parts of the home

**Educational Program of Children Handicapped, Madison NJ 2019- Present**

**After-school Program Volunteer**

Working with children in the afterschool program to plan games and do other activities

**Neighborhood House, Madison NJ Fall 2018**

**After-school Program Volunteer**

Worked with children to help them with their homework; Played games with them once their work was complete

**Conversation Partners, Madison NJ Fall 2018**

**Volunteer**

Met with an international student once a week to practice English

**Habitat For Humanity, Madison NJ Fall 2018**

**Volunteer**

Helped build a home for a family in need; Built scaffolding around the foundation of the house;

Cleaned and maintained supplies under tough weather conditions

**Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep, Asbury NJ Fall 2018**

**Volunteer**

BeachCleanup**;** Picked up trash and sorted it into piles; Recorded data of all trash collected

**Community Food Bank, Hillside NJ Fall 2018**

**Volunteer**

Organized and sorted food that had been donated to the food bank

**America’s Grow a Row, Pittstown NJ Fall 2018**

**Volunteer**

Picked and organized crops into boxes; Filled 90 boxes and harvesting 1,800 lbs of peppers

**Stoneleigh-Burnham School Service and Leadership:**

**Head of Community Service and Sustainability 2017-2018**

**Stoneleigh-Burnham School (SBS), Greenfield MA**

This is a student-elected position.

* Meet regularly with faculty coordinators to create agendas for weekly meetings
* Participated in the Franklin County Solid Waste Management program by organizing students to to sort through recycling and compost bins at a local county fair
* Annually: Organized a Think Pink Day which helps raise money for breast cancer research.
* Annually: helped to Organize Attitude of Gratitude. Students and Faculty write on a piece of fabric something they are grateful for. The fabric squares are then hung from string outside the school - similar to Tibetan prayer flags.
* 2016-2018**:** Created a dear Heloise project as part of the Community Service Club - An anonymous box where students can drop in problems they are having or suggestions that they want to make. The club then discusses what students had written down to provide suggestions on the best way to move forward.
* Spring of 2015: Diaper Drive — Collected diapers and money to give to the families in the area in need of diapers. I partnered with the United Way of Franklin County

**Vice President of Student Alumni Association 2017-2018**

**Stoneleigh-Burnham School (SBS), Greenfield MA**

* Present updates on alum of the school at weekly meetings for development planning
* Help organize the Phone-A-Thon
* Correspond with alumni about current life at SBS

**President of Outing Club 2017-2018**

**Stoneleigh-Burnham School (SBS), Greenfield MA**

* Organize monthly outdoor activities and train students to use outdoor equipment

**United Church of Bernardston Outreach 2017-Present**

**Deacon at the United Church of Bernardston (a combined United Methodist/United Church of Christ), Bernardston MA**

* Attend monthly meetings; serve communion; recruit ushers; encourage involvement of church members in church activities; help create a welcoming environment

**CROP Hunger Walk, Franklin County MA 2012-2017**

**Volunteer**

* Participate annually in CROP Walk to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world

**Cathedral in the Light, Greenfield MA 2016-2018**

* Participate in this open-air worship service held weekly for homeless people within the community.
* With volunteers from various local denominations, lead worship, provide music and make food for the homeless of Greenfield, MA. Our church prepares food as well as participates in the service.

**Community Roast Beef Supper, Bernardston MA 2010-Present**

* At monthly meals for church members, serve tables “family-style”; set and clear tables

**Fundraising Events, Bernardston MA 2010-Present**

* Worked at our church’s largest fundraisers: the Holiday Bazaar and the Gas Engine Show and Giant Flea Market.
* Sold goods in our Youth Group room at our Bazaar and in the spring work at the Youth Group tent at the Gas Engine Show and Giant Flea Market scooping ice cream and selling kielbasa.

**Sing in Praise Choir, Bernardston MA 2010-Present**

* Once a month a small group of church members sing contemporary Christian songs as part of the worship service.

**Open and Affirming/Reconciling Ministry Speaker, Fall 2014**

Our church voted to become Open and Affirming (United Church of Christ) and a Reconciling Ministry (United Methodist Church.)

* Spoke from the pulpit on why they felt our church should make this change. This distinction gives us the opportunity to welcome ALL regardless of identity, and to included not only people from the LGBTQ community but also makes it known that we are accessible to those with physical limitation.

**Community Outreach Initiatives:**

**Jill E Harrington Hanzalik (JEHH) Race, Bernardston MA 2013-Present**

* Participated in this race. All the money raised in this event helps the JEHH Memorial Fund assist families, individuals and organizations to help their children achieve their dreams. [www.chaseyourdreamsnow.org](http://www.chaseyourdreamsnow.org)

**Source to Sea River Clean Up, Greenfield, MA 2016-2017**

* Coordinated a team from SBS to participate in this yearly trash cleanup of the Connecticut River system all along the four-state watershed (NH, VT, MA, CT)

**Bake Sale for Storm Victims , Greenfield, MA October 2017**

* Helped organize a time for students in the community to bake and participate in this event. All funds raised went to the American Red Cross for victims of the 2017 hurricanes.

**Recycling Bag Projects Initiative, Greenfield, MA Spring 2017**

* Coordinated an all school project to encourage the elimination of the use of plastic shopping bags by creating bags that are more environmentally friendly, made from repurposed items.

**Gotta Have Sole Organization, Cranston RI 2017-2018**

* Created a partnership between SBS and the group Gotta Have Sole.
* The SBS chapter raised enough money for seven children in a local shelter to get new pairs of shoes.

**Miss Teen Vermont, Stowe VT November 2016**

* Participated as a contestant representing my town in the Miss Teen Vermont USA pageant. This was something I wanted to try because it was out of my comfort zone. I did my own fundraising in order to pay for photos, a gown and entry fees. Contestants learned choreography, were interviewed by a panel and had to show poise while modeling in different clothing styles - athletic, business, formal. Though I didn’t win, I learned a lot about myself and was awarded Miss Congeniality.

**Civic Engagement**

**Mission Trip, Winthrop ME 2011-2018**

* The Youth Group of United Church of Bernardston travels annually to Camp Mechuwana Methodist Camp in Winthrop, ME. This week of mission work included spending time in a local food bank, playing games with nursing home residents, sorting clothing at a thrift shop and helping with construction of new structures at Camp Mechuwana itself.

**Engaged Millennials Conference, Greenfield MA October 2016**

* With twelve students from my school community met with the Massachusetts State Governor and State Representatives to discuss millennial engagement.

**Interfaith Youth Initiative, Brandeis University MA Summer 2015**

* At this camp I participated in lots of community service events such as making food for a homeless shelter while learning about others religions. Participants were from 9th grade through college. Many different faiths were represented including Muslim, Christian (Protestant and Catholic), Jewish and Buddhists.