In the Community

Community Coordinators are available to help identify and provide oversight of appropriate sites where students can volunteer to satisfy the required experiential service learning and Senior Capstone project.

The list of sites can help you get started in finding an appropriate venue to fit your career interests.

211 Big Bend. A helpline that provides a 24/7 gateway to community services and support with a commitment to excellence. Volunteers provide assessment, emotional support, crisis assistance, education, training, and referrals with accurate, up-to-date resource information. Volunteers must be adults, at least 18 years of age and live in the greater Tallahassee area. The need for volunteers who are fluent in Spanish and/or Haitian Creole to assist in callers whose native language is not English. Through evening training classes, volunteers will gain valuable crisis intervention and counselling skills, expand knowledge of community resources, learn advanced communication skills, enhance interpersonal skills, meet a variety of new people, develop networking opportunities, participate in a professional training program, evening training classes, and flexible schedule when volunteering.

American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society helps people through local community organizations fight to cure cancer. Volunteers use their unique talents to make a difference and can choose from a number of volunteer positions that match their interests. Volunteers can gain experiences in administration and clerical venues, community events, fundraising planning, utilize on line and social media, provide patient services and support, retail and hospitality venues (i.e., Hope Lodge), or participate in sports and recreation activities (i.e, Relay for Life, DtermiNation). They offer flexible scheduling and teach new skills.

Area Agency on Aging for North Florida. The Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc. plans, coordinates, and advocates for programs and services which promote independence, dignity, health, and well-being of seniors and caregivers. Students can be trained to participate in programs that assist with health insurance questions, provide information, compare policies, organize paperwork, and filing claims and appeals on behalf of Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries through the Serving Health
Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) program. Participate in the Meals on Wheels program, or volunteer in other capacities that assist elderly individuals.

**Apalachee Ridge Technology Learning Center.** A city sponsored community center focused on developing the community through its youth. Major focuses are: 1) Effective after-school Program 2) A Community Based Digital Media Learning Lab. Here, Students can safely receive academic help, explore new interests, and merge the arts with technology.

**Big Bend Hospice.** Caring for patients and their families at the end of life requires special people who have the caring spirit and commitment to provide this special kind of compassionate care. Big Bend Hospice provides the education, tools and work environment that allows volunteers to perform at their best.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Big Bend.** Big Brothers Big Sisters is the preeminent national youth-serving organization based on a one-to-one relationship between an adult volunteer and a child whose circumstances demonstrate the need for additional adult support. Volunteers serving as mentors and role models help youth to increase their self-confidence, reach their highest potential, and to see themselves as having happy and successful futures.

**Boggy Creek Camps.** The Mission of Camp Boggy Creek is to enrich the lives of children who have chronic or life threatening illnesses by creating camping experiences that are memorable, exciting, fun, empowering, physically safe and medically sound.

**Bond Community Health Center, Inc.** One of the major drivers of health care utilization and costs is diabetes, and any plan to change health care in America must include steps to change the way diabetes is viewed and treated. BCHC participates in the HRSA Diabetes collaborative to look at what to delay or decrease the complication of this disease. The goal is to fully support all aspects of diabetes cure, prevention, treatment and care.

**Capital City Youth Services.** Capital City Youth Services is a non-profit agency that works with youth and families to prevent delinquency, child abuse, and family violence. They provide short term residential care for adolescents and counseling for youth and their families.

**Capital Regional Medical Center.** Volunteers provide TLC and concern to patients and their families as well as services that otherwise would not be available. Services include: greeting and guiding patients and visitors, keeping in touch with the surgical progress
of a patient, helping in the gift shop, and keeping families of critical care patients and their families informed.

**Center for Prevention and Early Intervention.** The Center focuses on practices and policies which prevent poor birth outcomes, build strong families, promote maternal and child health and development, and prevent disabilities.

**Child Advocates II of Tallahassee.** Established in 1986, Child Advocates II, Inc. (CAII), a not-for-profit corporation, raises money to help children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected in Florida's Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Wakulla, Jefferson and Liberty Counties. These children are involved in court proceedings and represented by a network of volunteers through the Guardian ad Litem Program (GAL) of the Big Bend — Second Circuit. CAII (Child Advocates II) is the Guardian ad Litem Program’s non-profit arm that fundraises for the program, a state agency, of which 340 community advocates volunteer within this circuit.

**Children’s Home Society of Florida-North Central Division.** Children's Home Society is a private, nonprofit agency serving children and families. CHS delivers a unique spectrum of social services designed to protect children at risk of abuse, neglect or abandonment; to strengthen and stabilize families; to help young people break the cycle of abuse and neglect; and to find safe, loving homes for children.

**Department of Elder Affairs.** The Florida Department of Elder Affairs is the primary state agency that administers human services programs to benefit Florida’s elders. With the help of more than 40,000 volunteers, the Department and the aging services network are able to foster an environment where seniors can thrive and grow. Through its dedicated corps of volunteers, the Department can be a perfect fit for anyone with a passion for advocacy and helping seniors.

**Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend.** The Coalition strives to create a seamless system of services to better prepare children for entry into kindergarten by providing information resources to aid parents in finding quality child care, holding screenings and assessments to identify any developmental issues in children, and offering technical assistance and professional development opportunities to child care providers.

**Frenchtown Outreach Center, Inc.** The purpose of the Chemical Dependency Self-Help Group is to provide an avenue to assist those persons suffering for the disease of addiction an effective outpatient route to sobriety and recovery from all mind altering drugs.

**FSU Health Promotions.** The Health Promotion Department at Thagard Student Health Center encourages students to make healthy lifestyle decisions that facilitate academic
success and leads to lifelong health and wellness. The Health Promotion Department provides quality, research-based wellness services and health promotion programs available to all FSU students.

**Ghazvini Learning Center - Second Chance.** To provide a learning environment that allows middle and high school students to experience behavioral success while providing an educational foundation that promotes integrity, self-worth, and lifelong learning, while developing healthy, productive, responsible members of society.

**Heritage Health Care Center.** Heritage Health Care Center provides activities to its residents on a daily basis. These activities include field trips, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and the like. Volunteers are needed to assist the staff with planning and implementing activities with the elderly.

**Literacy Volunteers of Leon County.** The organization welcomes volunteers from the community at large, as well as any local university students who wish to become more involved in the community during their years in higher education. Volunteer positions: Tutors, Administrative Volunteers, and Board members. *Volunteer tutors* are required to participate in a training workshop. After completing the workshop, tutors are matched with adult learners who request services. Volunteers in the Adult Literacy program are asked to commit to tutoring for one year. Volunteers in the ESOL and Family Literacy programs are asked to commit to tutoring for 4-6 months. To become a volunteer, call or e-mail us for more information about our upcoming tutor training workshops. *Administrative volunteers* assist with learner intake and assessment, preparing workshop material, and answering the telephone.

**Miracle Hill Nursing and Convalescent Home.** Volunteers are called upon to assist our resident with community trips, special events/promotions at the nursing center, and other extracurricular activities. High school and College Students doing volunteer hours are involved in conducting recreational activities, one-on-one interaction with bed bound residents, reading, letter writing, general conversation, and games.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness.** NAMI Florida is a support, educational and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with severe mental illness. The state office is located in Tallahassee and provides administrative support for the membership as well as liaison with state legislators, mental health agencies, and organizations. This office also acts as liaison between NAMI national and local affiliates throughout the state.

**Oasis Center for Women and Girls.** The Oasis Center for Women & Girls is a nonprofit organization in Tallahassee whose mission is to "improve the lives of women and girls through celebration and support". They are focused on personal, professional, and
economic concerns facing women, girls and their families. They are committed to addressing these issues individually through the provision of direct services and collectively through community dialogue and awareness.

P.A.C.E. Center for Girls. PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is a non-residential delinquency prevention provider targeting the unique needs of females 12 to 18 who are identified as dependent, truant, runaway, ungovernable, delinquent, or in need of academic skills. Its purpose is to intervene and prevent school withdrawal, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, substance abuse and welfare dependency.

American’s Second Harvest of the Big Bend. This group depends heavily on individuals and groups to help fight against hunger. The time that donated at the food bank will go a long way towards helping the men, women, and children of the Big Bend get the food they desperately need. An orientation is required for all new volunteers.

Southeast Community Blood Center. Southeastern Community Blood Center volunteers provide a lifesaving service to the community. Volunteers answer phones, greet blood donors, work in the blood donor center, drive courier vehicles, etc. Volunteers help the Southeastern Community Blood Center meet the challenge of providing a safe, sufficient blood supply to patients in North Florida and South Georgia. Volunteers are needed to do medical and non-medical tasks.

Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. The purpose of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital is the provision of state-of-the-art healthcare technology coupled with modern delivery systems that are convenient and cost effective. TMH is distinguished from others by combining technology with people and systems to offer services of superior quality. They strive to join with physicians to serve patients compassionately and competently. They provide services to patients from North Florida, South Georgia and Southeast Alabama and promote quality, in the pursuit of good healthcare delivery.

Tallahassee Senior Center. The Tallahassee Senior Services Volunteer Program enlists the assistance of more than 450 volunteers who provide programs and serve as support staff. New volunteers receive orientation to Tallahassee Senior Services as well as training pertinent to their area of service.

Tallahassee Urban League, Inc. Tallahassee Urban League provides three programs: Time Out, Tutoring, and an At-Risk Component. Each program is targeted to the Southside, Frenchtown, and Springfield community. These programs help educate youth and parents on methods to stay safe and educate them through programs that instruct them on the potential dangers of drug use, the consequences of criminal activities,
encourage and motivate youth to pursue positive alternatives, such as, tutoring and parent awareness workshops.

**Woman's Pregnancy Center.** We offer free pregnancy testing, non-judgmental decision-making counseling, post-abortion counseling, maternity/infant clothing loan out, and referrals to community agencies. Volunteers manage the loan-out program and the front office and set up appointments for pregnancy testing and counseling.