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.

www.211bigbend.org

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

Alzheimer’s Project of Tallahassee.

alzheimersproject.org

Alzheimer's Project, Inc. exists to provide comfort, support, and assistance to persons with memory disorders and their caregivers in the Big Bend area. The organization exists to provide comfort, support, and assistance to persons with memory disorders and their caregivers in the Big Bend area. Alzheimer's Project, Inc. is a non-profit organization funded by grants and private donations. Alzheimer's Project, Inc. is dedicated to providing relief to the caregivers of persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other
memory impairments. The goal of Alzheimer’s Project, Inc. is to keep caregivers healthier, both physically and emotionally and to prolong the abilities of caregivers to care for their loved ones. Volunteers are an integral part of all of our programs.

American Cancer Society, Big Bend Unit.

www.cancer.org

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.

American Lung Association- Big Bend Region.

www.lungfla.org

The American Lung Association was the first voluntary public health agency in the country. We have a rich 100+ year history and are committed to our mission, to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. The Tallahassee office covers 23 counties from Leon to Escambia. We provide programming for asthma, tobacco use prevention, freedom from smoking and Better Breathers Clubs (support groups for individuals suffering from lung disease, including COPD and lung cancer). In addition, we have 4 fundraising events each year to support these local programs, research and advocacy efforts. Volunteer opportunities are available in programming and special event planning.

Area Agency on Aging for North Florida.

www.aaanf.org

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 Center, Inc.**


Apalachee Center, Inc is a private, not-for-profit behavioral healthcare organization offering a full range of mental health services. It is the mission of Apalachee Center, Inc. to empower persons within our community to improve the quality of life for themselves and their families through the efficient and effective delivery of quality behavioral healthcare services.

**Apalachee Ridge Technology Learning Center.**

[techcenterapr.com](http://techcenterapr.com)

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 Cares.**

[Bigbendcares.org](http://Bigbendcares.org)

Big Bend Cares is a non-profit service organization that provides support and services to people living with AIDS/HIV. Our mission is to provide practical, emotional, and financial assistance to people living with the HIV virus and their caregivers, as well as prevention and educational services for the general community.

**Big Bend Hospice.**

[www.bigbendhospice.org](http://www.bigbendhospice.org)

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.

www.bigbendmentoring.org

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.

boggycreek.org

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.

www.bondchc.com

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.

ccys.org

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 Medical Society Foundation- We Care Network.

capmed.org/we-care

The mission of the We Care Network is to provide a safety net to those low-income, uninsured patients most in need through donation of specialty medical care and dental care. The purpose of this effort are to improve health outcomes and the quality of life for adults
who have nowhere else to turn for the healthcare they need. Today, more than 300 volunteer specialty medical physicians and 45 dentists provide donated specialty medical care and dental care to low-income, uninsured residents of Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, and Wakulla Counties.

Capital Regional Medical Center
capitalregionalmedicalcenter.com

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 Policy
cpeip.fsu.edu

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.
gal2.org

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.
chsfl.org/NorthCentral

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.

elderaffairs.state.fl.us

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.

elcbigbend.org

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.

http://www.outreachcenters.net/details/frenchtown_outreach_center_inc_32304

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 rout to sobriety and recovery from all mind altering drugs.

FSU Center for Health Advocacy & Wellness

chaw.fsu.edu

The Center for Health Advocacy & Wellness at University Health Services encourages students to make healthy lifestyle decisions that facilitate academic success and lead to life-long health and wellness. The Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness provides quality, research-based wellness services and Health Promotion programs available to all FSU students.

Ghazvini Learning Center - Second Chance.

http://www.leonschools.net/Page/2657
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.

centers consulatehealthcare com/fl/tallahassee

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.

iGrow

www.tallahasseefoodnetwork.org/igrow

iGrow is an urban agriculture and youth empowerment program focused on growing healthy food for the community while providing youth employment and leadership development. This young group of leaders, entrepreneurs and activists is committed to enhancing Tallahassee's food environment.

Literacy Volunteers of Leon County.

literacyvolunteersleon org

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.

www.miraclehillhealthcare.com

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.**

[www.nami-tallahassee.org](http://www.nami-tallahassee.org)

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.**

[theoasiscenter.net](http://theoasiscenter.net)

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.

**One Blood**

[www.oneblood.org](http://www.oneblood.org)

Southeastern Community Blood Center volunteers provide a life-saving 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.

**P.A.C.E. Center for Girls.**

[www.pacecenter.org/locations/leon](http://www.pacecenter.org/locations/leon)

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.

**America’s Second Harvest of the Big Bend.**

[fightinghunger.org](http://fightinghunger.org)

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.

**Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.**

[www.tmh.org](http://www.tmh.org)

The purpose of Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare 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.**

[www.talgov.com/seniors/SeniorsHome.aspx](http://www.talgov.com/seniors/SeniorsHome.aspx)

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.
U.N. Foundation: Global Health Fellowship

genun.unausa.org/global_health_fellowship

The fellowship program is a unique and exciting opportunity for students to learn directly from policy experts and experienced grassroots organizers on the intricacies of the UN’s vital work in global health and the key role played by U.S. leadership. This seven-week online program will teach students the advocacy skills necessary to run a grassroots campaign, including: conducting successful in-district meetings, using social media to engage elected officials, fundraising, recruiting volunteers, and engaging local media outlets.

Westminster Oaks – Elder Community with Graduated Levels of Care

http://www.westminsteroaksfl.org

Westminster Oaks’ offers active, independent living, assisted living and nursing care for its residents. As a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, its sole purpose is to serve older adults, by providing beautiful and quality environments to enhance lifestyles at every level of independence. Contact the volunteer coordinator Linda DiGonzalez for volunteer information: LDigonzalez@wservices.org.

Woman’s Pregnancy Center.

www.awomenspregnancycenter.com

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.
The below programs from the FSU Center for Leadership & Social Change are appropriate for Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences B.S. Degree Program students so long as it is related to healthcare.

**Community Ambassador Program**
Community Ambassadors act as liaisons between partner nonprofit agencies and Florida State University. They strive to create positive change by connecting community needs with campus resources. They work to strengthen partnerships, acting as both representatives for their fellow students and advocates and recruiters for their agencies.

**CommUNITY Dialogue Series**
The Center for Leadership & Social Change offers a speaker series that identifies key faculty, staff and community members in a discussion surrounding identity and current events. Much like a brown bag series, a topic will be stated at the start of the lunch time conversation and will develop along with the group in attendance and the faculty, staff or community member guest’s comments. Format will range from discussion to film viewings!

**Community Outreach Program**
This program gives students an opportunity to get involved in community service on a regular basis, with projects to choose from almost daily, that vary in community need area. Participants are transported by van, by a student facilitator, from the Center for Leadership & Social Change and from the nonprofit agency. Space is limited and signing up is on a first-come first-serve basis, at The Center.

**Florida State Alternative Breaks**
Florida State Alternative Breaks facilitates service immersion experiences for students during spring and summer break and on weekends. Students serve with and in a diverse community, learn about social issues, and develop into lifelong active citizens.

**Leadership through Intergroup Dialogue**
Through Intergroup Dialogue is a course where students will be able to explore different aspects of their identities in reference to power and privilege. Students will learn how to respectfully engage in dialogue with others who are different from them, allowing an opportunity to talk frankly about identity (sexuality, gender, socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, culture, ability, and more). (Topic related healthcare)

**Moellership Program**
The Moellership Program is a partially funded service internship that gives selected undergraduate students at Florida State the opportunity to focus 8-12 weeks of their summer full-time on service to a nonprofit agency, and contributing to the solution of a community need.
**With Words**
With Words is a museum-style exhibit through The Center for Leadership and Social Change that aims to educate members of The Florida State University and Tallahassee community while connecting them to resources that deal directly with domestic and global social justice issues. Using quality research and multisensory experiences, we seek to inspire compassion for these issues so participants can engage in meaningful conversations to create change.

**Youth Programs**
Youth Programs trains Florida State students, faculty, and staff to work with elementary, middle, and high school students in the areas of reading, math, and science.