Info Session

CCL VOLUNTEERS

CENTER FOR CIVIC LEADERSHIP
RICE UNIVERSITY

Please sign in!
What is CCL Volunteers?

- CCL Volunteers in a LEARN level program
- Volunteer at one organization for the semester
  - 2-5 students per organization
  - Individually or in groups
- Attend Civic Leadership Trainings
  - Ethical volunteering
    - Identity, power and privilege, critical service
  - Reflection
  - Civic research
Goals of CCL Volunteers

- Exposure to the Center for Civic Leadership
- Learn and practice critical service
- Create a mutually beneficial relationship with a community partner
- Explore social issues in the city of Houston
- Facilitate connection of identity with real world issues and ethical service
Time Commitment

● 2-3 hour per week working with community partner
  ○ Does not include travel time
  ○ Communicate with community partner for schedule
  ○ Log volunteer hours
  ○ Reflection journal

● Orientation
  ○ Saturday January 26th, 10a - 2p

● Full group lunch meeting for one hour twice a month
Transportation

Getting to your organization...

- Some are reasonably accessible by public transportation
- CCL will cover the cost of pre approved group rideshare arrangements
- Carpools
Application Process

- Link to application is on the CCL website: ccl.rice.edu/students/learn/ccl-volunteers/
- Application is due Wednesday, January 16th by 11:59 pm
- Placement notification by the end of next week
- First week of volunteering after orientation, week of January 28
CCL Volunteers

Volunteer during the spring semester and learn about critical service and the Houston community!

CCL Volunteers is an opportunity for students to spend a semester volunteering with a community organization in their area of interest, while learning about critical service.

The CCL arranges meaningful, semester-long volunteer opportunities wherein students work with their matched organization weekly, attend CCL trainings, conduct research, and gain experience and insight into social issues facing the Houston community.

Students are expected to volunteer with their organization 2-3 hours per week throughout the spring semester. Additionally, cohorts will meet for one hour every other week for reflection and sessions on critical service, social issues, and civic research, led by a staff member in the CCL.

All community partner sites are either accessible by public transportation or transportation cost will be covered by the CCL.

Info session at Farnsworth Pavilion on Wednesday, January 9th at noon!

Learn more about the program, eat some lunch, and mingle with community partners.

Applications will open after the info session.

Fill out the interest form here to get updates.

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Spring 2019 Placement Opportunities

CCL Volunteers

Below is a list of organizations that are partnering with the Center for Civic Leadership to provide opportunities for CCL Volunteers. Direct any questions to Shanna Holm at sh81@rice.edu.

BridgeYear engages underserved communities through hands-on experiences with careers that are accessible through local community colleges.

A volunteer opportunity with BridgeYear may encompass:
- Data analysis and survey coding
- Social Media communications, strategy, and marketing (related to corporate initiatives)
- Research project on middle school expansion opportunity (aligning programming around House Bill 5)

Available volunteer hours are Monday - Wednesday, and their office is accessible via Metro Bus.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston provides food, clothing, shelter, and a network of support services to people of all ages and from all walks of life and religious backgrounds. Catholic Charities advocates for social justice in collaboration with parishes and communities, and serves as a refugee resettlement agency.

A volunteer opportunity with Catholic Charities may include:
- Assisting with airport pick-ups of newly arrived families
- Sorting donations
- Office administration
- Job readiness assistance for clients

Catholic Charities is accessible via Metro Rail.

Covenant House Texas provides shelter for homeless, abused and abandoned youth ages 18 – 24, and offers mental health and substance abuse counseling, educational and vocational training, transitional and permanent living programs, and street outreach and prevention.

As a volunteer with Covenant House, you may:
- Participate in HIV/AIDS education workshops

Please visit the following links for more information:
- [Catholic Charities](https://cchouston.org)
- [Covenant House Texas](https://www.covenanthousedallas.org)
Partnering Community Organizations
A volunteer opportunity with BridgeYear may encompass:

- Data analysis and coding of pre/post surveys
- Social Media communications, strategy, and marketing (specifically around corporate initiatives)
- Research project on middle school expansion opportunity (aligning existing programming around House Bill 5)

Available volunteer hours are Monday - Wednesday, and their office is accessible via metro bus.
As a volunteer with Catholic Charities, you may:

- Assisting with airport pick-ups of newly arrived families
- Sorting donations
- Office administration
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Catholic Charities is accessible via metro rail.

For 75 years, Catholic Charities has provided food, clothing, shelter and a network of support services to people of all ages and from all walks of life and religious backgrounds. We also promote social justice, serving as a voice for the poor and vulnerable.
As a volunteer with Covenant House, you may:

- Provide support for Intake, Crisis Shelter, and Rights of Passage residents through various activities and programming
- Identify ways to engage homeless youth more effectively
- Proactively engage residents, volunteers, and staff to help further CHT’s mission
- Learn about CHT and its mission and understand the interrelation between the programmatic and business side of a nonprofit
- Learn about effective community engagement strategy

Covenant House is accessible via metro bus. For more detailed information about volunteering with Covenant House, email sh81@rice.edu
OVERVIEW
The Community Leadership Program will give you the opportunity to not only learn about the homeless population in Houston and the services that are available to them, but focus on the needs and unique experiences of homeless youth 18-24. By learning how our four main buildings act alone and in concert it will provide a holistic view of our program and the impact it has in the Houston community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Specific duties include, but are not limited to:
- Provide support for Intake, Crisis Shelter, and Rights of Passage residents through various activities and programming
- Identify ways to engage homeless youth more effectively
- Proactively engage residents, volunteers, and staff to help further CHT’s mission
- Provide support for daily activities and community service project
- Provide support for daily activities in the clinic and administration building

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- Learn about CHT and its mission by attending meetings with departments to understand the interrelation between the programmatic and business side of a nonprofit
- Learn about how an effective community engagement strategy help CHT’s overall mission.

12 WEEK SCHEDULE
This proposed schedule covers Covenant House Texas’ primary programs in its mission to help homeless youth. Some modifications to the schedule may occur depending on student need and current CHT programming.

- Week 1
  - Introduction to Covenant House Texas, campus tour, expectations, Q&A
- Week 2
  - Intake: Street Outreach Program
- Week 3
  - Intake: Program Overview, process and operation
- Week 4
  - Crisis Shelter: Men’s program overview
- Week 5
  - Crisis Shelter: Women’s program overview
- Week 6
  - Crisis Shelter: Residents with children program overview
- Week 7
  - Rights of Passage: Resident program overview
- Week 8
  - Rights of Passage: additional programs
- Week 9
  - Administration overview
- Week 10
  - Clinic overview
- Week 11
  - Community Engagement: how individuals, groups, and organizations help CHT’s mission
- Week 12
  - Putting it all together/CHT reflection and next steps
Girls Inc. of Greater Houston

The mission of Girls Inc. is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

A volunteer opportunity would support their literacy initiative, Project Lit, and would include:

- Reading one-on-one with girls
- Working with small groups on targeted literacy games or at literacy activity centers;
- Assisting girls with homework;
- Modeling attentive listening and other positive behaviors; or
- Supporting girls and staff during free play, recess, transitions, and snack times

Available volunteer hours would be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3p-6p at Mading Elementary in Southeast Houston. It is not easily accessible public transit (depending on interest, a carpool or rideshare may be arranged)
Legacy Community Health: Montrose

A volunteer opportunity at their Montrose clinic may encompass:

- Rotations at check-in desk
- Assisting in event preparation
- Patient follow-up phone calls
- Reading to children

There are no shadow opportunities as part of this volunteer opportunity. The clinic is accessible via Metro bus.
Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation

The mission of Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation is to test and measure innovative solutions that promote good health for the individual, the health system and the community. They collaborate with others as well as create signature, evidence-based ways to improve the communities where people live, work, learn, and play.

A volunteer opportunity would encompass:

- Assisting at twice monthly public health fairs encouraging healthy habits and food distribution
- 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month at Castillo and Moody Park in North Houston

This opportunity is can be accessible by metro rail (~40 min).
A volunteer opportunity may encompass:

- Learning about counseling and recovery, HIV/AIDS care
- Creating educational or harm reduction kits
- Supporting marketing and media
- Office administration

The Montrose Center is accessible via Metro bus.
Plant It Forward Farms

A volunteer opportunity would encompass:

● Farm management: Managing the nursery and enhancing our composting program
● Operations: Implementing and interpreting annual customer survey and developing volunteer program
● Nonprofit management: Assist in board development and strategic planning

This opportunity is not easily accessible by public transit (depending on interest, a carpool or rideshare may be arranged).
Tahirih Justice Center

Tahirih Justice Center stands alone as the only national, multi-city organization providing a broad range of direct legal services, policy advocacy, and training and education to protect immigrant women and girls fleeing violence.

Tahirih Justice Center is seeking bilingual volunteers, preferably Spanish speaking. A volunteer opportunity with Tahirih may encompass:

- Assistance with social services database
- Answering phones and interviewing clients to determine eligibility and make referrals
- Interpreting for clients off site
- Researching trauma informed practices
- Researching community grants for client transportation barriers
- Assisting with social justice club for high school students

Tahirih is not easily accessible by public transit (depending on interest, a carpool or rideshare may be arranged).
Workshop Houston’s mission is to provide youth with creative, technical and educational resources. Our vision is to lay the groundwork for a just society by creating a community that provides youth with support, expanded opportunities and alternative definitions of success.

A volunteer opportunity with Workshop Houston may encompass:

Assisting with after school programs:
- Tutoring
- Stem and fashion projects
- Audio engineering

Available hours are Mon-Thurs, 3:30-7, on site in Third Ward. Their campus is not easily accessible by public transit (depending on interest, a carpool or rideshare may be arranged).
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<td><strong>Assistant</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers who are familiar with robotics and/or computer programming. Volunteers who are knowledgeable in a specific task or subject can facilitate a project or give an exciting presentation to the students. It is preferred that the presentation/project include student participation. Presentation possibilities are limitless. They must be approved by the Discovery Shop Coordinator and Community Liaison in advance.</td>
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<td><strong>Guest Speaker</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers knowledgeable in requested subject/area will provide one-on-one or group tutoring sessions. To provide academic tutoring, volunteer must have completed one semester of higher education.</td>
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<td><strong>Assistant</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers should be skilled in sewing, clothing or jewelry design. They will assist the Style Shop students with the assigned project for the day. Volunteer will assist students in creating pattern designs from scratch, taking accurate measurements, sewing and bringing designs to life. Volunteer will also assist with keeping all sewing machines available by rethreading them as needed.</td>
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<td><strong>Assistant Creators</strong></td>
<td>Creator volunteers bring their own style or art projects to the Style Shop. Projects do not have to be related to sewing. Volunteer may work with a subgroup of students or all of the students in the Style Shop. The project must be approved by the Style Shop Coordinator and Community Liaison in advance.</td>
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<td><strong>Decor Assistant</strong></td>
<td>Volunteer will help with keeping the Style Shop beautiful. This can consist of hanging up pictures, organizing the fabric room, organizing items within the room, and other organizing tasks.</td>
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<td><strong>Guest Speaker</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers who are knowledgeable in an area of fashion or art can give a presentation to the students. Presentations can also be related to the business aspect of fashion and art. The presentation must be approved by the Style Shop Coordinator and Community Liaison in advance.</td>
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<td><strong>Beat Shop</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Assistant</strong></td>
<td>Volunteers should have knowledge of an aspect of music creation. Volunteer should be skilled with use of an instrument, music software, songwriting or vocal coaching.</td>
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<td><strong>Musician/Performer</strong></td>
<td>Individual(s) who are skilled in an instrument or performing who will play for the students. Musicians may allow their music to be included on students' records.</td>
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