Info Session

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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,
  - Reflection
  - Dialogue
Goals of CCL Volunteers

- Learn about the CCL!
- Learn about and practice ethical community and civic engagement
- Create a mutually beneficial relationship with a community partner
- Gain practical experience and insight into how local organizations address social issues in Houston
- Enhance self-awareness and interpersonal skills
Time Commitment

- 2-3 hour per week working with community partner
  - Communicate with community partner for schedule
  - Log volunteer hours
  - Reflection journal

- Orientation
  - Saturday, September 21st, 10am - 2pm on campus

- Full group lunch meeting for 45 minutes 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: bit.ly/cclvols
- Application is due Wednesday, September 11th by 11:59 pm
- Placement notification by the end of next week
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Rice University Center for Civic Leadership

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CCL Volunteers is an opportunity for students to spend a semester volunteering 2-3 hours weekly at a local organization while learning more about civic engagement and ethical community service. The CCL arranges semester long volunteer opportunities wherein student groups are matched with an organization to volunteer weekly at, 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 semester. Additionally, cohorts will meet for one hour every other week for reflection and sessions on critical service, social issues, and other methods of civic engagement, 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.

Click to Apply!

Applications will open after the info session.

The deadline to apply is 11:59pm on Wednesday, 9/11.

Check out our community partners for the fall!

For more info, visit bit.ly/cclvols or contact Shanita Holin, sh81@rice.edu.
The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Students who volunteer with Alzheimer's Association have the opportunity to learn about strategic management, policy, and have access to cutting edge research. Volunteer opportunities may encompass:

- Community outreach support
  - Research, promotion and recruitment for public community forums targeting diverse populations
  - Facilitation of event logistics
  - Conducting campus advocacy events

Training will be held at their office, and volunteer efforts may be done both at their office and remotely.

This opportunity is not easily accessible by public transit (depending on interest, a carpool or rideshare may be arranged).
The **City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)** provides the leadership and financing to make affordable homes and neighborhood revitalization happen in Houston.

A volunteer opportunity with HCDD may encompass:

- Support with customer service and program outreach
  - Working with Constituent Services team to develop presentations for promotion of existing programs to City of Houston residents
  - Assisting with Housing Navigation Project through evaluating ease-of-use

Their office is accessible via METRO rail.
Comp-U-Dopt provides technology access and education to underserved youth in the Greater Houston and Galveston area.

A volunteer opportunity with Comp-U-Dopt may encompass:

- Data analysis and survey coding
- Warehouse support preparing for adoption sessions
- Possible weekend opportunities supporting Linux OS trainings

Must be available to volunteer during their business hours (M-Th, 9-5), although some data work can be done remotely. Their office is accessible via METRO bus.
Girls Inc. advocates on behalf of girls and delivers life-changing programs and experiences. A volunteer opportunity would support their literacy initiative, Project Lit, and would include:

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

Must be available to volunteer during after-school hours. Locations and times TBD.
Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (IM) brings people of diverse faith traditions together for dialogue, collaboration, and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs. The Refugee Services Department, in conjunction with the U.S. State Department and Episcopal Migration Ministries, resettles legal refugees fleeing their homeland in fear of political, social or religious persecution.

A volunteer opportunity with the Refugee Services Department of IM would encompass:

- Supporting the Women’s Empowerment Group
  - Assist the Women’s Empowerment Liaison with the coordination of logistics
  - Research topics relevant to the WEG program
  - Assist volunteers with childcare and researching educational activities
  - Assist the WEL with developing women’s talents
  - Communicate with businesses that are facilitating WEB bake sales – coffee shops, farmers markets, etc.
  - Check the quality of the items the WEG women are producing
  - Research summer camps for refugee families
  - Other duties as assigned

Please see a more detailed description of these opportunities here!

If you think you may be interested in volunteering with IM, please start your volunteer application process here ASAP.
**Plant It Forward** trains and supports former refugees to operate their own urban farm businesses.

A volunteer opportunity at Plant It Forward Farms may encompass rotations in:

- **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). Volunteering will happen at farm site and office, M-Th 8am – 5pm and/or Sat 8am – 12pm
The Red Cross Texas Gulf Coast prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

A volunteer opportunity at the Red Cross may encompass supporting:

- **The Home Fire Campaign**
  - Sound the Alarm
  - Pillowcase Project
- **Human Resources/Personnel Management**
  - Screening Team
  - Workforce Engagement
  - Volunteer Appreciation
- **Community/Client Based Relations (remote roles)**
  - Social Media
  - Public Affairs Spokesperson
  - Veteran Support
  - Disaster Cycle Services

Please see a more detailed description of these opportunities [here](#).

Their office is accessible via METRO bus.
United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT) is a lead organization of a coalition of Houston-area non-profits, faith-based organizations, government agencies/entities and others whose mission is to end human trafficking.

Volunteer opportunities with UAHT can very depending on student interest, and may encompass...

- Helping facilitate community outreach
  - Assist in start up of human trafficking hotline
  - Researching high-risk areas in Houston
  - Mapping out team routes in identified areas
  - Following up with interested businesses interested
  - Assisting staff in calling the Human Trafficking Hotline
  - Conducting community outreach
  - Assist in training volunteers

- Supporting Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition
  - Assisting coalition manager with prospective member research and recruitment
  - Sending out important follow up communication to coalition partners
  - Attending coalition and committee meetings

Please see a more detailed description of these opportunities [here](#)

Must be available to volunteer during their business hours (M-F, 10-7). Depending on interest, rideshares can be arranged to SW Houston
**West Street Recovery (WSR)** is a horizontally organized grassroots organization, which aims to use efforts toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey to build community power. Their driving principle is to work together with community members, not for them, or on their behalf.

A volunteer opportunity with WSR may encompass:
- Managing social media communications and strategy
- Supporting fundraising initiatives such as their flood insurance campaign
- Assisting with home rebuilds in NE Houston
- Home visits to NE Houston community to check on well being and condition of home

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