Independent Service Learning Connections: Community Organizations

Anne Arundel County Public Schools and the Maryland State Department of Education require that all students complete at least 75 hours of service-learning, 40 hours at the high school level, to graduate from high school. Service-learning hours may be earned, for students in need of additional project hours of community service through working with nonprofit organizations or programs. These hours may have been missed in classes infused for service-learning through illness, transfer, missed opportunities to complete within their classes or for students receiving Home Teaching.

Documentation of an activity to meet these service-learning requirements must be submitted to the Guidance Center for validation. Students must complete all the components on the form and have signed by the organization's administrator or supervisor the 'Student Service-Learning Form' documenting the hours of participation.

Some Anne Arundel County Community Organizations that accept youth to participate in their mission to assist those in need include some of the following:

• Anne Arundel County Food and Resource Bank	Crownsville, MD 21032	(410)923-4255
• American Cancer Society,	Gambrills, MD 21054	(410)721-4304
• American Red Cross:	Baltimore, MD	(410)624-2023
• Anne Arundel Dept of Rec and Parks	Countywide	(410)222-7313 x3554
• Anne Arundel County Library	Countywide	(410)222-1750
• Books for International Goodwill	Lothian, MD 20711	(410)293-6865
• Caring Collection, Inc.	Annapolis, MD 21401	(410)849-5333
• Chesapeake Children's Museum	Annapolis, MD 21403	(410)990-1993
• Guiding Eyes for the Blind	Countywide	(845)230-6521
• Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake	Baltimore, MD 21211	(410)366-1250 x 133
• Hospice for the Chesapeake	Annapolis, MD 21401	(410)987-2003
• Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	Linthicum, MD 21090	(410)636-8080
• Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center	Fort Meade, MD 20755	(301)677-8218
• Maryland Food Bank	Baltimore, MD 21227	(410)737-8282
• National Aquarium in Baltimore	Baltimore, MD 21202	(410)659-4274
• National Electronics Museum	Linthicum, MD 21090	(410)765-0230
• Our Daily Bread	Baltimore, MD 21202	(443)986-9031
• Project Linus	Severna Park, MD 21146	(410)956-4616
• SPCA of Anne Arundel County	Annapolis, MD 21403	(410)268-4388 x121
• Volunteer Center of AA County	Annapolis, MD 21401	(410)897-9207

Additional Volunteer Opportunities can be located at the Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County at www.volunteerannearundel.org

Special Local Opportunity: *Happy Helpers for the Homeless* (410)766-4973
Coordinator: Ms. Bobbi Coffman, Meade High School educator Baltimore, MD

Students may also use other nonprofit organizations, youth ministry service projects, and local activities within their own communities if a community need is being met.