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# SEMESTER IN SERVICE



## Semester in Service 11 Week Volunteer Program



Dear Salve Regina University Faculty,

Our Semester in Service Volunteer Program was created to bring dedicated and motivated Salve Regina University students to non-profit organizations in need of long-term volunteers. These non-profit organizations will have volunteers working towards a project on a weekly basis, with the hopes that the student volunteers will continue volunteering throughout their time in Newport. Student volunteers will receive an orientation to the organization of their choice along with 11 weeks of meaningful service.

This new initiative not only benefits our communities, it benefits our students as well. Semester in Service students will be provided with an excellent way to learn about internships and greater opportunities within these organizations and the students get to dedicate a scheduled amount of time to a cause they love working with, throughout the entire semester. The Semester in Service 11 Week Volunteer Program is also an excellent way to integrate service into your courses, allowing service learning to be an essential component to classrooms at Salve. With the set schedule of transportation to these partner organizations, it is a hassle free way to motivate students to participate in volunteering that will help Salve build better relationships with our community partners, as well as help students build on important skills for their transition into real world experiences.

Semester of Service will run through September 19<sup>nd</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Students must sign up by September 14<sup>th</sup> in order to participate in the program. This deadline ensures enough time to fill out necessary paperwork for their community partner. Attached to this packet are descriptions and times of service for each partnering organization. Please contact us with any questions if you are interested in getting your students involved through this service program. We look forward to working with you and your students!

Best,

Kelly J. Powers

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## Ch**⊀**ld & Family

### Caring for our Community since 1866.

Child & Family is the largest and most comprehensive social service provider in Newport County, and one of the largest in the State of Rhode Island. It is a center for community involvement - a place where people come together to give help, to receive help and to support the work of others. Child & Family is the lead agency for the Rhode Island Care Management Network, which was selected by the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families to serve as one of two statewide Family Care Networks for the Rhode Island System of Care for children and families. With state-of-the-art Community Centers in both Middletown and Providence, Child & Family provides important services and programs to thousands of children, teens, families and elders each year.

Child & Family needs volunteers to serve as Additional staff support for teaching staff teams in our high quality early care and education center. Student volunteers would work in classrooms with teachers to support all aspects of the day to day work within an early childhood classroom setting.

Volunteers are required to have proof of MMR, Chicken Pox, an up to date TB test, and a flu shot and would be required to fill out a CANTS (Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System) background check and submit fingerprints.

For more information on volunteering at Child and Family through Semester in Service contact:

Patricia Carbone pcarbone@childandfamilyri.com 401-848-4102

Melissa Bockstoce <u>mbockstoce@childandfamilyri.com</u> 401-848-4104

Invite your students to sign up for the Child & Family through Semester in Service!

Transportation is provided to and from the center.

Students will be scheduled on:

Monday & Wednesdays from 3pm - 5pm
Thursdays 1pm - 5pm
(Pick-up at Miley Hall occurs 15 minutes before)

Capacity: 14 Student Volunteers

### **METHODIST GARDENS**



Three Methodist churches on Aquidneck Island, Rhode Island unite with local social service agencies, Sunday school children and neighborhood volunteers grow, harvest and distribute vegetables and herbs to local food pantries and shelters. Also the community garden raises flowers to distribute to local nursing homes, Senior Care centers and shut-ins.

The Methodist Community Garden encourages ALL people to consider gardening with them, our emphasis is on helping our COMMUNITY.

Their mission is to do God's work by distributing their vegetables to people in need, by using gardening as a tool for young people to learn the value and joy of growing and sharing their own food and to encourage people of all ages and economic levels to work with one another as neighbors and in the community.

For more information on volunteering at the Methodist Gardens through Semester in Service contact:

Linda Wood Iswwood@cox.net

Invite your students to sign up for the Child & Family through Semester in Service!

Transportation is provided to and from the center.

Students will be scheduled on:
Tuesdays 12:30pm - 2:30pm
(Pick-up at Miley Hall occurs 15 minutes before)



The Potter League for Animals is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of animals. They promote the humane treatment of all animals and provide shelter and care for lost or unwanted companion animals. Through community education and the fostering of relationships between people and animals, they enhance the animals' future and enrich the human experience. The Potter League is an "open admission" shelter which is able to help as many pets as possible. The Potter League consistently maintains a Live Release Rate of 90% or higher through placement to new families, returned to their owners or released to another facility or rescue group.

Students will need to fill out an online application (See below for instructions). During the students' first week of volunteering at the Potter League, they will have them complete their volunteer orientation class. This is a walking tour of the Potter League, and includes information about all the different volunteer opportunities at the site. It also includes basic training for working with the animals safely. Further training will be provided for cleaning kennels, working at the front desk, and all the different animal programs available for students to participate in.

Volunteers are required to register through the Potter League website

#### HOW TO REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER

- -Go to PotterLeague.org
- -Click on the "Volunteer" tab at the top of the page
- -Click on the orange link to the

"Salve Regina University Student Application"

- -Fill out and submit the application
- -You will receive a confirmation email and password

Invite students to sign up for the Potter League for Animals through Semester in Service!

Transportation is provided to and from the shelter.

Students will be scheduled on:

Wednesdays 1 pm - 6pm, Wednesday 3 pm - 7pm Friday 3pm - 5pm

Capacity: 14 Student Volunteers

#### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OUTLINE**

#### Hour 1:

Students will choose to assist with the daily morning cleaning in one of the following areas:

- Dog kennels
- Cat kennels and small mammal cages

#### Hour 2:

Students will select one area from the following list to focus on for the duration of the 11 week program:

- Participate in obedience training classes for the shelter's dogs, under the supervision of Potter League's dog training staff
- Participate in one of our cat training/socialization programs:
  - Clicker Training, Target Training, Kneady Cats Program (working with shy cats), or "Reading to Cats" Program (a good way to get school work done!)
- Participate with bunny socialization
- Work behind the front desk in the lobby as a "Front Desk Clerical Assistant", providing administrative support to the staff Adoption Counselors and interfacing with the public.

#### Hour 3:

Students will participate in indoor/outdoor projects, depending on the weather and what needs to be done at that point in time:

- Landscaping
- Painting
- Cleaning projects
- Clerical projects

For more information, contact:
Gail Lawson, Volunteer Coordinator

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