

Career Center Community Service NewsBrief February 2012

Dear Newtown High School Student:

Our Community Service thought for the month:

It is in giving that we receive ~ *St. Francis of Assisi*

Community service opportunities received by the Career Center will be listed and sent out in an email on the first Thursday of every month during the school year. This email will also be posted on the blog. Opportunities that come in after the email is sent will continue to be posted in the Career Center and kept in the community service binder. If you are not interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities listed below then check the bulletin board in the Career Center to see if additional opportunities have been received.

RELAY FOR LIFE

“Relay For Life” is the largest cancer-fighting movement in the world, attracting people of all ages and walks of life who want to ensure that cancer research continues and more lives are saved. At Relay, teams of people camp out and take turns walking around a track to celebrate the survivors and caregivers in our community. There's great entertainment and lots of fun activities.

Join in the fight against cancer!

An overnight celebration of life to raise funds for the American Cancer Society where team members take shifts walking the track to keep the hope for a cure alive.

When: June 2-3, 2012 - 6 PM

Where: Fairfield Hills Campus,
Newtown, CT

Visit our website to:

- ⌘ Register a Team ⌘ Join a Team
- ⌘ Register as a Survivor ⌘ Light a Luminary
- ⌘ Become a Corporate Sponsor
- ⌘ Make a Donation
- ⌘ Learn how ACS is helping cancer
Survivors and funding research

relayforlifeofnewtown@gmail.com www.relayforlife.org/newtownct

Informational Meetings 7-8 PM Newtown High School Cafetorium (new wing)

Kick Off - February 1, 2012

March 7, 2012

April 4, 2012

May 2, 2012

May 23, 2012 last chance Q&A

Team Captain Night - May 30, 2012 @

Newtown Savings Bank - 39 Main St.

MAPLEWOOD

Maplewood at Newtown, an assisted living community on Mt. Pleasant Road, is looking for volunteers! Are you interested in playing cards, scrabble, or running a trivia program for seniors? Do you have a talent like singing, arts & crafts, or play an instrument? We would love to have you join us! Please contact Christine Ramirez at 203-426-8118

NEWTOWN YOUTH ACADEMY

Newtown Youth Academy is always looking for volunteers. Go to www.nyasportsfitness.com to complete a volunteer form or stop by and fill one out.

The Fitness Center at the Newtown Youth Academy needs volunteers. Contact Dorrie Carolan at excelrepz@aol.com for more information and to sign up for hours. You may also call her at 203.426.0088 ext. 102.

NEWTOWN YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Starting in February, Newtown Youth and Family Services will be conducting focus groups on Underage Drinking in Newtown. There are 4 groups of individuals that they are seeking: Religious Adults, Religious Youth (12-17 years old), High School Students and Middle School Students.

There will be incentives (ie; food, giftcards) for participating in these focus groups as well as eligibility for students to receive community service hours.

If you are interested and would like to weigh in your voice on this topic, please email Kaitlyn, at kjohnson@newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org to sign up. Focus groups are confidential, no names are attached to any comments you make.

HOMEFRONT

“HomeFront is a community-based, volunteer-driven home repair program that provides FREE repairs to low-income homeowners, thus enabling them to remain in their homes with an improved quality of life. Currently serving Fairfield, Hartford and New Haven Counties in Connecticut; and Westchester County, New York.” They are looking for student volunteers at their Bethel Warehouse, 11 Durant Avenue, Bethel, to help with making boxes and putting labels on hammers, to be used for the home repairs. If interested contact Louis Valenti at lvalenti@homefrontprograms.org.

LEAPS OF FAITH

Leaps of Faith would like to make you aware that they are actively seeking local interns and/or students that may need community service to help out with their programs, both in the office and out on the field. Duties may include computer work, fundraising, event planning, equipment repair, photography, media, videographer, and assisting with the disabled both on the ski slopes and in the water. **Their goal and mission is to teach and train the local community with disabilities including children, adults, and our veterans.** They do this through activities such as snow skiing, water skiing, kayaking, fishing etc. They offer these events to their participants year round with no cost to them.

They are recognized as a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Leaps of Faith has been doing this for many years now, but for whatever reason they typically get students from out of the region, for instance New York. For further inquiries, please feel free to call Leaps of Faith (203) 426-0666. For a full description and more information about Leaps of Faith Disabled Skiers, please feel free to visit their website at ww.leapsoffaihwaterskiers.com.

MAKE A HOME FOUNDATION

Make A Home Foundation needs volunteers to pick-up, move, and/or deliver furniture, household appliances, clothing, and household goods. Their warehouse is located on High Bridge Road in Sandy Hook. Additional opportunities to volunteer include administrative assistant, website design, social media public relations, graphic design, and landscaping assistance. Hours are available in the evenings and weekends. To volunteer, contact Robin Buchanan at 203.270.5501.

NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Newtown High School Writing Center: Tutors are needed for the new writing center at Newtown HS. Mr. Keylock will train you and set up a schedule for you. If you are interested please see Mr. Keylock in the English Department. His office is in the F-wing on the lower level or keylock1@newtown.k12.ct.us

Newtown High School Library Media Center: Please see Mrs. Brownell in the LMC if you are interested in volunteering during a free period or study hall.

Newtown High School Store: Students interested in working in the school store during a free period or study hall, are asked to submit a signed application to Mrs. Swann in Room A109. Applications are available in the Career Center or from Mrs. Swann. Before applying, please remember working in the store is a commitment and needs to be taken seriously. Please contact Mrs. Swann if you have any questions at swannj@newtown.k12.ct.us.

Newtown High School Social Studies Department: Mr. Obloj has an opportunity for a student who has flexible time and basic word processing skills to convert notes and worksheets into a **WORD** document format for visually impaired students. Contact Mr. Obloj either by email at obloje@newtown.k12.ct.us , in the Social Studies office in the B-wing or personally in his classroom, B245

STILL RIVER

The Eighth Annual Still River Greenway and Waterway Cleanup: Saturday, May 12, 2012 starting at 8:00 AM. This project is cleaning a six mile stretch of the Still River Waterway/Greenway – starting at the Courtyard Marriott in Danbury – north towards the four corners in Brookfield. For more information, email stillrivercleanup@hotmail.com. Their website is <http://connecticutwatertrails.com/CWTA>

NEWTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newtown Historical Society is seeking a volunteer to update and/or create accounts for the web, Facebook, Youtube, Patch, etc. Monthly analytics of the traffic for each to determine and energize the strategies that work would also be included. Generally the updates would take place twice a month and the creation of accounts can be done on a very flexible schedule. Members of the Historical Society would work and coordinate with the individual involved. Much of this work can be done on a satellite basis so there really is great flexibility for the student that would desire additional community service experience on the University application but is generally super busy. Interested students should contact Alice Cooney at alice.cooney@gmail.com.