

# Service Learning & Volunteer Programs

## Co-Curricular Service - Learning Projects

Students who would like to participate in a service-learning project outside the classroom may be interested in the co-curricular projects available through the Service-Learning and Volunteer Program Offices. Although wonderful learning experiences; such projects do not typically provide academic credit. Examples of co-curricular projects include:

- Business Plan projects for Habitat for Humanity,
- Hunger in America projects,
- On-going substance abuse education peer response network,
- Volunteer program trips.

Interested students should stop by the Service-Learning Program Office.

## Volunteer Programs

In keeping with the mission and tradition of Norwich University, students, staff, and faculty engage in a variety of community service activities. Successful blood drives are held several times each year supported by both volunteer workers and donors from the Norwich family; Norwich students actively participate in tutoring/mentoring programs through the Northfield Youth Center and the Northfield Middle/High School, as well as other area high schools; and patients at the Veterans Hospital are cheered by visits from members of Naval ROTC. The Norwich University Volunteer Organization (NUVO), Circle K, Semper Fi, Golden Anchors, and the Arnold Air Force Society are all student groups focused on community service activities that regularly provide service to the town of Northfield.

All student groups are encouraged to participate in community service activities. Resident Assistants plan one group community service activity per semester for traditional students living in the residence halls. NU VISIONS, an alternative break program that provides students with the opportunity to volunteer their services in various parts of the United States, is offered to all students. NU VISIONS' trips are usually during spring break with weekend service trips interspersed throughout the academic year.

In addition, at the beginning of each academic year a Volunteer Fair is held on campus which allows the University community to register for volunteer activities directly with local community-based organizations. Students who wish to volunteer with a local agency or community-based organization on an on-going basis are encouraged to visit the Office of Community Service Programs and receive a Volunteer Referral that matches the students' interests with the needs of local agencies/ community-based organizations. Leadership and service projects consist of work with the elderly, youth, homeless, hungry, and economically disadvantaged. All students are encouraged to become active as volunteers, as part of their college experience, with the aim of developing graduates who are "ready, not reluctant" to serve their community and nation.