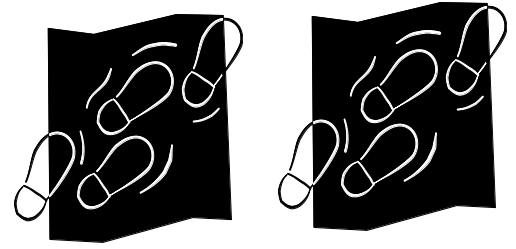


# Franciscan Footsteps

## Mount Alvernia High School



Dear Parents,

This year's topic at World Awareness Day on March 18 was community service. Students learned about many service opportunities from the wonderful speakers who addressed them, and they heard from some of our seniors whose lives have been deeply impacted by their own service to others. I felt so proud of our soon to be "graduates" and of the fine, compassionate young women they are becoming. I hope your daughter caught some of the spirit of World Awareness Day.

As we begin the final quarter of this academic year, I hope your daughter is almost finished with her community service requirement for the year. If she is, congratulations to her and to you also! Sometimes students do the service but forget to bring me their evaluation form. Please be sure she does drop that off at the Community Service office so I can give her credit for the work she has done.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at school (X 15) if I can help you or your daughter with community service.

Sincerely,

*Sr. Julie Franchi*

Coordinator of Community Service

### **City Year for Kids, a chance to work with city children**

During the April school vacation (April 19-23) City Year for Kids sponsors programs at various sites for children in the city of Boston. Students interested in participating must be 16 years old and must take part in a day-long training session (date to be determined). Sr. Julie has the applications (also available on the website: [http://www.cityyear.org/boston\\_ektid6783.aspx](http://www.cityyear.org/boston_ektid6783.aspx)). This is a great opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of kids, to receive some valuable training, and to earn up to 25 community service hours. Contact: 617-927-2410 or email [cyfkboston@cityyear.org](mailto:cyfkboston@cityyear.org)

### **Family Autism Center at SNCARC in Westwood**

- Help out on Saturday, April 10 1:45-2:45, working one-on-one with children with special needs at this play group in Norwood. To sign up to volunteer, contact Nancy Borr at 781-762-4001, x412 or [NBorr@sncarc.org](mailto:NBorr@sncarc.org).
- April 19, 21, 23, April vacation week, work with children ages 6-12 served through the Family Support Program and the Family Autism Center. Volunteers must be 16 years old. Each day (1, 2, or 3) volunteers will meet at the office at 789 Clapboardtree Street in Westwood and will go to various places for the day. To sign up, call Nancy Borr (see above info)

### **Ladders Program in Needham**

Needs volunteers 16 or older on Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-8:30 to do child care for children with special needs. For more information call 781-860-1726 or e-mail: [jobrien20@partners.org](mailto:jobrien20@partners.org)

**NewtonServes** Day of Community Service on Sunday, April 25. NewtonServes brings together over 1,000 volunteers of to do all kinds of work throughout the city for full or half day projects. Pre-registration is necessary. To see the many projects available and to sign up go to:

[www.ci.newton.ma.us/newtonserves](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/newtonserves)  
Questions? Call 617-796-1290.

**Project Bread's Walk for Hunger** Celebrate the spirit of giving along with over 40,000 other concerned citizens by participating in this Massachusetts family tradition, to be held Sunday, May 2. The Walk for Hunger is a great experience! Students raise money for the hungry and homeless of Boston and vicinity. Students who do the entire 20 mile walk and raise \$50 can earn 10 hours of community service. For more information call: 617-723-5000, [www.projectbread.org/walk](http://www.projectbread.org/walk) or come to Sr. Julie's office.

**Jason Roberts Challenger League** is a baseball program for special needs children. Volunteers are needed to help the children in playing. The season starts Monday, May 3. Games are played at the Ohrenberger School in West Roxbury Monday-Friday evenings. Volunteers are asked to attend at least two games a week. Be a buddy and make a real difference in someone's life, enjoy the great spring weather and earn community service credit at the same time! For more information see Sr. Julie, the Bulletin Board or call Bill at 617-364-9249.

### **Catholic Charities of Boston Friendly Visitors**

Friendly visitors are needed to visit lonely elders who have little family support in their own homes or in nursing facilities. Volunteers must be caring, concerned persons with some knowledge of/experience with elders. Commitment includes at least one-hour weekly visit, attendance at training classes and submission of monthly reports. This is a non-sectarian service, which provides elders with warm, friendly companionship when they need it most. Service area includes West Roxbury, Dedham, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Dorchester and Brookline. Contact: Emily Dingwell — 617-506-6668 <http://ccab.org/volunteer/>

### **GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS**

- **BostonCares.org** or call: **617-422-0910**
- **Teenlifeboston.com** or call **617-520-6666**
- Your parish, elementary school, or neighborhood; these are often great places to serve.
- Ask other students where they enjoy working.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

The 30 hour community service requirement should be completed  
**AND** the evaluation form turned in by:

- Deadline for Seniors: **April 1.**
- Deadline for all other students, grades 8-11: **May 15.**