Opportunities in Community Service, Civic Engagement and Civic Leadership...Leading to a life of Engaged Citizenship.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Colleges Receive MLK Grant for Day of Service

Thanks to more than 160 students, faculty & staff that served in MLK’s honor!

Spanish Speaking Interpreter needed for WIC Program

Volunteer for 5th Annual Geneva Festival of Nations

Someone with Technical Skills needed at Geneva Housing Authority

HWS Annual President’s Day Blood Drive –February 20th

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Neighbor’s Night every Wednesday

How much do you know about Poverty?

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Honorary Board Members Needed

ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP

How Much Do You Know About Poverty?–Take this Quiz

City Year Internship Opportunity
The Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning (CCESL) was recently awarded a Martin Luther King Jr. Collegiate Challenge mini-grant in the amount of $1,000. The grant will be used to broaden the impact of Martin Luther King Day of Service, and increase and promote volunteering.

"We're thrilled to be included in this national initiative that allocates resources to ensure meaningful and productive service experiences that align with Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision," says Director of CCESL Katie Flowers. "Starting off the semester with service on the first Saturday after classes makes a statement about who we are as a community, and the grant will allow us to further celebrate this important event."

Participating in an annual day of service since 1994, the Colleges have expanded in the past three years to add two more days over the course of the year, including the Martin Luther King Day of Service. During the 2011 Day of Service, the Colleges sent volunteers to 15 community partners, including America Reads, Smith Opera House and local schools and churches.

"The Day of Service was meaningful on many levels, most importantly the Colleges' commitment to honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the character of the students with whom I worked," said Professor of Dance Donna Davenport. "I was moved by the generosity, diligence and positive energy of the students and proud to be associated with them. By the day's end there is no doubt that I received more than I gave."

Money from the grant will be used to help offset transportation costs and food, two of the biggest expenses of this annual event. Since many community partners can be up to an hour away, the student-run Day of Service committee must transport the volunteers to where their time and efforts are most needed. Additionally, the food does more than just attracting volunteers, it also offers students the opportunity to gather together as a whole and hear motivational speeches about their service from several campus representatives.

"This Day of Service was exceptionally special because it truly honored Martin Luther King Jr.'s tremendous work advocating for service," says Celeste Smith '12, who helped in the planning of the event. Now serving as chair of the Day of Service committee, Smith has participated in every Day of Service since her first year at the Colleges.

The most recent day of service in October succeeded in providing 24 community partners with more than 300 student volunteers and nearly 1,000 service hours. Thanks to the success of their most recent event, Days of Service plans to implement that same momentum and the funds supplied by the MLK grant to make this year's MLK Service Day even more successful.

The MLK Collegiate Challenge grants are sponsored by the Michigan Campus Compact in partnership with Wisconsin Campus Compact and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

For anyone interested in participating in the MLK Day of Service, look for the Day of Service committee volunteers tabling in Scandling Campus Center upon return from winter break or email DOS@hws.edu.
Thank you to Celeste Smith, WS’12, Caitlin Hughes, WS 12 and the DOS Planning Committee for organizing a successful and impactful day of service!

More than 160 students and members of the faculty and staff gathered in the Vandervort Room of the Scandling Campus Center to kick off a Day of Service held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, Jan. 21. Following reflection on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Dean Montrose Streeter, participants were sent to locations across Geneva where they spent the afternoon lending a helping hand.
We are looking for student volunteers to interpret for some of the Spanish speaking participants at the WIC program. The majority of WIC's Spanish speaking population are located in the Geneva, Newark, Sodus and Wolcott locations.

Hours in Geneva (Presbyterian Church on Main St.)
9:30am-3:30pm on the first and third Thursday of the month
10:45am - 5:30pm on the second and forth Thursday of the month

Contact:
Christine Devaney
(585) 394-9240 ext. 312
cdevaney@fingerlakeswic.org
Please, mark your calendars for...

The 5th Geneva Festival of Nations

Saturday, March 31, 2012
Geneva High School
100 - 300 PM

Celebrate our diverse cultures in our own community through:

Art
Food
Performances
Music
Cultural presentations
Community Resource Fair

The Geneva School District is inviting our community members to a Festival of Nations that is designed to bring community members of all backgrounds together to share the ties with our past and take pride in the richness of diverse cultures in our community.

At the Festival of Nations, we are able to renew a sense of dignity in our respective ethnic heritages. At the same time, we’ll have the opportunity to develop an appreciation, rather than just a tolerance, of the culture of others as we build for a future together. At the festival, you will discover that there is much more to who we are.

This event is free & open to the public.

For more information, contact Nikki Kersbergen
315-781-0402
How Much Do You Really Know About Poverty? Take Half in Ten’s Newest Quiz to Find Out!

How much does hunger cost our economy each year? How many people were lifted out of poverty last year by effective programs like unemployment insurance or the earned income tax credit? What choices can we make in the deficit-reduction debate to protect programs supporting the most vulnerable?

Test your knowledge of these and other questions with Half in Ten’s latest interactive quiz. [http://halfinten.org/issues/articles/how-much-do-you-really-know-about-poverty-2011/](http://halfinten.org/issues/articles/how-much-do-you-really-know-about-poverty-2011/) With record numbers of Americans living in poverty and millions more still facing unemployment, it is more important than ever to educate the public and policymakers alike on the depth and breadth of the issue and the policy solutions that provide a ladder out of poverty and expand economic opportunity for all. Working together we can build the will to cut poverty in America. [Here are 10 reasons why cutting poverty is good for all of us.](http://www.americanprogressaction.org/issues/2011/12/topten_poverty.html)

Help us spread the word! Take our quiz and use the sample tweets below to share with your friends and networks today.
Geneva Housing Authority needs someone with some technical skills that could help create 15-20 office layout drawings using Microsoft Visio software. They have the drawings on an old outdated software now that won't convert, so they have to print them and recreate them in Visio.

If interested–

Please Contact-Bob Doeblin
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Geneva Housing Authority
Lewis Street Commons
41 Lewis Street
Geneva, NY 14456
ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW
City Year is a non-profit organization that varies young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. As tutors, mentors, and role models, these diverse young leaders make a difference in the lives of children and transform schools and neighborhoods across the United States. City Year is a proud member of AmeriCorps. City Year was founded in 1983 to tap the civic potential of the country's young people. For more information please visit www.cityyear.org/newyork

INTERNSHIP SUMMARY
City Year provides hands-on learning opportunities for undergraduate students as well as for graduate students and post-baccalaueteres interested in non-profit administration careers. Part-time and full-time interns will support a variety of projects that will help City Year carry out our mission statement by engaging in research, data collection, event planning, fundraising and more. Internships typically run concurrent with the semester system with the option to continue into the spring semester. Each intern will be matched with a specific department (see descriptions below). Additionally, each intern will assist with general office operations, administrative work, event support, and data entry. Internships are typically between 15 and 20 hours per week during business hours (9am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday), and can be flexible with a student's academic calendar and other summer commitments. Please note that all internships are office based and do not serve in schools.

INTERNSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Responsibilities include supporting all areas of City Year New York's Civic Engagement team which implements an aggressive calendar of over 40 community service days for corporate, community, and youth audiences throughout the year. The intern will manage our city wide service partner database, assist in securing service into and managing relationships with community based organizations, schools, and city agencies for the implementation of service days. The intern may also assist with other corporate development opportunities as needed.

DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING
Responsibilities include supporting all areas of City Year New York's fundraising efforts. The intern assists in coordinating direct mail campaigns for donors, creating and distributing prospectus materials, database, and corporate funder, maintaining development files, assisting in the maintenance of The Edge fundraising database, and carrying out other special projects and cultivation events as needed, with a concentration on event preparation and follow up.

PROGRAM AND SERVICE
Responsibilities include supporting all areas of Program and Service Operations, with an emphasis on managing Corp Member files in order to ensure the organization maintains compliance with government entities, supporting various Corp Member human resources matters, creating and maintaining training materials, analyzing Corp Member satisfaction survey results and creating survey summaries. The intern will also assist with preparing materials for Corp Member training and development, and other special projects as assigned by the department.

RESEARCH AND OPERATIONS
Responsibilities include assisting with Site Operations, Staff Support, Finance and Office Management. The intern will manage the upkeep of monthly budget reports and summaries, create/coordinates assessments for the internship program, support the Chief of Staff with the creation of board materials, the interns, and database management and ad in organizational logistics and streamlining office efficiency. The intern will also complete a variety of research projects for the Executive Director centered on the City of New York and the Department of Education, various behavioral intervention and literacy programs, high school dropout statistics, and various other impact data related to our schools, communities, and the districts in which we serve.

RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS
Responsibilities include supporting and assisting our Admissions department with the corps member application process,including filing, managing relationships with candidates by supporting a customer service program that encourages timely and consistent communication with prospective and accepted applicants, supporting various Recruitment events such as community fairs and block parties or outreach fairs when necessary, researching City Year's top application feeder schools, creating portfolios, and developing current outreach strategies, and managing special projects as assigned by the department.

INCENTIVES
This is an ideal opportunity whose interns will learn and develop a variety of service building skills including organization, network, project planning and execution, communication skills and customer service, multi-tasking, service learning, and networking. At the successful completion of the program each intern will receive a letter of recommendation and the projects they accomplished. It is up to the applicant to determine whether they are eligible for credit, scholarship, or work study money from their school. All interns will have the opportunity to participate in Corporate Service Days, Lunch and Learn seminars with members of our Leadership Teams, and will be assigned a manager who will serve as their mentor throughout the internship.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS
• Excellent written, oral, and computer skills.
• Attention to detail, organized, ability to take direction, and a commitment to quality work.
• Punctual, flexible, willingness to learn.
• Capable of working independently and on a team.
• Special considerations given to those with prior service experience.

HOW TO APPLY
Qualified applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to jobsny@cityyear.org Please indicate your department of interest in your cover letter. For the summer term (late May and August) applications must be received by April 13, 2012.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM
WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP!

HWS COLLEGES COORDINATES THE
COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM OF
GENEVA, A LOCAL SOUP KITCHEN, ON
THURSDAYS DURING THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY!

IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME ON THURSDAY
FROM 9AM-1PM TO LEND A HAND,
PLEASE CONTACT :
E-MAIL: CELESTE.SMITH@HWS.EDU
OR STOP BY CCESL—TRINITY 203
CCESL is now accepting Alternative Spring Break applications

**Domestic Trips:**

- Richmond, VA  
- Norlina, NC  
- Lyons, NY  
- Penfield, NY

**Deadline:** February 6th

**Be A Part of ASB 2012!**

HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

[http://www.hws.edu/academics/service/alternative_breaks.aspx](http://www.hws.edu/academics/service/alternative_breaks.aspx)
HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGE
BLOOD DRIVE
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Engagement & Service-Learning
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012
1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
The Barn
The need is constant. The gratification is instant.
Give blood.
Contact Community Engagement Department at (315) 781-3825,
e-mail Spencer McCormick or go to http://hwscollege.givesblood.org
to schedule your lifesaving appointment
If you donated on or before
DECEMBER 26 (Whole Blood) or OCTOBER 31 (Double Red Cell),
you are eligible to donate.
Honorary Board Program

Why?
The opportunity to learn and apply practical leadership skills within the context of a non-profit executive board.

The position
Students will serve as a regular member of the board, with all duties implied, but without the financial commitment or voting privileges (unless organization chooses to allow both voice and vote).

The Experience
Throughout the experience, the student would acquire information about the issue the non-profit agency addresses and existing outreach efforts. Additionally, in this specific capacity, they’d be able to serve as a liaison between campus and the community.

Applications Due February 24th by 5pm
To serve@hws.edu or to CCESL