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

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Volunteers Needed for Neighbor’s Night–Wednesdays 5-7pm
HWS Annual President’s Day Blood Drive–The Barn 2/20
Festival of Nations–March 31st–Watch for Volunteer information
Geneva Read’s Book Fest –March 3rd–Register for a Table
Geneva’s 5K For Play Race–April 21st–Registration & Volunteers Request
March of Dimes Informational Meeting -3/7 @ 5:30pm & Fundraiser 5/6

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Finger Lakes Health Community Service Project Opportunity
Community Read “Seedfolk”
What is the National Service Impact of Your Home (or Favorite) State?

ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP
AmeriCorps Job Posting
NickelBack –We Must Stand Together
Neighbor’s Night

Are you looking for a way to get involved? Do you like spending time with children?

Neighbor’s Night is every Wednesday from 5-7 PM at St. Peter’s Church downtown. The church opens their doors to the neighborhood kids to sing songs, feed them a meal and play games.

You can come every week, just once, or whenever you are free!

If you are interested, have questions, or are looking for more information please contact Hannah Hood (hannah.hood@hws.edu) or Sarah Smith (SS3117@hws.edu) the Volunteer Coordinators for Neighbor’s Night.

Transportation is Provided
AmeriCorps Job Posting:

Recruiter
Rebecca Charlton, WS’11 will be here on February 21st from 9am-5pm
To make an Appointment
Contact: jdoyle@hws.edu

The mission of Covenant Preparatory School of Hartford is to provide economically disadvantaged yet motivated boys in grades 5-8 from the Hartford, CT area with a quality, tuition-free, private school education.

The school will provide you with comfortable living arrangements in furnished townhouses with fellow teachers within walking distance of Covenant Prep. Each first year volunteer receives a stipend of $325 on the first day of each month August through June. Teachers receive an AmeriCorps grant of $5,000 at the completion of each year of the program. Covenant Prep provides funds for a weekly grocery allowance to be used during the week for the teachers while at school. Parents will rotate bringing in lunch for the faculty each day. Volunteers are provided health insurance through the school by United Healthcare.

Be a part of changing the direction of a young person’s life. While no teaching experience is required, demonstrated academic achievement and selfless motivation are essential. Experience with children is preferred.

TO APPLY-

For APPLICATION visit: http://www.covenantprep.org/employment.html
Contact: Meara Weaver, Principal
COVENANT PREPARATORY SCHOOL
135 Broad Street
Hartford, CT 06105
Warm someone’s heart this winter.
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HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGE
BLOOD DRIVE
SPONSORED BY THE
Center for Community
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.

All presenting donors in February are eligible to enter
for a chance to keep cozy in
a Red Cross fleece jacket.
One fleece jacket will be given
away every day for the entire
month of February.

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The 5th Geneva Festival of Nations

SATURDAY,
MARCH 31, 2012

GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL
1:00 - 3:00 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

To volunteer for Festival of Nations contact:
serve@hws.edu
We Must Stand Together

When we could feed a starving world
with what we throw away, but all we
serve are empty words that always taste
the same

The right thing to guide us is right
here inside us, no one can divide us

When the Light is leading on

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnI8nvgr8&noredi
rect=1
Are you part of a group that would be willing to create a craft and set up a table to help Geneva’s community of children?

Book Fest is a day of crafts and activities related to children’s literature.

For more information ideas: Contact serve@hws.edu
Finger Lakes Health is looking for a student to help identify places in the Geneva, Waterloo, and Penn Yan area that accept Finger Lakes Health materials (posters, brochures, etc.) for display in grocery stores, restaurants, post offices, city halls, etc. Once we’ve identified the places that will accept the materials, then we’ll give a volunteer the responsibility to deliver the materials throughout the year.

If you are somewhat familiar with the Geneva and Penn Yan areas (or willing to explore), and you have a reliable vehicle, the ability to do research online, make phone calls, and interact through personal visits, this is the job for you!

Please contact
Christen Smith,
Community Outreach Coordinator
Finger Lakes Health
christen.smith@flhealth.org
Community Read 2012

Seedfolks: Finding Common Ground

March of 2012 marks the 3rd annual Community Read. Each year, Geneva Reads organizes community events, programs, discussions and speakers centered around one book.

ABOUT THE BOOK:
A vacant lot, rat-infested and filled with garbage, looked like no place for a garden — especially to a neighborhood of strangers where no one seems to care. Then one day, a young girl clears a small space and digs into the hard-packed soil to plant her precious bean seeds. Suddenly, the soil holds promise. To Curtis, who believes he can win back Lateesha's heart with a harvest of tomatoes; to Virgil's dad, who sees a fortune to be made from growing lettuce; and even to Marcela, sixteen and pregnant, wishing she were dead. Thirteen very different voices — old, young, Haitian, Hispanic, and more, tough, haunted, and hopeful — tell one amazing story about a garden that transforms a neighborhood.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Paul Fleischman grew up in Santa Monica, California in a house with a printing press, a grand piano, a shortwave radio, and his father — children's author, Sid Fleischman. Playing recorder in early music ensembles led to his books of verbal duets — I Am Phoenix, Joyful Noise (winner of the 1989 Newbery Medal), and Big Talk. His novels built from monologues include Bull Run, a 16-character account of the Civil War's first battle, and Seedfolks — the chronicle of the first year of a Cleveland community garden. His interest in theater inspired his young adult novels Mind's Eye, Seek, and Breakout, all of which revolve around the spoken word. His historical fiction includes Saturnalia and The Borning Room. He's written nonfiction and picture books as well, including Time Train, Weslandia, and Sidewalk Circus.

Alongside the Newbery Medal, he's won a Newbery Honor Book, the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, the PEN West Literary Award, the California Young Reader Medal, and most recently was a finalist for the 2003 National Book Award. He makes his home in the village of Aromas, California.
Volunteers are also needed for this event for tasks including water distribution, clean up, registration, raffle and bake sale, direct runners, and traffic control. Please email celeste.smith@hws.edu if you are available on Saturday, April 21st to volunteer. Times TBA"
To learn more about this important organization:


- Come to an informational meeting March 7th @ 5:30 PM, Ramada Inn

To Get Involved:

- Walk and fundraise! 5 mile walk on May 6th @ 11 AM at the Seneca Lake State Park

- Join the Logistics Committee- meets once monthly at the Ramada Inn

Please email Celeste Smith if interested in attending any of the above events
What is the national service impact in your home (or favorite) state?
http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/state_profiles.asp