

Blanchet Catholic School Community Service Program

Service is an important component of student life at Blanchet Catholic. The program is designed to give a framework for what we hope will be a lifelong commitment to improving the welfare of others. Collectively, our student body donates over 6,000 hours of service each year to school, civic and church organizations in the greater Salem area. Our service program is organized through the Religion Department with the following themes:

- 6th Grade: A variety of service projects are completed as a class
- 7th Grade: Environment
- 8th Grade: Dignity of Life
- 9th Grade: At-Risk Youth
- 10th Grade: Elderly
- 11th Grade: Poverty
- 12th Grade: Senior Service Project

The following service opportunities grid provides a reference for students to help them connect with local and statewide agencies offering volunteer programs in these areas. This is not an exhaustive list, and we encourage students to share new opportunities with other students through Campus Minister Danielle Wise (daniellewise@blanchetcatholicschool.com).

Community Service Opportunities

Agency	Contact	Type of Work/Skills Needed	Organization Mission & Website	Service Area/Notes
Red Cross Youth Council	Dave Robinson 503-779-1270	Leadership, reliability	Helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies Redcross-salem.org	All Areas
Become a mentor for a Highland Elementary student, 530 Highland Ave., NE	Yolanda Solis -Outreach Coordinator 503-399-3336	Mentorship: requires demonstrated interpersonal skills, academic success, punctuality and reliability. 1 hr. per week	Pre-K through 5 th grade school with 370 students, some bilingual.	At Risk Youth
Catholic Community Services of the Willamette Valley/Fr Taaffe Homes	Michael O'Connell moconnell@ccswv.org or (503) 393-2843	Work with kids, clerical support, special events	Nurturing Homes for teen girls who are pregnant or parenting their babies. A program of Catholic Community Services ccswv.org	At Risk Children, Dignity of Life
Boys and Girls Club – Swegle, 4445 Market	Teresa White twhite@bgc-salem.org (503) 391-1519	Help with sports, fitness activities, arts & crafts, tutoring	Provides a safe, positive place for youth who attend after school	At Risk Youth
Christian Center	Carrie Maheu carrie@salem1f.org (503) 559-5677	Serves free neighborhood meals every Wed.	Christian Center	At Risk Youth Poverty Elderly

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Family Building Blocks 2425 Lancaster	Jenn (503) 566-2132 ext 221 or sign up via on line form	Working with kids, clerical, clothing closet, special events	Working to prevent child abuse and neglect, familybuildingblocks.org	At Risk Children, Poverty
Salem Center 50+	Director Marilyn Daily (503)588-6303 mdaily@cityofsalem.net	Occasional events and activities volunteering alongside seniors. Call for current opportunities	City operated facility that provides meals, recreation, volunteer opportunities and recreation for area senior citizens	Elderly
Benedictine Nursing Center	Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Thomas (503) 845-2744	Visiting elderly residents, reading with them or helping write letters, various other activities	Non-profit, faith-based facility serving elderly residents in Mt. Angel. Several activities can be done on weekends, flier available	Elderly
Friends of Pimpollo	Fill out volunteer form on line at friendsofpimpollo.org	Local opportunities include helping with mailings, events and other projects	Serves poor children and their families through three mission programs in southern Mexico .friendsofpimpollo.org	Poverty
Interfaith Hospitality Network	volunteer@salemihn.org there is also a volunteer application on the website	Day center opportunities are generally during school hours, but central office may have other projects	Engages faith communities to provide safe, warm shelter for families while they seek permanent housing, salemihn.org	Poverty
Union Gospel Mission	(503) 362-3983 judil@ugmsalem.org	Reception, data entry, serving meals	A Christ-centered ministry providing meals, shelter and other services to homeless and hurting men, women and children ugmsalem.org	Poverty
St. Joseph Shelter, Mt. Angel	(503) 845-6147	Christmas drive for warm	Ministry of the Benedictine	Poverty

	sjsshelter@mtangel.net	clothing, Work in garden, food collection	Sisters of Mt. Angel, responding to unmet needs for food and shelter	
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Marion Polk Food Share 1660 Salem Industrial Drive NE	Janet Spingath (503) 581-3855ext 311 jspingath@marionpolkfoodshare.org	Warehouse work, food sorting, group opportunities for project work such as gardening, food drives	Leading the fight to end hunger in Marion and Polk counties marionpolkfoodshare.org	Poverty
Habitat for Humanity, 1220 12 th St. SE	(503) 364-6642, volunteer application on line as well as waiver for volunteers 16-18 years old	Opportunities range from swinging a hammer at a construction site to helping customers in the ReStore retail outlet for building materials	Promotes home ownership by building homes in partnership with local hard working families in need of adequate, affordable housing	Poverty
Salem Right to Life, 1725 Capitol St. NE	Sharon Hodsdon (503) 585-7856	Help with Mailings, Projects and Events such as Rummage Sale, Christmas Bazaars or Oktoberfest booth setup	Education and advocacy for alternatives to abortion	Dignity of Life
St. Germaine's Home 3855 Wolverine St. NE, Salem	Kathi Van Luew (503) 363-2525	Affiliated with Right to Life-- some joint events such as the Bazaars. Knitting booties or help w baby bottle drive in local churches also needed.	Providing services, clothing and referrals to mothers and babies in order to promote alternatives to abortion. Office is open 1-4 Mon-Thurs. or Friday 10-1	Dignity of Life
SOLV 5193 NE Elam Young Pkwy, Suite B Hillsboro, OR 97214	Briana Goodwin Briana@solv.org (503) 844-9571x332	Statewide events including litter cleanup, removal of invasive species, planting native	Oregonians volunteering to improve the environment Solv.org	Environment

		species, Students can register on line	Calendar of volunteer projects at solv.org/volunteers_calendar.esp	
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Portland Zoo	(503) 525-4273 or log onto oregonzoo.org and send email via the site	Short and long-term opportunities including summer Zooteens program	Promotes a better future for wildlife oregonzoo.org	Environment
Department of Fish and Wildlife 7118 NE Vandenberg Ave. Corvallis	Donna Schultz donna.l.schultz@state.or.us (541) 757-5255	Various projects, e.g., create bear bait for a bear population study, adopt a wood duck box, relocate fingerling trout	State agency responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats, dfw.state.or.us	Environment
City of Salem Parks and Recreation 1460 20 th St. SE, Bldg 14, Salem	Tibby Larson (503) 589-2197, tal arson@cityofsalem.net	Park Cleanup, Adopt-a-stream, can organize a group	City of Salem Parks cares for 46 developed parks covering 1600 acres	Environment
Water Watch of OR	info@waterwatch.org , (503) 295-4039	Write letters to editor and politicians in support of sound water policy	To protect and restore flows in Oregon rivers to sustain the native fish, wildlife and people who depend on healthy rivers waterwatch.org	Environment
Salem Health/Salem Hospital 665 Winter St. SE, Building B	Volunteer Services (503) 561-5277	Be a hospital volunteer and explore medical career. Must be 14 yrs. or older and in good academic standing. 3hrs per week for 6 mos. req.	Improving the health and well being of the people and communities served Salemhealth.org/#!cep.student	Youth, Elderly,
Salem Leadership Foundation	Carrie Maheu	Various opportunities for	To transform the community	All areas

McKay Area Lightning Rod	carrie@salem1f.org (503) 559-5677	neighborhood service and senior projects	neighborhood by neighborhood working with local churches, volunteers and civic leaders	
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