

Alpha Epsilon Delta

Volunteer Service Opportunities (09.03.2013):

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Health-Related Opportunities:

DCH Health System (Regional Medical Center and Northport Medical Center)

Website: www.dchsystem.com

Contact: Pam Kirkley

Phone: 205-759-7174

E-mail: pkirkley@dchsystem.com

Mission: “DCH Health System provides high-quality, compassionate community-based health services to the communities we serve through our employees, physicians and volunteers in a financially responsible manner.”

What you will do: Each of the volunteers at DCH participates in a hospital orientation session with the Volunteer Director or Coordinator of Volunteer Services. It is during this time that volunteers can choose the areas in which they would like to work and set up schedules. DCH tries to place volunteers in the areas that are consistent with their skills and interests.

Opportunities include mail and flower delivery, escort service, helping with pediatric patients, admission/discharge assistance, DCH gift shop, information desk, office work, intensive care waiting rooms, surgical waiting rooms, Manderson Cancer Center, Phelps Outpatient Center, DCH Home Health Care Agency, and acting as patient representatives. **Online application accepted.**

e3 Partners (Medical Mission Trips)

Website: <http://www.e3partners.org/medical#>

Contact (local): Sam Neugent

Phone: 205-835-7266

E-mail: sam.neugent@e3partners.org

Mission: “Model the healing, teaching and preaching ministry of Jesus Christ. We strive to show God’s love in a tangible way ministering to people physically, spiritually, emotionally, and relationally.”

What you will do: As a member of the team, you will go on short-term medical expeditions to treat illnesses, teach disease prevention, open doors to ministry and discipleship, and connect patients with the local church for follow up and ministry. Trips have included Peru, Ecuador, the Congo, Ethiopia, Uganda, the Middle East, and others. Check the e3 Partners website or contact Sam Neugent for details.

Forest Manor Nursing Home (Northport)

Address: 2215 32nd Street, Northport, AL 35476

Contact: Alan Smith or Tammy Dodson

Phone: 205-339-5400

E-mail: asmith@forestmanorinc.com; tdodson@forestmanorinc.com

Mission: “Forest Manor, Inc. is a skilled nursing facility offering specialized services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and Alzheimer’s care. We have a highly qualified staff of nurses, therapists, dieticians and social workers who believe in the philosophy of quality of life.”

Contact Alan Smith or Tammy Dodson for more information.

Good Samaritan Clinic

Address: 3880 Watermelon Road, Suite A, Northport, AL 35406

Contact: Mary Mitchell

Phone: 205-343-2212

Mission: “The Good Samaritan Clinic is an interdenominational Christian ministry that provides free primary health care, medication, health information and spiritual support to people of every race, creed and gender who are indigent and do not have health insurance.”

What you will do: You will work closely with doctors, nurses, and clinic staff as you provide care to patients. Hands-on opportunities involving the assistance of physicians and nurses, filing patient charts, working in the social eligibility office, handling medications in the dispensary, and working with patients in the lab are available.

Hospice of West Alabama

Address: 3851 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

Website: www.hospiceofwestalabama.com

Phone: 205-523-0101

Mission: “Hospice of West Alabama (HOWA) provides support and care for persons in the last phases of incurable disease so that they may live as fully and as comfortable as possible.”

What you will do: “Volunteers are needed daily at HOWA throughout the year, and in all areas of service. You can choose the type of volunteering you’d prefer based upon your background and area of interest, including: patient care, grief support, community outreach, and administrative support.”

Contact the Hospice of West Alabama at the phone number provided in order to set up an appointment with the volunteer coordinator. **Online application accepted.**

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA) - West Alabama Chapter

Address: 3011 5th Street, Northport, AL 35476

Contact: Jennifer Sherman

Phone: 205-758-1761

E-mail: sicklecellwestala@aol.com

Mission (SCDAA): “To advocate for and enhance our membership's ability to improve the quality of health, life and services for individuals, families and communities affected by sickle cell disease and related conditions, while promoting the search for a cure for all people in the world with sickle cell disease.”

What you will do: Jennifer Sherman is a licensed genetic counselor who helps families understand the causes and symptoms of Sickle Cell Disease. In addition to providing support services, the West Alabama chapter also hosts fundraisers which may necessitate student volunteers. Students have the opportunity to help Jennifer counsel family members in the office and at awareness events, but any form of service—including clerical or maintenance work—is appreciated.

United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama (UCPWA)

Website: www.ucpwa.org

Contact: Erin Treadwell (Events) or Tonya Brantley (Programs)

Phone: 205-345-3031

E-mail: erinlajune@gmail.com (Treadwell); waiveradmin@ucpwa.org (Brantley)

Mission: “UCPWA creates opportunities for people with disabilities by providing a full array of services designed to promote independence, facilitate opportunities to exercise rights and empower people to live a quality and productive life.”

What you will do: A comprehensive list of volunteer opportunities is available at: <http://www.ucpwa.org/volunteer>

VA Medical Center

Address: 3701 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

Website: www.tuscaloosa.va.gov

Contact: Deborah Cain (Voluntary Services Coordinator)

Phone: 205-554-3550

E-mail: deborah.cain@va.gov

Mission: “To serve America’s Heroes by improving their health and well-being through Veteran and Family Centered Care.”

What you will do: There are many opportunities available, depending on your skills and interests. You will be required to go through a *background check* and provide proof of a recent

negative *TB test*, or have a test performed at the Medical Center. You will also need to go through a volunteer orientation at the Voluntary Services Office. After you have completed this process, you will help the Coordinator determine where you are best suited to volunteer. Positions filled by volunteers include: volunteer van driver, information desk volunteer, parking lot golf cart driver, volunteer office assistant, pharmacy assistant, volunteer menu assistant, volunteer patient reminder caller, discharge patient survey caller, patient escort volunteer, hospitality beverage cart, amenity relief volunteer, magazine / book cart, and others. Students may also choose to spend time in the Community Living Center, where they will interact with retired patients who reside at the Medical Center.

West Alabama AIDS Outreach (as-needed basis)

Website: www.waao.info

Contact: Billy Kirkpatrick

E-mail: billy@waao.info

Mission: “WAAO strives to promote a healthy, aware, and compassionate community through EDUCATION, SUPPORT, SERVICE, and ADVOCACY for people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.”

What you will do: Opportunities vary and are offered on an “as-needed” basis. Requests may include assistance with promoting upcoming events, lending a hand to fill Christmas boxes for clients, or donating food or hygiene items. Contact Billy Kirkpatrick for more information.

Whatley Health Services

Address: 2731 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Website: www.whatleyhealth.org

Phone, Clinic: 205-758-6647

Phone, Administration: 205-349-3250

E-mail: info@whatleyhealth.org

Mission: “Whatley Health Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit, community health center whose mission is to provide primary health care services to the medically underserved residents of West Alabama.” Contact Whatley Health Services for more information.

Alternative opportunities:

Discovery Buddies: Exploring the Fun in Science (Matthews Elementary School)

Contact: Monica Brint

E-mail: mebrint@crimson.ua.edu

What you will do: This is a service opportunity orchestrated by our own co-director of volunteering, Monica Brint, to spark interest in the sciences at Matthews Elementary School. As a tutor, you will guide young students through their very own experiments, teaching them the importance of the scientific method and explaining the amazing things that happen in the world around us. Please do not hesitate to contact Monica about this invaluable service opportunity.

FocusFirst (Impact Alabama)

Website: <http://www.impactalabama.org/ffhome.php>

Contact: Lindsey Thomas

Phone: 205-348-6491

Email: lmthomas@aalan.ua.edu

Mission: To provide a cost-effective direct response to the vision problems of children who live in urban and rural areas.

What you will do: Under the supervision of Impact staff, undergraduate and graduate students ensure that children, six months to five years of age, in Head Starts and daycares are screened for vision problems using technologically advanced photo optic scan cameras. All children failing the screenings receive subsidized follow-up care through our partner nonprofit Sight Savers of Alabama.

Habitat for Humanity (Tuscaloosa)

Contact: Jared Patterson

Phone: 205-349-4620

Website: www.habitattuscaloosa.org

Mission: “Our mission is to rebuild Tuscaloosa by partnering with volunteers, donors, sponsors, and families to provide housing solutions and ongoing community development. We do this by building attractive, affordable, and sustainable new homes for hard-working families. As well as rehabbing and repairing existing homes in critical need and serving as a catalyst for a wide range of community strategies that will transform lives and neighborhoods.”

What you will do: There are opportunities available which involve construction, but students may also volunteer in the office if they desire. All volunteers are a critical part of the organization. Contact Jared Patterson or fill out an [online volunteer interest form](#).

Red Cross - West Alabama Chapter

Address: 325 Skyland Boulevard East; Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

Website: www.westalarc.org

Contact: Beakie Powell

Phone: 205-758-3608

Email: beakie.powell@redcross.org

Mission: The American Red Cross is a Humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. In an average year the American Red Cross West Alabama Chapter aids 500 people affected by single family fires, and trains 3000 people in First Aid/CPR.

What you will do: You will receive disaster services training and become a member of the disaster action team. Your responsibilities will include taking call and responding to disasters (fires, storms, floods, tornadoes) in Tuscaloosa and surrounding areas. You will work closely with clients and provide immediate assistance as a part of the greatest humanitarian organization in the world.

Service Learning Pro (SLPro)

Website: slpro.ua.edu

Contact: Megan Snider

Phone: 205-348-2865

Email: mssnider@bama.ua.edu

Mission: Service Learning Pro is a comprehensive web-based database through which all stakeholders in the service process - including community partners, students, faculty and staff – can communicate and organize these important relationships.

What you will do: You will use SLPro to log community service hours once you've created an account. If you'd like to gain points towards membership in AED for the service you've done, simply bring in a record of your hours from SLPro, and you will receive 1 point for every 5 hours, up to 5 points.

STEM Alabama Math and Science Education Initiative (Holt Elementary School)

Contact: Kimberly Triplett

E-mail: kmtriplett@crimson.ua.edu

Mission: To instill a love of the STEM disciplines in 3rd-5th grade students by providing an exceptional educational opportunity, helping them to achieve academic success in the short term and inspiring them to develop personal goals for the future.

What you will do: Volunteers will spend 1-2 hours per week tutoring 3rd-5th grade students at Holt Elementary School in math, with the goal of improving standardized testing scores and building confidence along the way.

Tuscaloosa One Place

Website: www.tuscaloosaoneplace.org

Contact: Emerald Autrey, Monica Brint (Science Mentoring Program)

Phone: 205-462-1000

Email: eautrey@etfrc.org

Mission: Tuscaloosa's One Place is a Family Resource Center that empowers communities and families by providing support services that prevent child abuse and neglect and develop skills

and resources designed to improve the family's quality of life, prepare their children for success in a competitive society, and allow each individual to realize his or her potential for self-sufficiency.

What you will do: The role of UA volunteers is to act as mentors to at-risk elementary school students by working with after school programs at elementary schools around town. Contact Emerald Autrey for more information.

UA Community Service Center (CSC)

Website: www.volunteer.ua.edu

Phone: 205-348-2865

Email: volunteer@ua.edu

Mission: The Community Service Center identifies meaningful sites and places students in volunteer projects throughout Tuscaloosa and West Alabama.

What you will do: You can sign up for countless volunteer opportunities through SLPro, all of which are being coordinated by the CSC.

Teach for America (Postgraduate/Gap year opportunity)

Website: <http://www.teachforamerica.org/>

Contact: John Killian

Email: jtkillian@crimson.ua.edu

Mission: “Our mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting our nation's most promising future leaders in the effort.”

What you will do: As a highly qualified college graduate, you will commit to teach for two years in a low-income community. Afterwards, you will be part of a movement of TFA corps members committed to ending educational inequity.

NOTE: Almost all top medical schools allow deferrals for students accepted into TFA.