

Service Opportunities
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Service Learning Pro (SLPro)

Website: <http://slpro.ua.edu/>

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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'll do:

You'll 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'll receive 1 point for every 5 hours, up to 5 points.

Community Service Center (CSC)

Website: <http://www.volunteer.ua.edu/>

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Mission:

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

What you'll do:

You'll sign up for countless volunteer opportunities through SLPro, all of which are being coordinated by the CSC.

Red Cross of West Alabama

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

Contact: John Killian

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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'll do:

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

Tuscaloosa's One Place

Contact: Amanda Waller

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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'll 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.

Good Samaritan Free Health Clinic

Contact: Linda Boyd

Phone: (205) 343-2212

Mission:

To provide free, or low cost, primary health care, information, and referral to low income persons who are medically uninsured.

What you'll do:

You'll work closely with doctors, nurses, and clinic staff as you provide care to patients.

Habitat for Humanity**Contact:** Krystine Guerra**Phone:** (210) 287-5582**Email:** kmguerra@crimson.ua.edu**Mission:**

Habitat for Humanity is a non profit organization that raises funds to build houses for low income families in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The campus chapter works in association with Habitat for Humanity of Tuscaloosa.

What you'll do:

The main focus of the campus chapter is to provide additional fund raising to help support the Tuscaloosa branch. The campus chapter also organizes its own various drives which directly help the families of Habitat and participates in building the Habitat homes.

Medical Mission Trips**Contact:** Emily Gatto**Email:** ejgatto@crimson.ua.edu**Phone:** (502) 930-7478 (texts are welcome!)**The point:**

Participating in a medical mission trip is a great opportunity to help better the lives of people in need. It is also a great way to gain experience in the area of medicine and will look great on your medical school resumes.

What you'll do:

On the trips we will travel to countries with people desperately in need of health care and provide them with medicine, surgeries, and medical care they would not be able to obtain without our help.

FocusFirst**Website:** <http://www.impactalabama.org/ffhome.php>**Contact:** Lindsey Thomas**Phone:** (205) 348-6491**Email:** lmthomas@aalan.ua.edu**Mission:**

FocusFirst provides a cost-effective direct response to the vision care problems of children who live in urban and rural poverty in Alabama.

What you'll 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.

Teach for America

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

Contact: John Killian

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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'll do:

As a highly qualified college graduate, you'll commit to teach for two years in a low-income community. Afterwards, you'll 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.