

## APCA Service Project Ideas October 2010

### 1. **San Jacinto College-Central (TX):**

Adopt a beach is a program in where all over the state of Texas on the same day people volunteer to clean up the beaches. San Jac Central had 20-25 students go to Galveston, TX and clean up what is known as Hershey beach. The adopt a beach is a program the state organizes in the fall and spring of each year. The clean up lasts 2-3 hours and you are assigned a specific site to clean up.

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### 2. **Lincoln Land Community College (IL):**

This year the Student Life Office will be partnering with Amber Berman, the AmeriCorps\*Illinois Campus Compact VISTA Leader, to kick-start LLCC's commitment to community service. Along with the many campus- wide service projects that are being developed, clubs at LLCC will have a chance to show just how dedicated they are to giving back to our communities.

A two-month long scavenger hunt will be held from September 15 - November 15, during which participating clubs will have the chance to collect items to create hygiene kits for those currently experiencing homelessness. Other opportunities for service will be presented throughout the semester; clubs will receive "karma points" for all service-related activities, including participation in the scavenger hunt. The club with the most points at the end of the semester will receive a pizza party!

Items needed:

- Travel-size deodorants
- Wet wipes
- Travel-size bottles of antibacterial lotion
- Sun screen
- Can-openers
- 6-pack packages of gold-toe socks
- Small hand towels/washcloths
- Backpacks
- Bottles of travel-size shampoo

- Toothbrushes
- Travel-size tubes of toothpaste
- Combs or hair brushes
- Chapstick

Other service events:

- October - Blanket Drive (sponsored by The Student United Way club)
- Nov. 16 - Faces of the Homeless Panel (part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week)
- Nov. 18 - "Shanty Town" - Students build "homes" out of cardboard boxes and experience what it's like to be homeless for a night (part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week)

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### **3. Arkansas Community College at Hope (AR):**

Here at the University of Arkansas Community College at-Hope in Hope, Arkansas, our student clubs and organizations sponsor a Fall Festival for the Community every year in October. It's a Halloween Carnival. We have all types of games for the kids. We pass out candy, we have cake walks, we do apple bobbing, things like that and we even have a Haunted House that is very popular, and each year it get scarier.

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### **4. Schreiner University (TX):**

We have done this drive since April 2008. Over 2000 new stuffed animals have been sent to MD Anderson, local hospitals, and other agencies in need.

Todd's Teddy Bear drive was inspired by a young man named Todd Schwennesen. While a student at Schreiner University he was diagnosed with brain cancer. During treatment at M.D. Anderson hospital, Todd saw many children undergoing similar treatment. At that moment he told his mother that for Christmas he would deliver teddy bears to each cancer patient at M.D. Anderson. Unfortunately, Todd's health declined drastically and he was unable to complete his mission. In honor of his compassion for others, Schreiner students joined together to collect teddy bears and send them to

M.D. Anderson and other hospitals in need. In the past three years over 2000 teddy bears have been collected by students, faculty and staff, and community members. Todd lost his battle to cancer on April 19, 2008, but his compassion for others will live on through Todd's Teddy Bear Drive. Please know that these teddy bears bring love, compassion and hope to anyone who is need.

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**5. Lewis-Clark State College (ID):**

We run a wellness program called Healthy Steps with our Kinesiology Department. The students serve as student trainers for our program participants.

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**6. Cuyahoga Community College (OH):**

Re: Student Food Bank

Students just need to show their student ID, we do not ask them any other questions. Students are allowed to visit the food bank once every 7 days and take 12 items per visit. We have three large portable collection bins around campus where we take donations from students, faculty and staff and the community. We check in all items and check for expiration dates and discard any outdated food. We distribute the food through our student club area. We operate year round with slower business in the summer. From the donations we also take money donations and the SG subsidizes by buying some items we need. If we have items that are close to expiration that we don't think we can give out we take them to the local food bank since they will be able to get the items to people that can use it before it expires. We also provide a list of food banks in the community for people so if they need cooked meals or more food they can go to one close to their homes. This is the third year for our food bank and its a great feeling to be able to help our students get thru a day or week.

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**7. Ohio State University-Marion (OH):**

Students are paired with elementary school students in a for-credit mentoring program. Approximately 50 OSU-Marion students participate each school year.

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**8. Tompkins Cortland Community College (NY):**

TC3 recently participated in Tompkins County "Stuff the Bus" campaign. We collected school supplies, personal care products, and non-perishable foods. The details and photos can be found at this Facebook Event Page:  
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=144489832256175&ref=mf>

The event yielded enough boxes to fill every seat on the bus. The bus then traveled to two other local colleges before it stopped at the United Way for the community's Day of Caring. TC3 was proud to be the first stop of the traveling bus.

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**9. Thomas College (ME):**

Thomas College in Waterville Maine has a ton of service happening.

We have a service related organization (ASSIST - A Society of Students In Service Together) which just started this fall. So far, they have sponsored a "cards for the troops" program in which over 80 students participated and made over 300 cards to be sent to our military (please note, we are a small private school of approx. 750). They are starting a tab drive for the Shriner's Hospital next week and have plans to participate in the Special Olympics and a local "sandwich program" (soup kitchen out of a local church). In the

Spring, they anticipate an alternative spring break somewhere in the New England area.

Our Criminal Justice Club went to the local homeless shelter and helped to paint the interior of the home with a local corrections facility.

Campus wide, we are planning for our second annual Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society. We are the only college in Maine that opens up our Relay to the local community for the entire 12 hours. This is being held the third weekend in October. Last year, we raised over \$7000 for our first event!

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#### **10. Penn State-DuBois:**

Our campus does a wide array of community service projects. We have an Easter Egg Hunt for the Shriner's. Our students do clean up in the Black MoShannon State Park. I take our students on an Alternative Spring Break trip every March. We've gone to Mississippi and Louisiana. We've had groups help the city decorate for Christmas, make Valentine's Day cards and take to elderly homes.

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#### **11. Southeastern Louisiana University (LA):**

These are all done by our Miss Southeastern Louisiana University as part of her fundraising for the Children's Miracle Network which is the national platform of the Miss America Organization.

- Kuts 4 Kids - Five Dollar Hair Cuts for Children's Miracle Network
- Kakes 4 Kids - Funnel Cakes for CMN

- Pie a Princess
- Little Miss Green and Gold Pageant

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## 12. Marian University (IN):

Each of the clubs and organizations on our campus does at least one service project each semester; it is linked to eligibility for student government funding. Here are some creative examples:

- New Student Day of Service: The Saturday before classes begin, the Freshman Class does a day of service together - as a bonding activity. We focus on helping a local organization. Last year, we worked with Rebuilding the Wall ([www.rebuildingthewall.org](http://www.rebuildingthewall.org)): this year, with Urban Mountain Farm. Approximately 50% of our freshman class comes out for this event, doing 6 hours of service before they've lived on campus for a whole day.
- Field Day: College Mentors for Kids works together with the Football Team on campus to host a field day for all 60 of our little buddies each spring.
- The Green Team: The Green Life Club has organized "The Green Team;" a group of students who walk through the stands during the 3rd Quarter Break of every home football game to collect recyclables from fans.
- Blood Drives: The Student Nurses' Association volunteers to host blood drives and flu shot drives on campus each semester.
- Hunger Banquet: Pax Christi (Peace & Justice Club) hosted a Hunger Banquet and canned food drive in November.
- Clothing Drive: The Student Government Association hosted a clothing campaign in March. They encouraged students to think about the things that they no longer needed, and clean out their closets as the year was coming to an end. They went door to door to collect

clothing from residence hall rooms and encouraged Faculty, Staff, and Commuter students to bring clothing to the Student Government Office. The clothing was donated to HOOP (Helping Our Own People), a grass roots organization whose mission is to provide food and basic necessities to the homeless on the streets of Indianapolis.

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**13. PrattMWP (NY):**

At PrattMWP in Utica, NY did a service learning project with Habitat for Humanity during our freshmen orientation. There was a build site with our local agency and our students did a lot of work to help the project. Some of this included painting fences, building the foundation for the shed, placing planks for the porch, clearing the soil of rocks for sod.

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