

Community Service

Thornton-Donovan School

As Thornton-Donovan enters another proud year of academic achievement it is important for students to remember not only their academic duties, but also their duty to the community around them. Here at Thornton-Donovan, community service has gone from a requirement for students in grades 9th through 12th, to a desire by all students to help their community. This year grades 6 through 8 will have the opportunity to partake in the honor of completing a required ten hours of community service. The honor that comes with community service will extend far past your time here at Thornton-Donovan, and will be valued for the years to come after you leave. This is a chance to start your own tradition and make a positive impact on your community.

Requirements

All students from grades 6 through 8 must perform a minimum number of community service hours. The breakdown of hours is as follows for 6th through 8th grade:

On campus: 5 hours

Off campus: 5 hours

Students will be required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service. The required 10 hours will be split in half, with 5 hours being dedicated to helping the Thornton-Donovan community, and 5 hours being dedicated to a community of the student's choosing. You are required to complete the minimums stated above, however it is not only encouraged but expected that you try to surpass these hours.

Community service is defined as an activity performed for the good of others without any compensation. You are required to donate your time and energy to any organization that is not for profit and is in the interest of improving the community. When researching and looking for organization to help, please

consider many options. First, look at whether the organization is in line with any of your interests or strengths. Second, consider how you will travel to this organization or volunteer site. Next, speak with your parents about your choice and see whether or not they have an opinion regarding your selection. Call the organization and speak with a volunteer coordinator at the organization. Be sure to introduce yourself and explain that you would like to give them your time as a volunteer. Finally, fill out a community service proposal form with all information and signatures. Make sure to hand them into Thornton-Donovan's community service director for approval.

The deadline for the community service proposal form will be **November 15th, 2010** and the community service completion form will be due on **January 24th, 2011**. If you have any questions or concerns please stop by my classroom at any time between the hours of 8:00 am to 8:30 am and 3:05 pm to 3:20 pm.

Mr. Schlitten
Second Grade

Ideas, Ideas, Ideas

Politics - work at your local Democrat, Republican, Green Party headquarters, volunteer on a campaign.

Fine Arts - volunteer at a local museum (i.e. Bronx Museum of Art, Hudson River Museum, Rye Historic Society), an arts organization (Westchester Arts Council, New Rochelle Council on the Arts), or a community theater/opera/ballet company (Play Group Theater), etc.

History - support national historic landmarks (National Trust for Historic Preservation, Huguenot and New Rochelle Historical Assoc., Thomas Paine Memorial Museum).

Healthcare/Medicine - volunteer at a hospital (White Plains Hospital, ST. Vincent's Hospital, Westchester Medical Center, Sound Shore Medical), or a nursing home (Sarah Neuman Center, Frances Shervier Home, Westchester Independent Living Center, United Hebrew Geriatric Center, Bayberry Nursing Home, etc.).

Homelessness/Needy Families - volunteer at a soup kitchen (Hope Community Services, Project Family, St. Mary's Food Pantry), help build a house (Habitat for Humanity), help people get a job (America Works) or buy clothes (Salvation Army).

Animals - work at an animal shelter/animal hospital (New Rochelle Humane Society, Scarsdale Animal Hospital), or animal protection (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Westchester, Bronx Zoo Wildlife Conservation, Audubon Society).

Environment/Conservation - campaign for the environment (Alliance to Close Indian Point, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, Westchester Peoples Action Coalition), volunteer with a land trust (Hudson Riverkeeper Fund, Westchester Land Trust, Nature Conservancy), work at a park (Westchester County Parks and Recreation, Rye Nature Center).

Children - volunteer at an after-school program (ISACC, YMCA), a daycare center (New Rochelle Day Nursery, YWCA), mentor students (Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle, Boy or Girl Scouts).

Libraries - support your local library (Yonkers Public Library, New York Public Library System, New Rochelle Public Library, etc.)

Business - work at your local chamber of commerce or business improvement district.

Sports - volunteer in youth sports (American Youth Soccer Organization, Little League of New Rochelle, Youth Soccer of New Rochelle, Harlem RBI).

Journalism - volunteer at a community newspaper (White Plains Watch).

Religion - volunteer at your local church, mosque, synagogue, ashram, pagoda, temple.....

Westchester Habitat for Humanity

524 Main St

New Rochelle, NY 10801-8363

(914) 636-8335

www.habitatwc.org

New Rochelle Humane Society

70 Portman Rd

New Rochelle

NY 10801

(914) 632-2925

New Rochelle Public Library

1 Library Plaza

New Rochelle, NY 10801

(914) 632-7878

Huguenot Children's Library

794 North Avenue

New Rochelle, NY 10804

(914) 632-8954

Sound Shore Medical Center

16 Guion place

New Rochelle, NY 10802

(914) 632-5000

Sarah Neuman Center (Retirement community)

845 Palmer Ave

Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2406

(914) 698-6005

South East Consortium (Recreational activities for children with special needs)

740 W Boston Post Rd # 301

Mamaroneck, NY 10543-3345

(914) 698-5232

www.secrec.org

Food Bank for Westchester

358 Saw Mill River Road

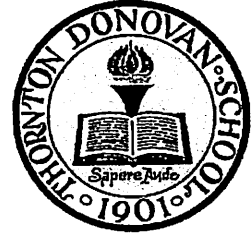
Millwood, NY 10546

(914) 923-1100

www.foodbankforwestchester.org

Community Service Proposal

Thornton-Donovan School
100 Overlook Circle
New Rochelle, New York 10805
(914) 632-8836



Student's Name _____ *Date* _____

Institution Name _____

Mentor's Name _____

Activities with which the student will be engaged:

Mentor's Signature _____

I certify that the above account of my community service is correct.

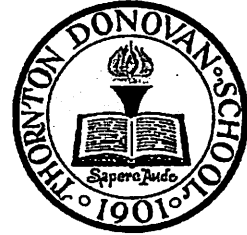
Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

*Thornton-Donovan
Community Service Director's Signature* _____

Community Service Certification of Completion

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Student's Name _____ *Date* _____

Institution Name _____

Mentor's Name _____

I hereby certify that _____ has completed _____ hours of
community service without compensation. I also certify that this service commenced on _____ and
ended on _____.

Mentor's Signature _____

I certify that the above account of my community service is correct.

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

*Thornton-Donovan
Community Service Director's Signature* _____