

Community Partner Options, ANTH 101

Summit Agency

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About: Summit Agency is a multi-faceted organization that provides education, support, and resources to children and young adults with autism and related diagnoses. One facet, Summit Campus, is a Living Learning Residential Community providing a dormitory experience for college students with autism along with related diagnoses. The program is designed to empower students with the transition skills necessary to live a productive, rewarding and successful life. At Summit Campus, PEERS programming is provided on a weekly basis to individuals living there. PEERS curriculum is designed to assist young adults with autism to develop and practice social skills in order to foster independence in social relationships.

CBL Opportunity: Holy Cross volunteers would serve as social coaches, working one-on-one with students at the Summit Campus to practice the social skills taught through the PEERS curriculum. Social coaches serve to support young adults in the program toward reaching their social relationship goals.

Times: Thursday evenings (most likely around the 6-8pm timeframe)

Pre-Service Requirements: Orientation meeting

Number of volunteers needed: 1-2

Training Resources of America

Contact: Cynthia Vlasaty, Educational Advisor, cvasaty@tra-inc.org

About: Training Resources of America Incorporated (TRA) is a private, non-profit organization that has been providing quality education, employment and training services in Massachusetts since 1975. TRA has made it possible for thousands of educationally and economically disadvantaged youth and adults to improve the quality of their lives. In addition, hundreds of employers statewide have met their employment needs by hiring TRA-trained employees and utilizing TRA's customized workplace literacy services. TRA's training programs are customized to be current with employment trends and responsive to the specific occupational needs of each particular area of the commonwealth.

CBL Opportunity: Holy Cross students are welcome to volunteer with TRA's Adult Education offerings. TRA offers classes to adult learners who are trying to improve their reading, writing and math skills on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 4:30-7:30pm. Volunteers must serve 2 hours weekly at a minimum. TRA offers ESOL classes to adult learners who are trying to improve their reading, writing and math skills on Monday and Wednesday nights from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Students could work with our adult learners in a one on one setting on their math, reading and writing skills. Students would volunteer in-person.

Times: Monday - Thursday, 4:30-7pm (volunteers will serve for one two-hour time block each week)

Pre-Service Requirements: Application, CORI form, and orientation meeting

Number of Volunteers Needed: 1-2

<p><u>Marie Anne Center</u></p> <p>Contact: Sr. Michele Jacques, michelejacques44@gmail.com</p> <p>About: Marie Anne Center (MAC), a ministry of the Sisters of Saint Anne, is located in the lower level of St. Bernard Church on Lincoln Street in Worcester, MA. The Center addresses educational and spiritual needs of families and provides basic education and living skills for people who would otherwise not have access to them. Special attention is given to families living within its multi-ethnic neighborhood. Opened in April 2001, the Marie Anne Center offers a variety of activities, including after-school tutoring, a computer lab with Internet access, English as a Second Language classes, sewing classes, yoga classes, art and music classes, Teen Talk, and a police/clergy mentoring program. The work of the Center is carried out primarily by the Sisters of St. Anne and associates, as well as others from the region, under the direction of Sister Michèle Jacques, a Sister of Saint Anne. The Marie Anne Center hosts a variety of programs and classes for children/youth, teenagers, and adults in the Worcester area. In particular, the Center caters to the needs of families and individuals living in surrounding multi-ethnic neighborhoods.</p>	<p>CBL Opportunity: From 2:30 to 5:30 pm, students from the neighborhood receive individual tutoring by Marie Anne Center staff, high school and college students and other dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are needed once per week for a 2-3 hour time slot. Volunteers are invited to tutor, and/or teach/assist with art, music, and dance classes.</p>	<p>Times: Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:30 pm (volunteers will serve for one two hour time block)</p> <p>Pre-Service Requirements: CORI Form and safe environment training (to be done on site)</p> <p>Number of Volunteers Needed: 1-2</p>
<p><u>Net of Compassion</u></p> <p>Contact: Brain Ashmankus, Director of Operations, bashmankas@netofcompassion.org</p> <p>About: Net of Compassion is a faith-based nonprofit working to transform the lives of people experiencing homelessness, poverty, and substance use disorder in the City of Worcester. They work to meet this population's immediate needs for food, clothes, showers, shelter, and community as well as accompany them on their journey toward recovery, housing, and stability through community, unconditional acceptance, and referrals for services and housing. From their Main Street headquarters, they operate a food pantry,</p>	<p>CBL Opportunities: Volunteers are needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To set up and organize for the clothing closet and food pantry ● To assist guests as they "go shopping" on Wednesdays for clothes and Thursdays for food between 1pm and 4pm ● To serve and set up for Saturdays on Main Street, a program which provides hot meals, music, and community for people experiencing homelessness ● To help at the shower trailer by interacting with and supporting those in 	<p>Times: 2 hours per week within the following time frames:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Set up and organizing food pantry and clothing closet: 9am-5pm on Tuesdays ● Clothing closet: 9am-5pm on Wednesdays ● Food Pantry: 9am-5pm on Thursdays ● Joshua's showers: 7am-11am, Monday-Friday ● Saturdays on Main Street: 9am-5pm on Saturdays

<p>clothing closet, and hot meal program every week. They also operate an outdoor shower trailer currently located at St. John's Church on Temple Street and a seasonal homeless shelter (November to May) called Hotel Grace on Vernon Street. Net of Compassion's vision is to address the systemic causes of homelessness and addiction while walking alongside those suffering due to those systems with patience and unconditional love as they take the often arduous and intermittent journey toward a healthier and more stable life.</p>	<p>line for the showers and to assist staff with cleaning and resupplying</p>	<p>Pre-Service Requirements: Onsite orientation meeting/shadow shift</p> <p>Number of Volunteers Needed: 4-6</p>
<p><u>St. John's Parish</u></p> <p>Contact: Fr. John Madden, frjohnmadden@gmail.com</p> <p>About: St. John's Parish opened in Worcester, MA in 1846. It is a Roman Catholic church with a mission to serve the poor. Located in the heart of downtown Worcester, the church beckons all believers, especially immigrants and the poor to a place of solace and hope. St. John's embraces Southeast Asian, Spanish, Lithuanian and African parishioners. For decades, St. John's' Food Pantry has provided sorely needed food to more than 1,000 people annually. Their Free Meal Program serves more than 1,000 people each month. St. John's rectory is a sober house, and St. John's provides meetings for those in Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous. Students are welcome to assist with the meal program at St. John's Xavier Center (next door to the Parish).</p>	<p>CBL Opportunity: From 6am-10:30am Monday through Friday, St. John's opens its doors to those who are food insecure. Students are invited to serve a 2 hour shift on any day during that time frame. On Saturdays, the Xavier Center operates a Food Pantry from 8am-10am. Students are also welcome to volunteer during this time to assist with the stocking and distribution of food.</p>	<p>Times: 6am-10:30am Monday-Friday (for one 2-hour time block) or Saturdays 8am-2pm</p> <p>Pre-Service Requirements: Meeting with Fr. Madden</p> <p>Number of Volunteers Needed: 4 per day (12-16 total)</p>
<p><u>St. Francis and St. Thérèse Catholic Worker House</u></p> <p>Contact: Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, thereseCW2@gmail.com</p> <p>About: St. Francis and St. Thérèse Catholic Worker House (CWH) is a lay Catholic community living in simplicity, holding goods in common, attempting to offer hospitality to homeless men and women, and working for peace and justice, in the spirit of Christ, the early</p>	<p>CBL Opportunity: Holy Cross students are welcome to work with St. Francis and St. Thérèse for 2 hours per week. Many volunteer tasks entail the details of hospitality: cleaning on Mondays and throughout the week, taking turns cooking home-made vegetarian meals, and baking products for their small cottage industry, the Bread not Bombs Bakery. They also participate in a weekly</p>	<p>Times: Volunteers will determine their schedule according to their own availability and St. Francis and St. Thérèse's needs and goals.</p> <p>Pre-Service Requirements: Meeting/interview with staff</p> <p>Number of Volunteers Needed: 1-2</p>

<p>church, and the saints. They pray together somewhat irregularly and publish a newspaper called the "Catholic Radical," six times a year. St. Francis and St. Thérèse CWH works to promote a consistent ethic of life. They sponsor many demonstrations and work for peace on various international campaigns in war zones and areas of conflict.</p>	<p>peace vigil (Tuesdays) and various peace projects.</p>	
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