

Community Partner Options, SPAN 399

<p><u>El Buen Samaritano</u></p> <p>Contact: Maricelis (Mari) Gonzalez, Executive Director, info@ebsamaritano.org</p> <p>About: Since 1991, El Buen Samaritano has operated with a team of volunteers to distribute food from USDA, the Worcester County Food Bank, local markets and farms to people in need. In addition to providing food, the agency is also a resource center for government programs, clothing, furniture, and other administrative services. Currently we serve over 700 households monthly and we see families from all over Worcester County and everyone is welcome.</p>	<p>CBL Opportunity: Holy Cross students would work with EBS to create a survey for those participating in the food pantry to assess their health-related needs. This group of students would help to implement the survey with those they encounter at EBS on a weekly basis, and would then analyze the results to present to the agency by the end of the semester. When time allows, students will also assist with other tasks related to the food pantry, such as set up, organizing and passing out food, and cleaning up.</p>	<p>Times: Tuesday or Friday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (students would serve for one 2-hour time block each week)</p> <p>Pre-Service Requirements: Orientation meeting with Mari</p> <p>Number of Volunteers Needed: 3-4</p>
<p><u>REACH</u></p> <p>Contacts: Ydalia Heimann (HeimannY@worcesterma.gov) Sandy Amoakohene (AmoakoheneS@worcesterma.gov) Karina Scott (ScottK@worcesterma.gov)</p> <p>About: The City of Worcester Division of Public Health is working with partners on an exciting new project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (CDC REACH) program. With an overarching goal of health equity for the Latino/Latinx community in Worcester, the REACH project values the community's experiences and expertise. REACH is the result of a 5-year grant awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support policies, programs and local resources focused on 4 main areas.</p>	<p>CBL Opportunity: Holy Cross students would have the opportunity to work with REACH and their community partners on one of their initiatives. Potential options for these initiatives/projects would be dealing with topics related to food security, COVID-19, breastfeeding, etc.</p>	<p>Times: TBD</p> <p>Pre-Service Requirements: Interview with REACH and resume</p> <p>Number of Volunteers Needed: 4-5</p>
<p><u>WPS Transition Program (Spanish)</u></p> <p>Contact: Judy Freedman, Rehab Specialist, freedmanj@worcesterschools.net</p>	<p>CBL Opportunity: WPS students spend their day in a variety of settings: at internship sites and at locations that can focus on academic, social and</p>	<p>Times: Young Adults taking part in the Spanish program will come to the Holy Cross campus on a weekly basis (Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm).</p>

<p>About: The Worcester Public Schools (WPS) Transition program provides necessary training to 18-22 year old students with a wide range of challenges (including but not limited to: Autism spectrum, developmental delays, intellectual challenges, behavior and emotional challenges, cognitive challenges, medical challenges, etc). The goal of the program is to encourage and promote the empowerment of people with significant challenges so that each may pursue their highest possible degree of personal well-being and independence. Programs encourage and prepare students to be life-long learners, promote self- sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, and enhance personal choice. Goals also include preparation for employment in the community.</p>	<p>recreational opportunities. HC College students will be involved in developing specific projects that address target areas for the WPS students and have a direct connection with the content of the CBL course (SPANISH). Projects will include areas of interest/skill that the College student can offer. Past programming with language CBL classes have included: tutoring, dance, gardening, cooking, athletics (basketball, swimming, etc.), health and nutrition... The interaction at all times will be in SPANISH. Once students have signed up and relayed their interests to Judy, a more specific schedule. implement health programming throughout their time volunteering will be created.</p>	<p>Holy Cross students will serve for one 2-hour time block and take part in activities with the Young Adults.</p> <p>Pre-Service Requirements: WPS CORI form and virtual orientation meeting.</p> <p>Number of Volunteers Needed: 4-8</p>
<p><u>Family Health Center of Worcester</u></p> <p>Contacts: Sonia Sepulveda (Sonia.Sepulveda@fhcw.org) Theresa (Terry) Burke (Theresa.Burke@fhcw.org)</p> <p>About: Family Health Center of Worcester is a full-service health center open to all residents of Worcester and surrounding areas whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of all residents in the Greater Worcester area, especially culturally diverse populations, by providing access to affordable, high quality, integrated, comprehensive, and respectful primary health care and social services, regardless of patients' ability to pay.</p> <p>Note: Depending on the CBL work students end up doing with this partner, students may or may not be eligible for the CBL transcript designation.</p>	<p>CBL Opportunity: Holy Cross students would have the opportunity to shadow Spanish medical interpreters in their day-to-day work at the Center.</p>	<p>Times: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm (one 2-hour time block) - student will arrange schedule with FHC</p> <p>Pre-Service Requirements: Volunteer application packet (including CORI form), Resume, Immunization record (including current flu & Covid vaccinations), 2-step PPD testing (instructions to follow)</p> <p>Number of Volunteers Needed: 4-5</p>