

**Spring 2018 Community Partner Options
CISS 203**

Community Partner	Time Frame
Assumption Center – After School Programs	Wednesday or Thursday, 2:30-4:45p; Tuesday or Thursday 10a-12p
Catholic Worker House	Times vary, dependent on volunteer’s schedule (two hours per week)
Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA	Times TBD – afterschool hours
Marie Anne Center	Monday-Thursday, 2-5p (for one 2-hour time block)
Training Resources of America	Monday-Thursday evenings, 4-7:45pm (for one 2-hour time block)
Worcester East Middle School	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7am-3:30pm (for one 2-hour time block)
WPS Adult Learning Center	Monday-Friday, times vary (for one 2-hour time block)

Assumption Center

<http://www.assumptionsisters.org/>

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Organization Description:

The Assumption Center in Worcester is a ministry of the Religious of the Assumption. In partnership with the parish of St. Peter-St. Andrew in the city’s Main South area, the Center serves the various educational needs of the neighborhood through English as a Second Language classes for adult learners, after-school mentoring and literacy programs, the Kate O’Neill spiritual book library, Girls With DREAMS, GIFT Lecture Series and a Vietnamese summer camp. In addition, the Center also sponsors a Knitting Circle and a community garden which involve many volunteers from around the city. All the programs were founded by the Sisters and are carried out by the Sisters, AMAs and volunteers from Assumption College, Clark University and College of the Holy Cross as well as a good number of adults from the parish and the area.

The headquarters of the Sisters’ lay volunteer program, the Assumption Mission Associates (AMA), is housed at the Assumption Center. A project of the Religious of the Assumption since the 1950s, AMA has been particularly active in the U.S. since the 1980s. Since its move to Worcester in 2001, AMA-USA has sent approximately 100 young people to mission sites both overseas and in this country. Currently

the AMAs serve with sisters in Worcester, MA and in Chaparral, NM in the USA and in the Philippines and England, internationally.

In addition to the AMA office, the Center provides housing for the AMAs themselves, who live together in the Cana community along with other young adults who are committed to intentional living. The Cana community shares meals and prayer regularly with the community of Assumption Sisters. The AMAs offer service at Assumption Center, the parish of St. Peter-St. Andrew's, and other neighborhood organizations that serve the disadvantaged.

CBL Opportunities:

MENTORING

The Assumption Center runs an after-school mentoring program at St. Peter's Church on **Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30-4:45 p.m.** Children, ages 6-15, are paired one on one with college mentors who help with homework, reading, arts and crafts, games and much more. Since 1996 the mentoring program has provided a safe, supportive and fun environment for children to spend their after-school hours.

ESL Tutoring

Assumption Center ESL Classes at St Peter's Church, **Tuesday and Thursday, 10a-12p.** The program provides instruction in English as a Second Language to approximately 125 adult learners each year. The majority of our students are recent immigrants from all over the world. In joining the learning community, you will gain insight into the struggles of our families to integrate into American society.

Child Care : By providing supervision for their children, you will be facilitating the acquisition of English language skills for our parents. Without this service, they would not be able to attend our classes. The program accepts children ages 2 – 6. The ratio of children to care provider will be 2 – 1.

Teacher: No second language skills are required, training will be provided. You would have three options: to teach a class of approx. 6 - 10 adult learners in our classrooms; to tutor one on one in our classrooms during our class time; or to tutor a student outside of our class space and time.

Pre-Service Requirements: CORI Form and application (for ESL tutors only)

Number of Volunteers Needed: As many as possible

St. Francis & Therese Catholic Worker House

http://directory.ic.org/1683/Saint_Francis_Therese_Catholic_Worker_House

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Organization Description:

We are a lay Catholic community living in simplicity, holding our 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 church, and the saints. We pray together somewhat irregularly and publish a newspaper called the "Catholic Radical," six times a year.

We work to promote a consistent ethic of life that opposes war, the death penalty, euthanasia, and abortion. We sponsor many demonstrations and work for peace on various international campaigns in war zones and areas of conflict.

CBL Opportunities:

Many tasks entail the details of hospitality. We clean on Mondays and throughout the week take turns cooking home-made vegetarian meals. From Thursday through Saturday we bake products for our small cottage industry, the Bread not Bombs Bakery. These are sold at various parishes throughout Worcester county. We also participate in a weekly peace vigil (Tuesdays) and various peace projects. We have communal nightly prayer Sunday-Thursday. Mass is held at the house every other week and we occasionally host round-table discussions.

Students are welcome to join us in any of the following:

House meeting and cleaning: Mondays 8-11:00 am

Peace Vigil: Tuesday 4-5 pm

Baking: Friday 7-9 am or Sat 9am-12pm

House Mass and Evening Prayer: Wed at 7:30

Selling Bread: Saturday or Sunday Masses. Schedule varies according to where we are selling

We also publish the Catholic Radical and welcome contributors and/or assistance with our editorial meetings held every two months.

Students should expect to volunteer, at a minimum, 1.5 hours per week.

Volunteers Needed: 1

Girl Scouts of Central & Western MA

<http://www.gscwm.org>

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Organization Description:

We're 2.7 million strong—1.9 million girls and 800,000 adult volunteers who believe girls can change the world. It began over 100 years ago with one woman, Girl Scouts' founder Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low, who believed in the power of every girl. She organized the first Girl Scout troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, and every year since, we've made her vision a reality, helping girls discover their strengths, passions, and talents.

Today, as yesterday, we continue the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We're the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. And with programs for girls from coast to coast and across the globe, Girl Scouts offers every girl a chance to do something amazing.

CBL Opportunities:

Community-Based Program Leader: Act as a leader during a 6 or 8-week program (with pre- and post-trainings), reaching out to girls that might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience Girl Scouts and all that it can offer. Use our fun curriculum and resources to give girls accessible, flexible opportunities that will expand their knowledge and experiences. With our training, you will help girls build lasting leadership skills and friendships. The time commitment is about 2.5 hours a week after school for anywhere from 4-10 weeks, depending on the program location. The girls will have fun learning as you spend time sharing your talents and experience with them, acting as a mentor and trusted instructor. Timing and locations for the spring are TBD.

Pre-Service Requirements: Volunteer registration, CORI, program training

Number of Volunteers Needed: 10

Marie Anne Center

www.marieannecenter.org

St. Bernard Church, 236 Lincoln Street, Worcester

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Organization Description:

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.

CBL Opportunities:

After-school Program

On **Mondays through Thursdays 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.

Pre-Service Requirements: CORI, Safe Environment Training

Volunteers Needed: 6-8 (2 per day)

Training Resources of America Worcester

<http://www.tra-inc.org/tra-welcome>

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Organization Description:

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. Our clients have been successful in:

- Increasing their basic reading, language and math levels
- Improving their English speaking/comprehension capabilities
- Obtaining a High School Equivalency Credential
- Learning new skills
- Developing self-confidence
- Finding and retaining gainful employment
- Improving opportunities for increased earnings and job advancement
- Becoming active and productive members of their communities.

In addition, hundreds of employers statewide have met their employment needs by hiring TRA-trained employees and utilizing TRA's customized workplace literacy services. Workforce Investment Boards and funding organizations have benefitted from TRA's ability to provide high quality workforce development 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. We bring the two ends of the labor market together by preparing people in need of marketable skills for actual jobs that are in demand.

Training Resources of America Incorporated (TRA)'s mission is to help:

- Educationally and economically disadvantaged youth and adults improve the quality of their lives by learning new skills, developing self-confidence and finding pathways to self-sufficiency;

- Employers strengthen and maintain a vitalized workforce by delivering better prepared, educated and work-ready employees;
- Workforce Investment Boards and Funding Organizations achieve their employment and training goals in an optimal time frame by providing diverse, customized and high quality workforce development services;
- Communities grow and prosper by preparing and challenging disenfranchised residents to become active and contributing members, by increasing tax rolls and economic stability, and by creating positive role models for community development.

CBL Opportunities:

Adult Education

TRA offers classes to adult learners who are trying to improve their reading, writing and math skills on **Tuesday and Thursday nights from 4:15 to 7:45**. Students from the college of Holy Cross could work with our adult learners in a one on one setting on their math, reading and writing skills. **Volunteers must serve 1.5 hours weekly at a minimum.**

ESOL Classes

TRA offers ESOL classes to adult learners who are trying to improve their reading, writing and math skills on **Monday and Wednesday nights from 4:30p to 7:45p**. Students from the college of Holy Cross could work with our adult learners in a one on one setting on their math, reading and writing skills.

Pre-Service Requirements: CORI, Volunteer Packet, Orientation Meeting

Volunteers Needed (For Adult Ed): 12 (6 per evening)

Worcester East Middle School

www.wpsweb.com/wems

420 Grafton Street, Worcester, MA 01604

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School Counselor, Guidance

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Organization Description:

Worcester East Middle is one of four middle schools in Worcester. We have a very diverse population with about 800 students. We serve grades 6th, 7th and 8th. Within our school we have a Science and Technology Academy which encompasses almost half of our school. Students from the academy come from all over the city. It is like a private school within a school.

Worcester East middle is located on Grafton Street which is in a low income neighborhood. We strive to give our students the best education that can be offered by the Worcester Public Schools. Our teachers give their time to assure that every student succeed academically. They go beyond their duties and are always willing to do what it takes to help our students. We are very proud of that.

One of the biggest struggles we face is helping our English Language Learners who come to this country without any English and Math. These students are required to take MCAS and PARCC tests by the state and we have to prepare them for this.

CBL Opportunities:

Worcester East is in need of volunteers to serve as tutors and classroom assistance. Knowledge of a language other than English is a plus (but not necessary), as many Worcester East students are English Language Learners. **2 hours per week is needed within the following time periods: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays during and after school: 7:45a-3p**

Volunteers Needed: As many as possible

Pre-Service Requirements: CORI form

Worcester Public Schools Adult Learning Center

http://adult-education.worcesterschools.org/modules/groups/group_pages.phtml?gid=1509019&nid=120898

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Organization Description:

Worcester Public Schools Adult Learning Center serves adults 16 years old or older, who left school during the traditional schooling years and now have a desire to resuming their education. Classes are offered on English proficiency, HiSET (formally the GED) preparation and basic literacy skills at essentially no cost. The Center also offers a Family Literacy course to encourage reading as a family, as that is an essential skill for children and parents to increase their English proficiency.

CBL Opportunities:

Literacy Program Volunteer – Assist teachers with classes; provide tutoring, homework help, and other educational support for the children of the adult learners. Family Literacy Classes run for 32 weeks, but volunteers can join at any point. They meet Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30p-8p at the Canterbury Street School (additional locations will be added in January). CBL students are expected to volunteer on a weekly basis for one full class (Tues or Thurs). It is helpful if CBL students volunteer in groups for this opportunity.

Tutor – The Adult Learning Center offers ESL courses and other educational opportunities for adult learners Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9a-11:30a and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5p-7:30p or 5:30p-8p. CBL students can serve as a tutor for the adult learners in math, writing, and reading, as well as assist in the computer labs. CBL students are expected to volunteer on a weekly basis for one of these class sessions.

Students must volunteer 2 hours weekly.

Additional Opportunities (class-specific): Marketing, data collection/analysis, digital literacy, projects for education majors

Pre-Service Requirements: WPS CORI Form, Orientation, Volunteer Agreement

Volunteers Needed: 10+