

**Spring 2018 Community Partners
PSYC 337**

Community Partner	Time Frame
Hector Reyes House	Various Times, Monday-Friday (for one 1-hour lecture and one 30 minute one-on one meeting)
Jeremiah's Inn	Tuesday or Thursday 5pm-7pm
Walking Together	Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm (for one 2-hour time block; in a pair, ideally)

Hector Reyes House

27 Vernon Street, Worcester, MA 01610

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

Staff Contact:

Tammy Weiner, Director of Operations

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Organization Description:

The Hector Reyes House offers continuum of culturally-informed services for Latino males that focus on recovery from substance use. The overall goal of the program is to help each individual develop skills that will support long-term recovery. Residents of Hector Reyes House stay for six months and participate in daily "lectures"/groups, receive in-house medical and dental care, as well as other services (GED courses, counseling, etc.). There is also Café Reyes (operated by the Latin American Health Alliance) where residents can work part-time to receive necessary job training. Finally, there is a long-term house next door to Hector Reyes where people who have been through the six month program can continue to live.

CBL Opportunities:

The Hector Reyes House welcomes CBL volunteers to assist with one of their daily lectures (9am, 10am, 1pm or 2pm), as well as to meet one on one with Hector Reyes residents. The lectures range in topic from healthy living, to parenting, to financial literacy, etc. Toward the end of the semester, students may have the opportunity to co-teach a lecture with the Hector Reyes staff and more established volunteers. The one-on-one meetings would consist of conversation, as well as some HiSet tutoring and computer work. Spanish speaking skills are a plus but not required.

Pre-Service Requirements: CORI, orientation meeting

Volunteers needed: 6

Jeremiah's Inn

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

Staff Contact:

Dick Quinlan, Director of Operations

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Organization Description

Jeremiah's Inn uses a social and peer leadership model to provide residents with a safe environment in which to begin recovery. Jeremiah's Inn fosters a sense of community and mutual aid through partnerships, volunteerism and their Nutrition Center. Jeremiah's Inn is a 29-bed home for men recovering from addiction. The men stay at the home for six months, receive daily counseling, participate in group workshops, and receive other sorts of support including job training and preparedness. Jeremiah's Inn also operates a Nutrition Center which houses a food pantry, offers grocery store stores, cooking demonstrations, a dental clinic, and a community garden. The nutrition center and the residential program are entirely separate, but many of the men who are participating in the residential program volunteer their time in the nutrition center (and benefit from the program).

CBL Opportunities:

Students will have the opportunity to join the men for dinner and observe a weekly workshop on recovery prevention and life skills. Students, if they so choose, will have an opportunity to co-facilitate an educational group in their residential substance abuse treatment program toward the end of the semester. **Dinner and the recovery prevention and life skills workshop will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm-7pm (students can choose one day to attend weekly).** The co-facilitation would occur on a Monday morning later on in the semester. If students choose to co-facilitate a session, they would need to meet with Jason ahead of time to plan the session.

Pre-Service Requirements:

Orientation meeting, Volunteer application, Confidentially Statements, and CORI form (all paperwork to be filled out on site at the orientation meeting). The orientation meeting (with Dick) would need to take place sometime Monday-Friday between 7am and 3pm. If possible, Dick would like to meet with all student volunteers at one time.

Number of Volunteers Needed: 4 (maximum of two per evening)

Walking Together

www.walking-together.org

799 Main Street, Worcester, MA

Storefront Hours: Tuesday – Friday; 9am-12pm

Contact:

Rev. Meredyth Ward '77

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Organization Description:

Walking Together is a ministry of presence with the neighbors of Southeast Worcester focused on the dignity and worth of each individual and family. Walking Together is engaged in a shared journey of community building as they seek to restore streets to live in. Walking Together has a Storefront at 799 Main Street. The Storefront is open 9am-noon Tuesday through Friday and all are welcome to walk in for coffee, snacks, and conversation. There are also structured activities and additional opportunities at the storefront at other times of day. The programs/activities include:

- 12-Step groups with child care
- 12-Step en español
- Activities for parents & children
- Music & art for kids
- Meditation for stress relief
- English as a second language
- Messy Church training
- Learn how to search for a job online

Walking Together also works to connect visitors with resources for detox, therapy, housing, etc. Finally, once per month, Walking Together sponsors “Laundry Love” where folks can do their laundry for free. They offer quarters, detergent, dry sheets, and food.

CBL Opportunities:

Volunteers are welcome to take part in the ministry of presence at the storefront. Volunteers will learn to be a part of the community, helping to welcome folks into the space, assisting when needed with various logistical items, and getting to know the people of the neighborhood. Volunteers can also accompany Meredyth on walks throughout the neighborhood to learn more about the neighborhood and continue to meet folks at the place in which they are. Volunteers should feel comfortable simply being present, as there aren’t specific tasks to complete.

Pre-service Requirements:

Volunteers should have a meeting with Meredyth, as well as be trained to use Narcan (the opiate antidote). The training takes about twenty minutes and is done on site. Volunteers must wear closed shoes.