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# NEWSLETTER

For students, faculty, & those looking to serve

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## Service Center Events & News

### *Getting Involved*

Visit <http://www.usu.edu/servicecenter>

To learn more about the 11 student run service programs we offer and click the **Get Involved Tab** to sign up on our email list to receive the most recent service opportunities.



### *Find us on Facebook*

<https://www.facebook.com/UtahStateServiceCenter>

Like our facebook page to learn how to get involved and to see the impact we are making on and off campus.

### *Welcome Week: Make A Better World Service Event*

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-12:00 PM

Join us in the International Lounge of the TSC to work on blankets for the HEAT Assistance Program here in Cache Valley and help assemble jean shoes to send to Uganda. Also learn about the Service Center, the work we do, and how you can get involved.

### *Kick-Off Volunteer Dinner*

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

Grab food, make friends, and get information about our volunteer opportunities in the Service Center TSC 332

### *Mini Alternative Break over MLK weekend*

Learn more about homelessness and urban poverty in Salt Lake City and Ogden, and what different organizations are doing to care for individuals and families that struggle with shelter security. Projects include:

- Attending Sunday services at Calvary Baptist Church, which is responsible for the [Fill the Pot Ministry](#) that provides hot meals and warm clothing for homeless individuals every week
- Visiting the exhibit "[No Fixed Address](#)" at the Leonardo
- Packing lunches for children and working in the warehouse at [the Road Home](#) shelter
- Touring Ogden's brand new [Lantern House](#) shelter and soup kitchen

This mini-Alternative Break will take place on Sunday and Monday, January 17-18, 2016. Participants will be carpooling and staying overnight together. Space is limited to 7 volunteers.

Go to: <http://goo.gl/forms/HTJgbGpk8N> to apply! **Deadline: Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM.**  
Contact [hannah.hodgson@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:hannah.hodgson@aggiemail.usu.edu) with questions.

### **Alternative Breaks**

Spring Break, March 7-11<sup>th</sup>

Alternative Breaks provides an opportunity to serve new people in new locations. We balance helping people and having our own exciting adventures while cultivating a service attitude. This Spring Break we offer three different trips in three locations.

- Refugee and Immigrants: San Diego
- Urban Poverty and Homelessness: Seattle
- Environmental Stewardship: Navajo Mountain

Visit [www.usu.edu/servicecenter/htm/programs/alternative-breaks](http://www.usu.edu/servicecenter/htm/programs/alternative-breaks) to learn more

Pick up applications in Service Center TSC 332

Contact [ususervicecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ususervicecenter@gmail.com) with questions

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## **Community Events**

### **Project PEER**

Project PEER is a program dedicated to helping young adults with disabilities develop life skills. We are seeking friendly volunteers to interact with students in social situations. Volunteers would help PEER students improve their social skills by making friendships, having conversations, and participating in social activities. This is a perfect fit for volunteers looking for a flexible, fun, and on-campus volunteer opportunity. Contact Aubrey Beck at [aubrey.beck21@gmail.com](mailto:aubrey.beck21@gmail.com).

### **Loaves and Fishes Community Meal**

Saturday, January 16

First Presbyterian Church, 178 W Center St. Logan, UT 84321

10:00 am-3:00 pm

Building community around a shared table, this community meal is free and open to all. Non-denominational and community sponsored. Individual volunteers are needed to help at this year's Thanksgiving meal! Helpers (with the food and dishes) and entertainers (for background music) are welcome to contact [bobbi.crabtree@usu.edu](mailto:bobbi.crabtree@usu.edu) to sign up. Please let them know you are coming so they can plan their volunteer tasks.

### **The Family Place**

Volunteers needed that are: dependable, good with children, sensitive to those that have experienced trauma, responsible, and those that can be positive influences on kids that need it! Volunteers must pass a background check, four hours of training, and be able to volunteer for a few hours once a week for the semester.

Contact [Annika@thefamilyplaceutah.org](mailto:Annika@thefamilyplaceutah.org) or call [435-752-8880](tel:435-752-8880) and ask for Annika.

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## **Community Partnership Opportunities**

The Service Center has formal partnerships with almost 20 community organizations. They promise to provide service opportunity, and we promise to send them enthusiastic, high quality volunteers!

### ***Guardian ad Litem***

CASA (court appointed special advocates) volunteers needed.

Volunteers will work with children who have experienced neglect and abuse and visit them for a few hours then write reports to Guardian ad Litem attorneys to help advocate for these children in court.

To be a volunteer you have to be 21, pass a background check and complete training.

Training dates are 2/2, 2/4, 2/9, 2/11 from 5:30-8:30 (dinner is provided)

If interested, email me, Natasha Weston at [natashaw@utcourts.gov](mailto:natashaw@utcourts.gov).

### ***Willow Park Zoo***

#### **Storytime Volunteer**

We are looking for someone who would like to run and plan the storytime hour for the semester. It would include finding books, a craft and coordinating with the education director at the zoo. Story time is held once a week. Right now it is Tuesdays at 10:30 but we can adjust that to suit the teacher. It is a great opportunity for an early education or elementary ed student.

#### **One Time Volunteers**

We can always use groups of any size to come in and do a one-time service project - building, cleaning, or otherwise helping us out.

#### **Program Planning Volunteers**

We could use students interested in event planning and recreation to come and help ready some programs for us throughout the new semester.

Contact Barb at [willowparkzooed@gmail.com](mailto:willowparkzooed@gmail.com) or call [435 890 0356](tel:4358900356)

### ***TEAM Logan***

Volunteers for Financial Wellness Boot Camp

A financial training opportunity for individuals and couples in all ages and stages

5-8 volunteers needed

Flexible opportunities prior to event and on Friday, January 22nd

Contact [team.logan.utah@gmail.com](mailto:team.logan.utah@gmail.com) for more information

### ***Common Ground***

Common Ground Outdoor Adventures' mission is to provide life-enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities. We provide adaptive equipment and support, which enable people with disabilities to participate in outdoor recreation alongside their peers.

**CALL COMMON GROUND [435-713-0288](tel:4357130288) TO SIGN UP**

Jan. 13th: Agency Ski Day 8:00-4:00 pm  
4 volunteers

4 volunteers

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>: Fun Park 5:00-7:00 pm  
4 volunteers

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>: Ski Day 8:00-4:00 pm  
4 volunteers

Jan 14<sup>th</sup>: Ski Day 8:00-4:00 pm  
4 volunteer

Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: Hot Springs 2:30-5:00 pm  
4 volunteers

Jan 15<sup>th</sup>: Rock Climbing 4:00-5:00 pm

Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: Agency Ski Day 8:00-4:00 pm  
4 volunteers

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>: Agency X-Country Ski and Snowshoe  
1:00-3:30 pm  
4 volunteers

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>: Ski Day 8:00-4:00 pm  
4 volunteers

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>: Agency Hardware Ranch 11:00-1:00  
pm  
4 volunteers

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: Ice Fishing 1:00-3:00 pm  
4 volunteers

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: Agency Ski Day 8:00-4:00 pm  
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Have more information about your community for this newsletter? Contact:

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