

Summary of Opportunities

This is a summary of the many opportunities for community placements through the Scott/Ross Center. More complete details can be found in our *Undergraduate Guide of Community Service and Service-Learning Opportunities* which is located in W102 for viewing in the office or online at www.simmons.edu/community-service. You may earn your work-study funds with many of our partners- they will be designated by an (*). Enjoy!

I. Adult Services

Fenway CDC- Works to achieve greater residential stability and diversity in the Fenway area. Opportunities available in marketing, community organizing and computer instruction.

Mount Pleasant Home – Senior home with approximately forty residents. Flexibility in opportunities that relate to student interest and/or skills.

II. English language Learners

Education Development Group – Prepares new immigrant families with language and cultural skills.

English Language Learners at Simmons (ELL@S) – English language lessons for UNICCO and Aramark employees at Simmons.

YMCA International Learning Center – Tutor recent immigrants as they work to learn English.

III. Homelessness

Horizons for Homeless Children * – This organization is looking for students to serve as Playspace Activities Leaders (PALS) for children in homeless shelters.

Travel Aid Family Services – Works to stabilize and find housing for homeless families. Students would help families fill out applications for housing and update listings of potential housing openings.

Women's Lunch Place – This long time Simmons community partner provides daytime shelter, food and services for homeless women. Kitchen staffing is one of their greatest volunteer needs.

IV. Mentoring Programs

After School at Simmons * – Elementary age girls come to Simmons every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for various educational activities and games.

America SCORES New England – Empowers students using soccer, writing and creative expression. The organization is seeking 5-15 Simmons for their new mentoring program.

Beacon Academy * – A unique program that works to prepare students who have completed 8th grade for the rigors of independent and competitive exam high schools.

Big Sister Association of Grater Boston * – Help girls realize their full potential by having a positive relationship with them. Simmons students will be placed at the Josiah Quincy School located in Chinatown.

Boston Partners in Education – Enhances academic achievement by providing focused, individualized in-school support to Boston Public School students.

Entre Nuestras Familias – A community/curriculum- based empowerment program for youth that focuses on preventing drop out rates, academic failure, violence, HIV/STD infection and teen pregnancy.

Girl's LEAP * – Provides safety and self-defense programming for girls aged 8-18. Simmons students can serve as assistants to adult facilitators and lead small group activities.

Jumpstart * – Engages Simmons students in one-to-one service with preschool age children at two sites in Jamaica Plain.

Partners for Youth with Disability * – Provides one-to-one and group mentoring opportunities for youth with physical, sensory, and learning disabilities ages 6-22.

Project Adventure – A research project at Children’s Hospital designed to help children with special health care needs and disabilities participate in community-based inclusive recreation with support of trained adult mentor.

Science Club for Girls * – Works to increase self-confidence and science literacy of girls in K-12 grades with hands-on science explorations, mentoring, and leadership opportunities. Training and curriculum are provided.

Sociedad Latina – Mission Possible – Provides support and resources for Latina youth. Simmons students are needed for the college access program that includes workshops on academic success and SAT preparation.

Strong Women, Strong Girls * – The chapter at Simmons works with 3rd to 5th grade girls in Boston in this structured mentoring program that draws its curriculum from the lessons learned from strong women throughout history.

V. Tutoring Programs

America Counts @ Farragut Elementary School * – A student-led math tutoring program at nearby elementary school.

America Reads @ Farragut Elementary School * – A student led literacy tutoring program at nearby elementary school.

America Reads @ Mendell Elementary School * – A student led literacy tutoring program at elementary school.

Boston Latin School – Tutoring opportunities in our neighboring high school.

Education Sparks @ Farragut Elementary School * – A student-led program. A different subject is covered each day.

Citizen Schools – This after school program works with middle school students offering apprenticeship based learning in several topical areas.

Farragut After School Program * – Simmons students provide homework assistance and conduct educational activities in this after school program supervised by Farragut elementary school teachers.

Gateway The O’Bryant Gateway to the LMA *- A student leader in the Scott/Ross Center coordinates tutoring program in the nearby John D. O’Bryant High School of Math and Science.

Hyde Park Community Center – A Boston Center for Youth and Families facility that is seeking students for their after school tutoring program.

Sociedad Latina – Mission Enrichment Program – After school program for middle school students in the nearby Mission Hill neighborhood.

Steps to Success – After Hours University * – Works with low-income youth in grades 4-6 in Brookline through academic enrichment, mentoring, and early college awareness and readiness.

Tenacity – Improves scholastic, character, and physical development of urban youth by combining tennis instruction and academic support with a focus in life skills.

Tutors for All * – Tutors students in literacy and math in order to improve MCAS scores. There is a program at the Community Charter School in Cambridge as well as a Saturday program which takes place at Simmons.

VI. Special Volunteer Opportunities and Special Projects

Boston Cares – Each month there are short term team projects reserved for college students. Opportunities to participate will be coordinated by our student liaison.

Cradles to Crayons – This organization provides poor and homeless children with every day supplies essential to their health, education and well-being. Volunteers are needed to assist in their warehouse.

Timilty Middle School – Simmons students can assist sixth grade teachers during the school day and/or provide one-to-one tutoring after school. This placement is reserved for students in Educ 460.

Other partners to consider: For more information feel free to contact Dez at simmons@simmons.edu; 617-521-2477.

Community Servings

Girls Get Connected

Girls Preparing to Succeed

Greater Egleston High School

Mission Safe

No One Leaves

Peace Games

Rosie's Place

Special Olympics