



# RESOURCES FOR NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

## About Us:

The Morgridge Center for Public Service serves as a clearinghouse for students, staff and faculty to connect with volunteer and service-learning opportunities. We work collaboratively with community partners to facilitate a broad range of service opportunities both in and out of class-locally, nationally, and internationally.



Welcome to the Morgridge Center for Public Service! Below you will find information about our services and ways in which you can connect with students and the campus community.

## PUBLICIZING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**VolunteerYourTime.org:** Our free online database that allows non-profit agencies to post their current volunteer opportunities that is utilized by students.

**Morgridge Mail:** This e-newsletter is received by over 2000 students and highlights several volunteer opportunities and other events each week during the academic year.

**Poster Route:** We offer a free service that posts over 200 fliers at the various spots around campus. Just email us a copy of your poster at least three weeks before your event.

**Volunteer Fairs:** Are held at the beginning of each semester and provide non-profit agencies to meet with members of the university community interested in volunteering.

**Information Tables in Memorial Union:** Located in a high traffic area on campus, we can reserve a table on your behalf once a semester. This is a great opportunity to showcase your agency, services, and current volunteer opportunities.

**Reserve a Room in the Memorial Union:** Once a semester, you can contact us to arrange a free space in the union to hold volunteer trainings or other related events.

**10,000 Hours Show of Dane County:** This student-led organization rewards students who volunteer 10 or more hours of volunteer work in the community with a free concert in the spring. This is a great incentive for potential student volunteers.

## CONNECTING CLASSROOMS WITH COMMUNITIES

**Service-Learning:** This is a teaching methodology that combines community service and learning. Faculty members who choose to incorporate a service-learning component, partner with a non-profit agency, and facilitate in-class reflection activities to connect the student's service to learning. Contact us if you have ideas for service-learning projects.

**Community-Based Research:** This involves students and faculty engaging in research that will benefit a community organization or address a public issue. Under close faculty mentorship, students develop research skills and deepen their understanding of research as service, while agencies receive useful research, assessment, planning or evaluation support.

**Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowships:** These fellowships provide between \$1000 to \$5000 to support collaboration between undergraduate students and a community agency through service-learning/community-based research projects. Agencies can submit project ideas to our office during the fall.

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# Other Resources For Agencies



**Community Services Committee:** This student run committee is housed in the Morgridge Center. Students plan and implement a variety of activities that serve the Madison community through educational programs highlighting important social issues and direct service projects that address community needs. Contact the student director at: [communityservice@union.wisc.edu](mailto:communityservice@union.wisc.edu)

**Group Service Projects:** Students organizations and sororities and fraternities contact us most often looking for large one-time group service. If you agency has a need for special event volunteers or other on-going volunteer opportunities that can accommodate at least 10 students, please let us know.

**Student Organization Office:** There are over 700 registered student groups on campus. If you have a specific volunteer need or project that you think a specific student organization would be interested in, you should contact them directly. A list of registered student orgs and their contact information is available at <http://soo.studentorg.wisc.edu>.

**Faculty Members:** We have a listserv of faculty interested in or currently using service-learning in their courses. If you have a specific idea for a service-learning project, we can distribute it to these faculty on your behalf. However, we also encourage you to contact a faculty member directly if you have a relationship with them or other connections on campus.

**Service-Learning Breakfasts:** These morning networking sessions are held during the academic year and provide an opportunity for non-profit agencies to meet with faculty and staff looking for community-based research and service-learning partnerships.

**Site visits:** We have a Community Liaison that can meet with your organization to discuss the Morgridge Center services, but also learn about your agency and volunteer opportunities as well.



## OTHER PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION

**Volunteer Transportation Program:** The Volunteer Transportation Program is a service courtesy of the Morgridge Center for Public Service that provides free cab rides to students who volunteer at least eight times during the semester. This program is designed to support students who would like to volunteer on a regular basis at non-profit sites that are inaccessible by bus. For more information and to see if your agency is an eligible site, visit <http://www.morgridge.wisc.edu/students/transportation.html>

**Visit our website:** Find additional information at [www.morgridge.wisc.edu](http://www.morgridge.wisc.edu) about the programs listed here, in addition to other resources, updates, and programs. If you have any specific questions or would like to discuss ways in which we can collaborate better with your organization, please contact us.

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