



Widener University

Office of Civic Engagement

Service Opportunities – Spring 2019

For each site below, there is a link to the www.widener.edu/serve website and/or the agency website where you can find out more information about each opportunity. For sites that have a Widener volunteer coordinator (PSSL – Pride Site Service Leader), please contact the PSSL to sign up for an opportunity for completing your service-learning requirement; otherwise you should contact the agency directly.

At any of the sites listed below, if you will be working with minors (children under the age of 18) you will need to obtain the following clearances: PA Child Abuse History, PA Criminal Record Check, and FBI Criminal Background Check. (If you are a nursing or education major, you should have done your clearances prior to the fall 2018 semester.) Please visit [Widener University's Civic Engagement Website](#) for information on how to obtain the required clearances.

When contacting a Widener volunteer coordinator (PSSL) or when contacting an agency directly, if you do not hear back from them within a few days, please contact them again. It is important that you set up your service-learning experience as soon as possible. If you are having any communication problems with a PSSL or agency contact, please let your instructor know immediately.

Widener Volunteer Coordinator:

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Service Opportunities in Chester

Chester Upland Youth Soccer: Address: 808 E. 17 th St., Chester, PA 19013 (Stetser Elementary School) or 704 Main Street, Upland, PA 19015 (Main Street School).
Description: Chester Upland Youth Soccer exists to combat those circumstances that put the children of Chester at risk. Each week a consistent, safe, fun atmosphere is provided for children to play sports while learning life skills.
To sign up for volunteer opportunities: Contact Eric Guzy at emguzy@widener.edu or Stephen Doney at smdoney@widener.edu
Link to agency website: http://nssports.wix.com/northernstarsports
Information for transportation: Students can walk to Stetser School or complete a <u>Student Transportation Request</u> form for transportation to Main Street.
Service Opportunity: Volunteer Coaching Position
Clearances: Required. How to obtain required clearances

Widener Partnership Charter School: Phone: (610) 872-1358, Address: 1450 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, PA 19013
Description: The Widener Partnership Charter School is a public charter school for grades K-7.
Widener Volunteer Coordinator (PSSL): Leah Levi, lplevi@widener.edu
Link to agency website: https://widenerpartnershipcharterschool.org/
Information for transportation: Students can walk; always walk in pairs or groups.
Service Opportunity: After School Tutoring
Clearances: Required. How to obtain required clearances

Chester High School: Phone: (610) 447-3700 , Address: 200 W 9th St, Chester, PA 19013
Description of organization: Chester High School is an urban, public high school located in Chester, Delaware County, PA, 19013-4288. It is a part of the Chester-Upland School District.
Widener Volunteer Coordinator (PSSL): DeShawn Ivey, deivey@widener.edu
Link to agency website: http://www.chesteruplandsd.org/chs/home
Information for transportation: Transportation requests to service sites in Chester can now be made by completing a <u>Student Transportation Request</u> form.
Service Opportunity: Afterschool Tutoring
Clearances: Required. How to obtain required clearances



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Chester Eastside, Inc.: Phone: (610) 872-4812, Address: 301 East Ninth Street, Chester, PA 19016
Description of Organization: Chester Eastside is a welcoming and inclusive community that enables individuals of all ages to achieve their goals and aspirations and that promotes a peaceful co-existence in Chester through advocacy and programs for education, social services, and justice.
Widener Volunteer Coordinator (PSSL): Anish Sharan, asharan@widener.edu
Link to agency website: http://chestereastside.org
Information for transportation: Transportation requests to service sites in Chester can now be made by completing a Student Transportation Request form.
Service needed: Afterschool Tutor, Food Bank Assistant
Clearances: Required. How to obtain required clearances.

Chester Senior Center: Phone: 610-497-3550, Address: 721 Hayes Street Chester, PA 19013
Description: Senior Community Services (SCS)/Chester Senior Center’s mission is to promote independent and meaningful living for older adults through direct services and programs in the home and community.
Executive Director : Jamee Nowell, jnowell@scs-delco.org
Link to agency website: http://www.scsdelco.org/centers/chester.shtml
Information for transportation: Transportation requests to service sites in Chester can now be made by completing a Student Transportation Request form.
Service Needed: Computer Instruction Tutor, Program Instructor for older adults, Community Advisory Board Member, Social Media & Marketing Intern, Arts Instructor, Administrative Assistant
Days and hours of service needed: Weekdays, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM.
Clearances: Not required.

Cityteam: Phone: (610) 872-6865, Address: 634 Sproul Street Chester, PA 19013
Description: Our ministry expresses God’s love in many compassionate ways; a nourishing meal, a safe place to sleep, medical aid, emergency food supplies, education, counseling, or a welcoming smile.
Widener Volunteer Coordinator (PSSL): Riley Smith, resmith3@widener.edu
Cityteam Volunteer Coordinator: Layne Hammond-Champion
Information for transportation: Transportation requests to service sites in Chester can now be made by completing a Student Transportation Request form.
Service Needed: Mother/Baby Program Assistant, Hope Café Volunteer, Fresh Produce Program.
Days and hours of service needed: Mother/Baby Program – Wednesdays - 1-4 PM or Thursdays, 10-11:30 AM; Hope Café – Saturdays; Fresh Produce Program – Thursdays, 1:30-4:00 PM.
Clearances: Only PA Child Abuse History required. How to obtain required clearances



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Chester Education Foundation: Phone: (610) 872-2229, Address: 2508 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, PA 19013.
Description of organization: Chester Education Foundation focuses on helping youth in Chester excel in their academics. They do this through career prep programs, after school programs, and SAT/ College Prep Programs.
Widener Volunteer Coordinator: Kenneth Edwards, kmedwards@widener.edu
Link to agency website: https://www.chestereducation.org/
Information for transportation: Transportation requests to service sites in Chester can now be made by completing a Student Transportation Request form.
Service Opportunity: Reading and Math Tutor, Marketing and PR Assistant, Club Leader, Human Resource Management Intern, Data Management Assistant, Activity and Enrichment Aide
Days and hours of service needed: Check with agency contact.
Clearances: Required. How to obtain required clearances.

The Salvation Army: Phone: 610-874-0423, Address: 151 W. 15 th Street, Chester, PA 19013
Description: The motto of the Salvation Army is “doing the most good.” This faith-based organization believes in meeting all human needs without discrimination. For the citizens of Chester, it offers hunger relief, housing and homeless services, youth recreation programs, and Christmas assistance.
To sign up for volunteer opportunities: Contact Kimberly Cohens at Kimberly.Cohens@use.salvationarmy.org
Link to Agency website: https://pa.salvationarmy.org/chester/the-salvation-army-in-chester-pennsylvania
Information for transportation: Transportation requests to service sites in Chester can now be made by completing a Student Transportation Request form.
Service Needed: Afterschool Tutor
Days and hours of service needed: Contact volunteer coordinator for specific days and times.
Clearances: Required. How to obtain required clearances

Stetser Elementary School: Address: 808 E. 17 th St., Chester, PA 19013.
Description: Stetser Elementary School is one of three elementary schools in the Chester-Upland School District. Conveniently located next door to Widener University, it serves children in grades pre-kindergarten through sixth. Volunteers are needed for afterschool tutoring.
To sign up for volunteer opportunities: Contact Principal Janet Baldwin, jbaldwin@chesteruplandsd.org
Information for transportation: Students can walk to the school.
Service Opportunity: Afterschool Tutor
Days and hours of service needed: Varies depending on volunteer opportunity.
Clearances: Required. How to obtain required clearances.



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Regional Service Opportunities

Family and Community Service of Delaware County: Phone: (610) 566-7540, Address: 600 North Olive Street, Media, PA 19063.
Description of organization: Mission is to provide services to build stronger communities through healthy empowered individuals and communities.
To sign up for volunteer opportunities: contact Linda Toche-Manley at ltochemanley@fcsdc.org .
Widener Volunteer Coordinator: Declan Barrett, drbarrett@widener.edu
Link to agency website: http://www.fcsdc.org/
Information for transportation: You will need to provide your own transportation.
Service needed: https://serve.widener.edu/organizations/opps.php?org_id=166
Days and hours of service needed: Check with agency contact.
Clearances: Check with agency contact for agency requirements.

Lifewerks: 610-986-3211 Address: 25 Cedar Road, Wallingford, PA
Description of organization: Small food pantry based out of Foundry Church located in Wallingford, PA. Life works feed people from across Delaware county, has partnerships with local AAA groups, elementary schools specifically Parkside elementary and public Chester library. Food access is a primary issue, but also works on child literacy with programs dedicated to storytelling and writing.
To sign up for volunteer opportunities: Matt Corrigan, mjcorrigan@widener.edu Or Kristen Vogle, ktvogle@widener.edu
Link to agency website: www.lifewerks.org
Information for transportation: Transportation requests to service sites in Chester can now be made by completing a Student Transportation Request form.
Service needed: Donation pick up, social media marketers, volunteers
Days and hours of service needed: Pantry hours Friday's 3-6 PM, Donation Pick up (Shifts), Some Saturdays 9-12.
Clearances: Check with agency contact for agency requirements.

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