WHAT THE CENTER DOES
The Center for Community Service increases the level of volunteer service provided by our students, faculty, staff, and alumni by

- Working closely with our off-campus neighbors and agencies to identify community needs,
- Maintaining an active database of agencies seeking volunteers,
- Publicizing volunteer service opportunities and connecting volunteers with these openings,
- Assisting clubs and organizations with their philanthropic efforts,
- Researching community and agency needs and securing relevant and meaningful service-learning experiences that will strongly relate to students’ course work,
- Providing printed resources on the field of service learning,
- Serving as the University’s liaison with local off-campus agencies,
- Meeting with classes and academic departments to discuss service opportunities, and
- Providing transportation for students completing service in our community service van, based on van availability. Reservations are required at least 48 hours prior to service. See our website or a center staff member for a reservation form.

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FOR OUR STUDENTS
Whether you are looking for community service for class, work-study, or volunteerism, our website is a great place to get started. Visit www.hartford.edu/communityservice and click on “Volunteer.” There you will find more than 50 different opportunities to fulfill your service needs.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS
We hope you will partner with the Center for Community Service and its team of talented and motivated students. Just go to www.hartford.edu/communityservice and check out our “Community Partners” page.

We encourage your nonprofit agency to apply as one of our community partners. Applying online is simple and quick—just click on “Apply Now.”

You may choose from three types of partnerships:

Community Federal Work-Study Partner
Provides students with sites and positions within the Bloomfield, Hartford, and West Hartford townships. Students can work up to 20 hours a week at your location and be paid through Federal Work-Study Grants, not from your agency’s funds or budget. The amount depends on each student’s work-study fund allotment, which is allocated in the beginning of the year. We cannot guarantee that we have enough students to fill every position, but our center will actively recruit for your agency on our campus.

Community Volunteer Partner
Provides opportunities for our students to fulfill their community service requirements or interests. Our students have different community service requirements/interests, ranging from 2 to 20 hours per week. Some students have required hours to complete during the semester or year, while others choose to engage in service. The Center for Community Service refers students during the fall and spring semesters while the University is in full session.

Community Service-Learning Partner
Provides volunteer positions that foster learning objectives designed to enhance course content with the classroom. This program accepts volunteers up to one semester, with the possibility of continuation for one academic year.

Note: Instructors assign varying hours for the semester, ranging from 5 to 20 hours total. Agencies should be interested in promoting students’ academic learning, volunteerism, and civic engagement, as well as educating students on agencies’ needs.