

VICTOR VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
GUIDELINES FOR GETTING STARTED WITH
SERVICE LEARNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- I. Assess your personal interests and time availability by asking yourself the following questions:
- a. What gifts and talents do I possess that would benefit others?
 - i. Physically strong
 - ii. Computer savvy
 - iii. Artistic and Creative
 - iv. Great Sense of Humor
 - v. Active Listener
 - vi. Good Teacher
 - vii. Encouraging and Motivating
 - viii. Caring and Nurturing
 - ix. Excellent Student
 - x. Athletic
 - xi. Well Organized
 - xii. Other _____
 - b. What area of service would I enjoy doing?
 - i. Church Related
 - ii. Community Related
 - iii. Career Related
 - c. What services have I already participated in?
 - i. Church
 - ii. Community
 - iii. Career
 - iv. School
 - d. What types of service would I like to learn more about?
 - e. Do I prefer to work indoors or outdoors?
 - f. Do I prefer to work on a team or on my own?
 - g. What age group do I prefer working with?
 - i. Children
 - ii. Adults
 - iii. Elderly

h. When am I available to do my service hours?

- i. Weekends
- ii. After School
- iii. Nights

i. Do I want to do my hours all at once, or over a period of time?

II. Indicate which of the following community problems concern you most:

- Homelessness and Hunger
- Disabled Children
- Disabled Veterans
- Literacy and English Language Acquisition
- Medically Fragile Children
- Medically Fragile Elderly
- Lonely Senior Citizens
- Gang Tagging and Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Unsaved/Lost People
- Struggling Christians
- Mentally Ill Citizens
- Drug Abuse and Alcoholism
- _____

III. Contact an organization of interest to you, and ask them the following questions:

- a. What is your mission statement or objective?
- b. What population do you serve?
- c. What services do you provide?
- d. How do you provide these services?
- e. What is the procedure for becoming a volunteer at your organization?
- f. What would I do as a volunteer?
- g. When could I complete my volunteer hours?
- h. Who would my supervisor or contact person be?
- i. When could I begin my volunteer work?

IV. Choose an organization, and complete the appropriate preapproval forms.

SOME LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

- Christians In Action <http://hdcia.wordpress.com>
 - Serving single parent homes, elderly, disabled, and others
 - Yard work and clean up
 - Moving and relocation services
 - Childcare

- Victorville First Assembly of God www.vfa.org
 - Serving the High Desert and beyond
 - Homeless outreach
 - Food bank services
 - Counseling services
 - Worship ministry
 - Missionary support
 - Youth programs
 - Elderly outreach
 - Children's ministry
 - Community outreach

- Academy of Learning Adult Literacy Program 760-247-2022
www.sbcounty.gov/libray/home/

- Desert Valley Hospital 760-241-8000 (See Mrs. Clarkson for volunteer form)

- The Mourning Star Center 760-948-7249
 - Grief recovery for children and adolescents
 - Clerical services
 - Cleaning and organizing

GENERAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CONSIDER:

- ❖ Churches
- ❖ Schools
- ❖ Community centers
- ❖ Non-profit organizations
- ❖ Local businesses
- ❖ Medical facilities
- ❖ Daycare centers
- ❖ Libraries
- ❖ Retirement facilities