

# Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement

## Community Partners for Fall 2017

### *Off-Campus Sites*

#### **Albany Free School**

Contact Deirdre Kelly or Jossalyan Smith at (518) 434-3072 or 845-645-7993 or at [albanyfreeschool@gmail.com](mailto:albanyfreeschool@gmail.com).

**8 Elm St., Albany, NY 12202**

The Free School in Albany is the longest running inner-city independent alternative school in the United States. We offer a unique alternative to traditional models of education by giving children complete freedom over their learning. Students at the school flourish in a nurturing environment that allows them the freedom to chart their own course of learning while fostering their emotional growth. Volunteers can take part in a wide variety of mentoring activities with students in pre-k – 8 grade. Morning and afternoon hours are available.

#### **Albany Police Athletic League (PAL), Inc.**

Contact Sherry Rose, Volunteer Coordinator at (518) 435-0392 or [vista@albanypal.org](mailto:vista@albanypal.org)  
**844 Madison Ave., Albany, NY 12208**

Albany PAL is an after-school academic enrichment program for Albany youth. We are looking for motivated students who are positive, energetic and compassionate; have the ability to work with diverse populations, are flexible and adapt to priority changes; are reliable and committed; pay attention to detail; enjoy learning new things; strive to produce high quality work; conduct themselves in a professional manner and are very responsible and organized. Majors/backgrounds which would best fit our volunteers include: Education/Childhood Education; Behavioral & Social Science, Social Work, Healthcare, Public Health, Business Administration & Management, Public Policy, and, Communications but we are open to others who may be interested in volunteering at a non-profit organization. Afterschool Program Structure 10 months, September through June Vacations coincide with Albany City School Calendar

*College/University Calendars DO NOT follow the same vacation/time off schedule. Please consider this when applying.*

Monday through Friday, 2- 6 pm, flexible, interns are expected to work a minimum of 2 shifts/week

**Asst. Director's Note: Albany PAL also has their own application sheets. Use ours AND theirs. Please pick one up in my office (MRV 105) or request one attached by e-mail.**

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## **Berkshire Bird Sanctuary and Botanical Gardens**

**Contact: Peter Dubacher at (518) 279 – 3801 or [birdparadise.org](http://birdparadise.org) (E-Mail volunteer will get and respond to message and will forward it to Peter)**

**43 Red Pond Road, Petersburg, NY 12138**

The Berkshire Bird Sanctuary and Botanical Gardens was founded by Peter Dubacher in 1972 with the ideal of creating a place where disabled and unwanted birds can reside with dignity and avoid euthanasia. Here reside birds of all genus and specie types, including endangered and nonindigenous species like American Bald Eagles, Victoria Crowned Pigeons, Nicobar Pigeons, Sacred African Ibis, and over 300 parrots of various types. The Berkshire Bird Paradise has participated in Eagle Propagation Programs with the DEC as well as numerous community education programs with various local schools and organizations such as Vanderheyden and The Boy Scouts of America. What the Berkshire Bird Paradise offers, is a chance to unite therapeutic animal companionship with volunteer based work to promote ethics based upon charitable empathy and the value of honest labor.

There are several projects going on at the sanctuary at the moment which will give students an opportunity to learn more about birds and their upkeep, construction planning and execution, engineering, and therapeutic compassionate care. Currently, there is a memorial nearing completion and also a new parrot and raptor house which will conclude with the movement of many birds, cages, plants, and supplies.

Students will get the chance to visit with and work beside various types of birds, learning how to maintain their habitats, keep their enclosures clean, and organize for their care through the winter and beyond. Duties may include shoveling, raking, transporting of waste material, feeding, watering, movement of potted plants, cleaning with chemicals (nothing too harsh), disassembling and reassembling cages, and moving materials to and from various locations in the sanctuary.

## **Bhaktivedanta Ashram**

**Contact: Swami Durgananda at 518-303-6505 or toll free 1-888-474-1218 or [info@prabhuji.net](mailto:info@prabhuji.net)**

**319 County Route 31 (Hearts Content Rd), Round Top, NY, 12473**

The Bhaktivedanta Ashram is a spiritual community that welcomes visitors for retreats and other events on 50 acres of forested property in the Catskill Mountains. The ashram, founded by the renounced spiritual teacher Prabhuji, is operated by Him and His disciples. Among many other projects and activities, the ashram operates local and global food distribution programs.

Service here is an opportunity to experience a different culture, ask the residents questions about their Eastern religion, and participate in a community made up of life-long volunteers whose main spiritual practice is to serve with devotion.

The opportunities for service learning students are matched with each volunteer's skills and interest, and can range from helping with the food distribution program, landscaping, yard work, property maintenance, cooking, and light housekeeping. Other opportunities may become available as projects develop. Service learning opportunities are available seven days a week from 9 am-9 pm. Volunteers receive free vegetarian meals and are welcome to take part in the ashram's activities, such as hatha yoga and philosophy classes, free of charge on their days of service.

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## **Catskill Animal Sanctuary**

**Please contact Michelle Alvarez, Outreach Manager at [michelle@casanctuary.org](mailto:michelle@casanctuary.org) or (845) 336-8447 Ext. 226**

**316 Old Stage Road, Saugerties, New York**

Located in New York's Hudson Valley, Catskill Animal Sanctuary is a 110-acre haven for horses and farm animals rescued from cruelty and neglect. In addition to emergency rescue, CAS offers innovative programs that educate the public about the sentience of farm animals, and the devastating impacts of agribusiness and institutionalized cruelty on animals, people, and the planet.

CAS offers tours to meet the animals, workshops, retreats, speaking engagements, a children's camp, a vegan culinary program and special events. Since 2001, CAS has rescued over 3,500 animals, and works in tandem with law enforcement to bring animal abusers to justice.

CAS operates with a small, full-time staff, so we rely on caring and dedicated volunteers for much of what we do. If you love animals and want to create a more compassionate world for all beings, then come volunteer at CAS! You've got skills, talents, and energy that we need!

We're looking for help in the following areas:

- Shelter/pasture cleaning, animal grooming, unloading supplies
- Database updating, computer-based research projects
- Summer camp
- Video, photography and graphic design projects
- Assisting with cooking classes, prepare/serve food for special events
- Landscaping, painting, plumbing, electrical, carpentry
- Guesthouse operations
- Literature drop-off/distribution, tabling at festivals/conferences
- Greeting visitors, selling tour tickets, and merchandise in the Welcome Hut
- Tour Guide Assistants

The scheduled 2017 volunteer orientation dates are:

All sessions take place monthly on Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

- January 21
- February 18
- March 18

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## **Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Greater Capital Region, Inc. (CEO)**

**Contact: Renata Gwozdz, Education & Outreach Coordinator**

**272-6012 Ext 302 or**

[rgwozdz@ceoempowers.org](mailto:rgwozdz@ceoempowers.org)

**2328 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Troy, NY 12180**

Description: CEO's many programs offer a broad range of services to meet the needs of our community, and we strive to provide the highest quality programs in the area. CEO works together with other local partners to create a powerful system able to lift people out of poverty. Our services support everyone from babies in the womb to seniors. CEO's goal: *to create a stronger, healthier, happier community.*

CEO's Services include the following:

### Family and Education

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center: This is an after-school program for students at Doyle Middle School in Troy. It allows students to expand their horizons, do homework, meet people, and discover new interests.
- Family Support Services: CEO's Family Support Services (FSS) program helps families with children who are having social, emotional or behavioral challenges.
- Foster Grandparent Program: The program allows adults 55 and over to earn a stipend for volunteering anywhere from 15 to 40 hours a week, helping children to learn and grow through fun and educational activities.
- School 2 Improvement Project: CEO is working with School 2 in Troy to offer more support for students' needs.

### Early Childhood Education

- Early Head Start and Head Start (Including the Fatherhood Initiative): Head Start and Early Head Start prepare children for school by offering safe and enjoyable childcare which incorporates learning and social/emotional skill development. The Fatherhood Initiative works to inspire dads and father-figures to become more active in their children's lives; encouraging participation in classroom and after school events.
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten: UPK is designed to help children prepare for kindergarten and learn the skills they need to be successful in school.

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## Employment and Finance

- Financial Literacy Training: CEO offers free financial education to help you learn to manage your finances, secure a stable job, and become independent.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance: That is why CEO offers the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which provides free tax help to working families who cannot prepare their own tax returns.
- YouthBuild: This program helps young people ages 16 to 24 that have struggled or dropped out of school. This workforce development program offers free job training, education and case management to assist you in removing barriers to your employment.

## Healthy Homes

- Empower NY: CEO is proud to offer EmPower New York, a program that can help you lower your home energy use through FREE appliance and fixture upgrades.
- HOME: This program provides repair services, at no cost, for the distressed homes of eligible residents.
- Weatherization Assistance: CEO's Weatherization Assistance program offers **FREE** insulation and weather-sealing services to eligible residents in Rensselaer County.

## Health and Wellness

- Babies in Waiting: This program offers services and support to eligible pregnant women. These services include pregnancy and childbirth classes, family development and consultations with a nurse.
- CDPHP® Community Health Project: This program works with CDPHP/Medicaid Customers by offering health care support and education for healthier choices. It also provides guidance on health care benefits to help customer's get the most out of their health insurance and makes it easier for customer's and their families to access the right health care professionals.
- Food Pantry: CEO's Food Pantry provides safe and nutritious food to people residing in Rensselaer County that are in need. Services can be accessed every two weeks.
- WIC: WIC offers nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and access to healthy food. The program distributes vouchers which can be used specifically for purchasing nutritious foods and formula from designated stores.
- WIC Vendor Management Agency: CEO's WIC Vendor Management Agency (VMA) oversees stores that accept WIC vouchers.  
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## **Greenwich Central School District**

**Contact Andrea Jacobs Merlow at (518) 692-9542 or [amerlow@greenwichcsd.org](mailto:amerlow@greenwichcsd.org)**

**10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich, NY 12834**

Students are engaged in assisting younger students in need of academic assistance, organization, and time management. They may also be involved with various community service activities such as Autism Awareness and other non-profit organizations such as To Love a Child and Lake George Arts Project.

## **Hoosick Falls Youth and Community Center**

**Contact Aelish Nealon at (518) 428-9756 or [aelishnealon@gmail.com](mailto:aelishnealon@gmail.com)**

**Church Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 (518) 686-9050 [www.hayc3.org](http://www.hayc3.org)**

HAYC3 is many things to many people, but in short we are a rural revival and community arts organization based in Hoosick Falls, New York. Our goal is to restore rural sustainability and drive economic development through art, culture, education, and health. We work toward these goals through being a community incubator, an art center, and a place of opportunity.

We are the community hub driving rural development. We are here to help businesses in their incubation stage of existence. We currently provide space and support for three startup businesses in the HAYC3 Armory. We have space and opportunities for others, including a certified kitchen available for startups.

Our children are our future; we have programs to enrich the youth of our community, building a new generation of responsible citizens who have a sense of community. Through the HAYC3 Youth Center, we provide a safe place for kids to learn teamwork, create art, and to grow as human beings.

Our common cause is our community. HAYC3 strives to build and unite Hoosick through a variety of programs, services, and initiatives. Through community-inspired and driven programs, we make it possible for people of all ages — your neighbors — to engage in enriching activities that build their minds, bodies, spirits, and, most importantly, our community.

## **Hope 7 Community Center**

**Contact Phyllis Sandow at (518) 272-8029 or [hope7cc@gmail.com](mailto:hope7cc@gmail.com)**

**596 Pawling Ave., Troy, NY 12180**

**Two positions to choose from:**

1. Hope 7 has a NYS licensed **after school programs** at our main office at 596 Pawling Avenue, and runs Monday thru Friday, 2:15 to 5:30 p.m. Opportunities are available to work with children individually or in groups for various activities supervised by our staff.
2. Hope 7 has a **Food Pantry** which serves an average of 135 families per month. The Pantry is open Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m. – noon. Opportunities are available to assist with deliveries, stocking shelves, and serving clients.

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## **Ichabod Crane Middle School**

**Contact Mr. Timothy Farley at (518) 758-7575 or [tfarley@ichabodcrane.org](mailto:tfarley@ichabodcrane.org)  
2910 Rte. 9, P.O. Box 820 Valatie, NY 12184**

The middle school (grades 6 – 8) Extended Day program is a proactive after school program designed to increase student academic success. Students in the program have demonstrated academic difficulty in one or more core areas: math, English, social studies, and science. The program runs on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:10 – 3:25 p.m. Each of the program's six sections is staffed by a certified middle school teacher. Opportunities include one on one and small group instruction, remediation, re-teaching and student planning/organizing.

## **JC Club**

**Contact Cassie Muller – Director, 518-209 -4068 or by email at [cassiemuller@victoryalbany.com](mailto:cassiemuller@victoryalbany.com)**

**498 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Albany, NY 12206**

THIS IS OUR STORY

The JC Club is non-profit organization that began over 15 years ago. When pastor Charlie Muller, of Victory Church, watched a story about 3 young kids that were abandoned in a house for three days with no food, he became determined to create a place for any child in the City of Albany to receive a hot meal. Within the next few months Pastor Charlie and Victory Church purchased an old garage, rebuilt it, and fed as many kids as possible. The JC Club makes over 50,000 meals a year through various programs. The vision of the JC Club will always be that no child in our city will go to bed hungry.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you are interested in volunteering at the JC Club, you can assist in the following areas: Homework help, mentoring and serving meals to the children. Our after school program runs Monday through Friday 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 518-434-6100 for more information about how you can come and impact a child's life.

## **Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc.**

**Contact Janet Douglass – Volunteer Coordinator, 518-272-2544 ext. 34 or by email at [jdouglass@josephshousetroy.org](mailto:jdouglass@josephshousetroy.org) and I be can reached for further information and to arrange a preliminary interview.**

**74 Ferry Street, Troy 12180.**

While working at Joseph's House students participating in the Service Learning Program will be engaged in a variety of tasks. These depend on particular needs of the Shelter at any specific time. They may include clerical work, meal preparation, light maintenance tasks, sorting and storing donations, receptionist duties and work in the food pantry. Integrated into all of these tasks is the opportunity to meet and socialize with guests staying at the Shelter. This is the most important aspect of the experience, since it provides our guests with the opportunity to meet and interact with members of the community, giving evidence that homeless persons are not forgotten or discounted by the broader community but cared for and about. Conversely it supplies the volunteer the opportunity to see first-hand the effects of poverty, homelessness and mental illness on the lives of individuals and the community at large. Available hours for volunteering include any time from 9AM to 11PM, 7 days a week.

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## **Jubilee Day Care Center**

**Contact Jaquie Devorak at (518) 674-2705 or [jubileeny@msn.com](mailto:jubileeny@msn.com)**

**349 Shaver Rd., West Sand Lake, NY 12196**

Jubilee is a New York State licensed center located within the Averill Park Central School District. We have been serving this community since 1996. Our center is small and unique in that our classrooms are very small. Therefore, there is an excellent opportunity to get to know each individual child. Our program serves children age 18 months – 5 years old. Available hours for service learning are from 7:30 a.m. - noon and 2 - 5:30 p.m.

## **Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club**

**Contact Treva Ryan at (518) 235 - 4143 or [lbqc61@yahoo.com](mailto:lbqc61@yahoo.com)**

**501 4th Avenue, Troy, NY 12182**

The Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club provides a healthy environment of social, educational and recreational programs for boys and girls ages 6 – 18. The Club is open to general members Monday – Friday from 2 – 6 pm with the possibility of evening hours during the winter months. Our School Age Child Care program is licensed by New York State and is available for youngsters in grade K – 6. Program highlights include games room and gym activities, arts and crafts, computer lab, homework program and Kids Café.

## **Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County**

**Contact Judy Smith at (518) 244-4650 or [litvoldirector@aol.com](mailto:litvoldirector@aol.com) Physical location: 71 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Mailing address: 65 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Troy, NY 12180 Web site: <http://lvorc.org>**

***What best meets your schedule?***

Tutor: Can you spare 2 hours a week? Literacy Volunteers provides FREE instruction to adults wanting to improve their functional reading, writing and/or English speaking skills. Spend two hours/week to meet with a Learner. Schedule tutoring sessions at your convenience. LVORC provides: training, tutoring materials and support. Everybody WINS! Reading Mentor: Read with a matched reading partner in K-6th grade at an area school during their lunch period each week. Help children develop an interest in books and reading---learn about different kinds of books. One hour of training and an ability to relate to children is needed. Telephone Conversation Partner: Call an adult who is learning to speak English and help them practice speaking English and learn new vocabulary. You talk together for 20-40 minutes just once a week at your convenience. One hour training is required and scripts are provided to get you started. Special events volunteers: Help with Literacy Run 2015 or Scrabble Fundraiser or other happenings. Help with mailings is needed periodically.

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## **Little Brook Farm**

**Contact Lynn Cross at (518) 821-5506 or [Lynnlittlebrookfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:Lynnlittlebrookfarm@yahoo.com) 548 Co Rte 13, Old Chatham, NY 12136 Web site: <http://www.thelittlebrookfarm.org/>**

Little Brook Farm, established in 1977, is one of the oldest and largest rescues in the northeast. Little Brook Farm rescues and provides sanctuary to hundreds of animals including horses, cats, dogs, sheep, pigs and roosters. Little Brook provides horse rescue in cruelty cases, equine therapy, humane education and B.I.T.S. Training\*.

### **\*B.I.T.S. (Balanced Innovative Teaching Strategies)**

BITS, Inc., started in 1986, has been recognized by the government and private entities as an outstanding program serving students from pre-school through college with stunning results. Students have a customized plan with activities and goals consistent with their ability. In addition to working with students who are mentally and physically challenged, the program has also been incorporated into many school curricula. "It didn't take us long to realize that learning about horses and how to care for them is an excellent vehicle to teach math, history and writing. The children are excited to participate, and even those who are chronically absent from school never miss a day," observes Ms. Cross, who was trained as a teacher and spent many years in the classroom. To date, BITS has worked with over 80 schools, agencies and organizations, providing services to over 2000 students annually.

Every year, for more than 20 years, hundreds of first and second-graders from inner-city school districts take their first field trips to Little Brook Farm. Many of these children have never been outside of the city, and the experience is valuable to them in so many ways. For these children, the Field Trip is incorporated into their curriculum to fulfill the Humane Education requirements of New York State. Many of the students, as teens and young adults, can recount all the activities they participated in on their field trip to the farm when they recognize Lynn Cross outside of the farm, or when they come to visit.

## **Mohawk Hudson Humane Society**

**Contact KC Campbell, Volunteer Manager @ 518-434-8128 ext 212 Or**

**[kcampbell@mohawkhumane.org](mailto:kcampbell@mohawkhumane.org) or [volunteers@mohawkhumane.org](mailto:volunteers@mohawkhumane.org)**

**3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204**

"To enrich the lives of animals and the people who love them" – the mission statement of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.

MHHS is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that has been providing shelter for lost, abused and unwanted animals since 1887. The Society is the oldest and largest animal protection organization in New York State Capital Region receiving an average of 6,000 animals per year.

We foster a kind and gentle environment for animals and people. In 2015 MHHS found homes for 3,858 animals, reunited 412 lost animals with their owners and our volunteers gave over 30,000 hours to support our organization!

There is a wide range of opportunities for volunteers at MHHS. Our most popular community service opportunity is our Empties for Animals Program which last year sorted 1,625,000 redeemable containers raising \$130,000!

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Other opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Cat Care Specialist – help with daily care, enrichment, cleaning, and adoption counseling
- Dog Care Specialist - help with daily care, enrichment, cleaning
- Pet Retention Specialist – conduct adoption follow up calls, participate in community outreach events, be a member of a street team providing support in underserved communities
- Customer Service Assistant

Service learning opportunities are available 7 days a week.

Monday through Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 10:00am – 5:00pm

### **New York State Military Museum**

Contact Jim Gandy at [jgandy@nysmm.org](mailto:jgandy@nysmm.org)

**61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

Volunteers can either work at the museum in Saratoga Springs or at home. If you would like to work from home we have oral histories to transcribe. How this works: You receive a DVD and an instruction packet in the mail. The DVD is of an interview with a New York State veteran. You transcribe the DVD into a Microsoft Word document. Once you are done you email the finished Word document to the Museum. Or if you would like to work here, there are a myriad of projects from which to choose, including: Research on Civil War soldiers; Cataloging and arranging archival collections; Proof-reading; and, Digitizing materials and putting them on our web site.

### **New York State Museum**

Contact Pat Whalen at [pat.whalen@nysed.gov](mailto:pat.whalen@nysed.gov) (note that if you fail to write service learning in subject, it is unlikely that he will receive it), or call: (518) 473-2936.

The New York State Museum organizes programs for families and children in the Discovery Place and also hosts school-aged children in our after-school program. Hudson Valley Community College students can pick to work in one of these two programs. As a week-end volunteer in the Discovery Place, Hudson Valley students will develop programs and then guide children through the process of completing them. The projects may be based on themes in New York State History but also themes in science, culture, literature, and other topics. The projects are interactive and may include arts and crafts and other hands-on activities. Students are welcome to work in pairs. OR: Hudson Valley students serve as mentors to students in the week-day after-school program and assist students with their homework.

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## **Rensselaer County Historical Society**

**Contact Kathryn T. Sheehan, Registrar/Rensselaer County Historian/Interim Education at (518) 244-6849 or [ksheehan@rchsonline.org](mailto:ksheehan@rchsonline.org) , 57 2nd Street, Troy, NY 12180**

The Rensselaer County Historical Society is a museum of Rensselaer County History. The site contains three buildings, the 1827 Federal Style Hart Cluett House, and accompanying carriage house, used for adult and children educational interpretive programs about 19th and 20th century life in Troy NY. The 1836 Carr Building houses a research library containing the largest collection of business, fraternal, genealogical, church and photographic records of Rensselaer County History. This semester we are going to need an intern who can work on Saturdays from Noon to 5 PM. We already have filled our other weekdays with student interns from SUNY Albany and Siena College. If you have a student who can commit to working on Saturdays then please have them contact me in the next week or two.

## **St. Jude the Apostle School**

**Contact Mrs. Danielle Cox at (518) 283-0333 or [principal@sjsalbany.org](mailto:principal@sjsalbany.org)  
42 Dana Ave., Wynantskill, NY 12198**

This school is centrally located between Troy and the R.P.I. Technology Park. Our school is one mile from Hudson Valley Community College in a relaxed, secure setting, perfect for fostering childhood development. Our pre-k through grade six program offers a complete NYS Common Core Curriculum with special area subjects in technology, Spanish, art, physical education and music as well as an interactive after school program from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. each day.

We welcome students from Hudson Valley who would like to work with students in the after school program as a mentor or tutor in blocks of time ranging from one to two hours. We also welcome students who may be interested in technology education as a career. Students may work in blocks of one to three hours alongside our technology instructor. Additionally, students could have the opportunity to attend and participate in Technology Committee Meetings, whose members range from the best of Verizon technicians, private technology companies to those working in technology security for the government.

## **The Sunnyside Child Development Center**

**Contact Kimberly Piser at (518) 274-5986 or [kimp@ccalbany.org](mailto:kimp@ccalbany.org)**

**9th Street and Ingalls Ave., Troy, NY Mailing address: P.O. Box 1410, Troy, NY 12181**

The Sunnyside Child Development Center, a program of Catholic Charities of the Albany Diocese, is contracted by the Office of Children and Family Services to operate an Advantage Afterschool Program for Troy School #2 with students 5 – 12 years old. We are looking for young people who want to experience or have experience in early childhood education and have knowledge in computer technology, science and/or math to volunteer as tutors for our program students during the hours of 2:30 – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday.

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## **Troy School #2, Mentoring Program**

Contact Mary Francis Jaromin at (518) 328-5650 or 271-5410 or

[jarominm@troy.k12.ny.us](mailto:jarominm@troy.k12.ny.us)

**470 10th St., Troy, NY**

This program is designed for those students who wish to work one on one with elementary students in nearby Troy School #2. Students will be supervised by the school psychologist to better understand the children they will be working with over the next semester. Students will meet with these elementary students once or twice a week throughout the semester.

## **U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants of Albany, NY**

Contact Margaret Slotnick at (518) 459-1790 x 8025 or [mslotnick@uscri-albany.org](mailto:mslotnick@uscri-albany.org)

**991 Broadway, Suite 223, Albany, NY 12204**

Help refugees from all over the world rebuild their lives in the Capital Region! Volunteers are needed to help clients and staff at the USCRI office, minimum of 4 hours per week for 10 weeks. Help is also needed to prepare apartments for new arrivals, moving in furniture and household goods. Both roles are during business hours. If you are interested, please email us to learn how to get started. Students wishing to complete just the 20 hour requirement are invited to help with housing, but there are additional opportunities for students willing to commit to 4 or more hours per week for 1 or more semesters.

## **U.S.S. Slater DE 766, Destroyer Escort Historical Museum**

Contact Shanna Hopson, Interpretations Coordinator/Collections Manager

(518) 431-1943 or [collections@usslater.org](mailto:collections@usslater.org)

**P.O. Box 1926, Albany NY 12201**

The USS Slater is a museum ship located on the riverfront of Albany, NY. She is the last destroyer escort afloat in America and was recently declared a National Historic Landmark. Service learning students would have the opportunity to participate in a variety of projects related to the museum's day to day operations, archives, ongoing restoration and, on a limited basis, presentation to the public. Available for service hours April through November, Wednesday through Sunday, 10am-4pm.

## **Van Schaick Mansion**

Contact Johanna Shogan at (518) 439-0814 or [johannashogan@earthlink.net](mailto:johannashogan@earthlink.net)

**1 Van Schaick Ave, Cohoes, NY 12047**

Students will work closely with the director to do original research. They will read letters and manuscripts from the colonial period and do content analysis of these materials.

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## **World Class Kids**

**Contact Kimberly Wright at (518) 812-0260 or [worldclasskids@verizon.net](mailto:worldclasskids@verizon.net)**

**12 Farr Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804**

World Class Kids is a licensed day care center through New York State Office of Children and Family Services. We have 6 different classrooms ranging from Infants to School-agers. We provide an atmosphere that encourages social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth and development of the child as a whole. Our curriculum includes sharing and conversation time, stories, songs; creative art activities and crafts, games and large muscle activities; science and nature activities; exposure to shapes, colors, numbers and letters; and celebration of birthdays and holidays. Our programs are flexible and take into consideration that each child is unique in their temperament, learning style, interests and developmental capabilities.

Prospective volunteers are invited to come and observe any days, Monday through Friday from 8-12pm.

***On-campus sites are listed below***

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### **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

**Contact Assistant Professor Noah Kucij at [n.kucij@hvcc.edu](mailto:n.kucij@hvcc.edu)**

Students work with other Hudson Valley students who are just learning English and about American culture. Students will meet regularly with these students helping them to understand American society as well as with language skills.

### **International Student Services**

**Contact Jay Deitchman at (518) 629-7567 (GUN 218) or [j.deitchman@hvcc.edu](mailto:j.deitchman@hvcc.edu)**

Students work in the office of the International student program and assist with the coordination of educational and social programming as well as assist with publication development. Students may also create their own projects as long as they meet the needs of the program.

### **Learning Assistance Center**

**Contact Aaron Nooney at (518) 629-7569 (MRV 001) or [a.nooney@hvcc.edu](mailto:a.nooney@hvcc.edu)**

Students will be peer tutors. This program offers a volunteer opportunity for students who would like to help fellow students with learning material for course work. Volunteers will work with Hudson Valley students individually or in various subject areas. The intent is to share learning strategies and content with students seeking to improve their learning in college courses. This will be jointly supervised with a content classroom instructor of the student volunteer. Available hours of service will be when the LAC/CLC/Writing Center/Biology Study Center are open.

### **Viking Child Care Center**

**Contact Kathleen Kelly at (518) 629-7977 (DCC 125) or [k.kelly@hvcc.edu](mailto:k.kelly@hvcc.edu)**

The Viking Child Care Center is a NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Accredited Center. The Center is licensed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. The center works with children ages 6 weeks through 5 years old. There are 10 classrooms – 2 infant, 4 toddler, 4 preschool. There are opportunities to work with children individually or in small groups under the direction of the Viking Child Care Center staff. **Available hours for service learning are 3 – 5:30 p.m.**

### **Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement**

**Contact David Van Aken at (518) 629-7231 or [d.vanaken@hvcc.edu](mailto:d.vanaken@hvcc.edu)**

The Assistant Director of the CSLCE can use **one** student each semester to help maintain the record keeping of applications of students doing service learning. This includes entering data into an Excel spreadsheet (can be done on or off campus), sending out surveys to Community Partners, and possibly putting up posters around the campus. Other various jobs could crop up as well as the semester progresses. First come first serve basis for recruitment.

**\* Note: If you are under 18, you must do your community service on-campus**