

Semester of Service Volunteer Opportunities

Second Reformed Church:

100 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Second Reformed Church is an organization that serves the local community facing issues such as hunger and homelessness. They serve over 1000 people monthly and now offer volunteer opportunities for Rutgers students to work in their food pantry, Five Loaves Food Pantry. The location of Second Reformed Church is 100 College Ave in New Brunswick, NJ and their food pantry is open from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday and Wednesday. Five Loaves Food Pantry is set up on a shopping model so that people can select food rather than receive a prepackaged set. Each family is given a certain number of points based on family size, in a system that encourages people to make healthy food choices.

Volunteers will assist in the Food Pantry. 5 volunteers needed per day, preferably bilingual volunteers (Spanish, Korean or Czech)

If you are interested in committing to a semester long experience volunteering at the Second Reformed Church, please apply here:

<https://megr.wufoo.com/forms/semester-of-service-second-reformed-church/>

New Brunswick Bike Exchange:

90 Jersey Ave, New Brunswick NJ 08901

Please note, this site is 20 minutes walking distance from the EE Rockoff Hall bus stop

The New Brunswick Bike Exchange (NBBE) is a nonprofit organization whose mission to promote a healthy and active lifestyle through cycling while raising money to support the various community service initiatives of the Puerto Rican Action Board (PRAB). To achieve this mission, Bike Exchange volunteers repair and refurbish donated bicycles and recirculate them back into the community. It comprises a group of volunteers bringing together the diverse population of New Brunswick to support a healthier and more active community. Volunteers come from all walks of life, from local residents to undergraduates to cycling enthusiasts from the surrounding area. is to promote that recycles old bicycles and sells them back to the community for roughly half the retail price, even less for children's bicycles.

Two volunteer tasks:

Mechanic:

- Stripping bikes for useful parts before we take them to the scrap yard
- Sorting bike parts (nut and washer sizes, tubes without holes etc.)
- Cleaning bikes
- Repairing bikes- truing wheels, changing tubes, adjusting brakes etc. (we'll teach you!)
- General organizing and building stuff
- NO mechanic experience is NECESSARY, training is provided

Sales:

- Greeting customers and helping them find an appropriate bike

If you are interested in committing to a semester long experience volunteering at the New Brunswick Bike Exchange, please apply here:

<https://megr.wufoo.com/forms/semester-of-service-new-brunswick-bike-exchange/>

Youth Empowerment Services

270 George St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Please note, this site is walking distance from the EE Rockoff Hall bus stop

Youth Empowerment Services is a non-profit, volunteer oriented organization, providing educational assistance, prevention and intervention programs for at-risk youth to assist them in reaching their highest potential. We have two opportunities for ongoing service at Youth Empowerment Services: tutoring and helping with Excite Nights.

Tutoring: Volunteers will assist in tutoring students in 1st-8th grade! We ask that Volunteers commit to come at least once a week (the same day) for 8 weeks. 6 volunteers needed per day.

Excite Night: Volunteers help with the night time activities for the children. Volunteers on Mondays will be interacting with 5th-8th grade students and on Thursdays with 1st-4th grade students! 5 volunteers needed per day.

If you are interested in committing to a semester long experience volunteering at the Youth Empowerment Services, please apply here:

<https://megr.wufoo.com/forms/semester-of-service-youth-empowerment-services/>

Ronald McDonald House:

145 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Located Across Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Guiding us in our mission are our core values: 1) focusing on the critical needs of children, 2) celebrating the diversity of the programs we offer and the staff, volunteers and donors who make them possible, 3) staying true to our heritage of responsible stewardship, and 4) operating with accountability and transparency. Volunteers will be working on crafts, cleaning up, organizing, sanitizing, and some clerical duties.

If you are interested in committing to a semester long experience volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, please apply here:

<https://megr.wufoo.com/forms/semester-of-service-ronald-mcdonald-house/>

New Brunswick Public Library

60 Livingston Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Please note, this site is walking distance from the EE Rockoff Hall bus stop

Use your computer skills to help those who did not grow up in the computer generation! Volunteers will teach basic computer skills to a walk-in adult patron or someone who makes an appointment to come previously. It will be one-on-one tutoring sessions, and the student does not have to prepare anything but their knowledge to use a computer and patience. The volunteer will have the opportunity to work on other library tasks if no patrons come in for tutoring on that day. We ask that volunteers commit to at least one day a week for 8 weeks. 1 volunteer needed per each section.

If you are interested in committing to a semester long experience volunteering at the New Brunswick Public Library, please apply here:

<https://megr.wufoo.com/forms/semester-of-service-new-brunswick-public-library/>

DOUGLASS DISABILITY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

151 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

* Please note, this site is walking distance from Biel bus stop*

The Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center (DDDC) is an organization that serves the needs of those with autism spectrum disorders, their families, and their schools. As a university-based program, their commitment includes the education of undergraduate and graduate students and the dissemination of knowledge through research, training, and consultative services. They also provide information about the treatment and education of people with autism spectrum disorders to the entire professional community and to the general public. In addition, they are committed to furthering the understanding of the nature and treatment of autism spectrum disorders through research.

As volunteers, you will be a peer mentor for a student (aged 16 to 21) during community socialization and leisure activities under the supervision of a classroom staff member.

You may be going on small excursions for recreation activities such as bowling, Rutgers Zone. If you sign up for the lunch shift, you are responsible for paying or bringing your own lunch. Due to allergies, please DO NOT bring anything with nuts in it.

If you are interested in committing to a semester long experience volunteering at the Douglass Disability Developmental Center , please apply here:

<https://megr.wufoo.com/forms/semester-of-service-dddc/>

Buddy Ball of Edison

Roosevelt Park: Roosevelt Drive, Route 1, Edison, NJ 08837

Please note, this site is off campus and you will need your own transportation to the site

Kids and sports are a natural winning combination! Buddy Ball of Edison is a program for individuals, ages 6 and up, with special needs to participate in sports! The goal of Buddy Ball is to provide these individuals with the opportunity to participate in sports activities without imposing any financial demands on their parents or guardians. Our organization understands that these individuals often require medical treatments, medicines, distinctive equipment and special services. Currently we have opportunities in participating in soccer. Come volunteer as a buddy where you can provide assistance, guidance, and encouragement to these players.

If you are interested in committing to a semester long experience volunteering at the Buddy Ball of Edison, please apply here:

<https://megr.wufoo.com/forms/semester-of-service-buddy-ball-of-edison/>