



LOUDONVILLE

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

At Loudonville Christian School the heart of every member of the leadership team, faculty, and staff is to serve others. Whether it is within our families, churches, or communities, Jesus calls us to humbly serve others. Sacrificial service reflects Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and reflects good character in the heart of the individual. Our heart for the students at LCS is that they begin to view their communities and beyond as spaces where they can offer compassion and generosity and that this is a direct extension of their identity in Christ. It is also an opportunity to practice putting others first and thus building the character that is ultimately transferable to all areas of their lives going forward. Character is built upon a commitment to love, support, and offer selfless service, especially when it requires a significant level of perseverance. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Intelligence plus character- that is the goal of true education." At LCS we are committed to challenging academics that will produce curious, wise, and proficient thinkers and workers, however, we are equally dedicated to intentional opportunities for character development.

In light of this vision, our mission includes a Service Internship for grades 9-12. This Service Internship will be a graduation requirement for all students in high school. Here is how it will work for the 2025-2026 School Year:

- Students must complete **15 hours of service per year of high school prior to graduation from LCS.**
- The experience will be serving a non-profit organization, church, specific school events, participating in missions trips, etc.
- There will be opportunities for students to serve the Elementary staff and students as well;
- **We will be following up with students to keep them accountable, however, it is their responsibility to pace themselves so that they do not leave a bulk of the hours to the final week.**
- Attached are some non-profit organizations we have served and a variety of other ideas students can choose from. This is not an exhaustive list, so, if they have a unique situation not on that list, we will be happy to discuss the possibility.
- We will have a **Service Hours Google Classroom** for every class (Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors) and students will log hours there, write reflections, and post **signatures** of those they are serving which provides accountability.

- All students will be responsible for contacting and arranging their own hours as well as their own transportation to and from any service experience they commit to. We will brainstorm with students and even help with making contacts if necessary.
- At the beginning of the school year, we will unpack this process with students so that they are fully aware of the plan. As a family, if you would like to do some brainstorming prior to the start of the year and even make some contacts to set up an initial investment of hours, feel free! ***Make us aware of the plan so that we can approve the experience.***

IDEAS FOR SERVICE EXPERIENCES

1. **Mission Trips via churches or parachurch organizations**
2. **Serving consistently in a volunteer capacity at church**
3. **CHECK OUT THE LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN YOUR TOWN!** They always need volunteers to clean and reshelve books, set up for events, etc.

4. **Local Organizations by County:**

ALBANY COUNTY

Salvation Army Family Store

- 190 Troy Schenectady Road
Latham, New York, 12110
518-785-4928
Supervisor: **Oriana**

Capital City Rescue Mission

- 259 S. Pearl Street
Albany, NY
Contact: **Hope Smith**
518-462-0459 ext. 237
vcoordinator@albanymission.com

Regional Food Bank

- The Regional Food Bank has been helping to feed the poor and hungry in our communities since 1982. It is the only organization of its kind in northeastern New York. The Food Bank collects large donations of food from the food industry and distributes it to charitable agencies serving hungry and disadvantaged people in 23 counties.
- 965 Albany-Shaker Road
Latham, NY 12110
518-786-3691
Fax: 518-786-3004
info@regionalfoodbank.net
Volunteer: <https://regionalfoodbank.net/volunteer/>

Jezreel International

- This is a non-profit humanitarian aid organization shipping desperately needed provision to the poor and needy around the world. Since 1996, Jezreel has helped over 40 nations across the world, as well as domestic ministries and organizations.
- 10 Interstate Ave
Albany, NY 12205
518-438-4370 ext 304
Contact: **Diane**
dbristol@jzrl.org

Koinonia

- Striving to eliminate health disparity within New York's Capital Region by providing compassionate, high quality, patient-centered healthcare to the underserved in a faith-based environment.
- 553 Clinton Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
- (518) 689-0282

Restore: Habitat for Humanity

- Habitat ReStores are independently owned reuse stores operated by local Habitat for Humanity organizations. Sales of donated items help Habitat for Humanity partner with local families to build, rehabilitate and repair safe and affordable homes in your community and around the world — a good deal for you, your community and the environment.
- 70 Fuller Road, Albany, NY 12205
(518) 275-6638 extension 112
<https://www.habitatcd.org/volunteer-about>

Ronald McDonald House of the Capital Region

- Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region draws on the compassion of our community to deliver and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and families.
- 139 S. Lake Avenue
Albany, NY 12208
518-438-2655
info@rmhcofalbany.org
<https://rmhcofalbany.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- **Contact: Tina Woodward**
Director of Volunteers, RMHC of the Capital Region | <http://rmhcofalbany.org/>
ph: 518-438-2655 | twoodward@rmhcofalbany.org

Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

- 3 Oakland Avenue
Menands, New York 12204
(518)434-8128 ext. 212
Contact: Whitney Philippi

Daughters of Charity

- Daughters of Charity is a nursing home for retired nuns. Serving at this Organization, you would be spending time with the women doing different activities. Playing games, arts and crafts, making conversation, and just spending time with these elderly women. Some may have dementia or Alztimers. Serving at this organization would be very relationship based instead of manual labor.
- 96 Menand Rd, Albany NY 12204
(518) 487-1749
Contact: Zoe Zuelsdorf

RENSSELAER COUNTY

Unity House

- They are a Rensselaer County-based human service agency that provides a wide range of services to meet the otherwise unmet needs of people in our community who are hurting and struggling. (Lunch program, Food Pantry, Thrift Store)
- 2431 6th Ave
Troy, NY
Volunteer Coordinator: Moira Geracitano
volunteer@unityhouseNY.org

SARATOGA COUNTY

Captain

- CAPTAIN Community Human Services supports and empowers people of all ages to reach their goals of personal growth and self-sufficiency. We strengthen communities. As a volunteer-driven organization, CAPTAIN CHS strives to be a recognized leader in finding effective solutions to social issues in the communities we serve.
- CLIFTON PARK OFFICE
5 Municipal Plaza, Suite 3, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Phone: 518-371-1185
Captain's Treasures Store
1705 Route 9
Clifton Park, NY 12065
518-383-1788
Manager: Joann Maloney
Use the online volunteer application

- GLENVILLE OFFICE for Captain
543 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY 12302
Phone: 518-399-4624
Volunteer Coordinator: Ava Martin
<https://captaincares.org/how-to-help/volunteer/>

Salvation Army Family Store

- 1757 U.S. 9 Halfmoon, NY 12065
Volunteer Manager: Mary
518-373-5880

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

City Mission of Schenectady

- 425 Hamilton St, Schenectady, NY 12305
(518) 346-2275
Contact: Nicole Amedore
<https://citymission.com/volunteer/>

Salvation Army Family Store

- 282 Saratoga Rd
Schenectady, NY 12302
(518) 399-8444
Manager: Kasha

VARIOUS REGIONAL AREAS

Food Pantries for the Capital Region

- Local food pantries need your assistance to keep shelves stocked by unloading, unboxing, shelving and sorting deliveries. You can get a workout in and make a big impact in just a few hours each month by signing up to help a pantry near you.
- Volunteer application and opportunities:
<https://thefoodpantries.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/thefoodpantries/projectList.jsp>
- 32 Essex Street
Albany, NY
518-458-1167

TRIP(Troy Rehab and Improvement Program)

- This involves home improvement and community renewal projects
<https://hcr.ny.gov/location/troy-rehabilitation-and-improvement-program-trip>
- 415 River St. #3
Troy, NY
Contact: Christine Nealon, Executive Director
christine@trionline.org

Joseph's House and Shelter

- 74 Ferry St. Troy, NY
- **Contact: Kevin O'Connor, Executive Director**
- koconnor@josephshousetroy

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