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**Chesterwood Village**

Volunteer Days and Times: Weekly on Mondays

Van departs EDGE Teen Center at 3:15 pm

Van arrives back at EDGE Teen Center at 6:00 pm

Total # of volunteer hours per day: 2.5 hours

Chesterwood Village Nursing Home: This facility houses a retirement community. There are all different areas designated for different living situations.

Volunteer Opportunity: Students will be working in the memory loss care unit. They will socialize with residents, help lead activities & crafts, and help them to dinner.

**The Healing Center**

Volunteer Days and Times: Weekly on Tuesday

Van departs EDGE Teen Center **BY 2:55 pm**

Van arrives back to EDGE Teen Center at 5:30 pm

Total # of volunteer hours per service day: 2.5 hours

The Healing Center: The Healing Center offers practical, social, and spiritual support to individuals and families. Services include, but are not limited to: food, clothing, and job skills.

Volunteer Opportunity: Students will be sorting and organizing a weekly Kroger donation to the center and they will also help assemble “take home” bags for the clients at The Healing Center. Service may also include sorting donated clothing, shoes, makeup or babysitting in the child-care facility.

**YMCA Latchkey Program**

Volunteer Days and Times: Weekly on Wednesday

Van departs EDGE Teen Center at 3:00 pm

Van arrives back at EDGE Teen Center at 6:00 pm

Total # of volunteer hours per day: 2.5 hours

YMCA Latchkey Program: The Lakota Family YMCA offers a latchkey program that provides enriching experiences for children from ages 5 to 12 including homework assistance, art and music programs, physical activity, character development, and fun! EDGE volunteers will be placed at one of two elementary schools in West Chester: (1) Van Gorden Elementary and; (2) Endeavor Elementary School. Volunteers will assist YMCA latchkey staff by helping students complete their homework, interacting with students during free play, and engaging in structured play activities.

**PAWS Adoption Center**

Volunteer Days and Times: Weekly on Thursdays

Van departs EDGE Teen Center at 3:15 pm

Van arrives back at EDGE Teen Center at 6 pm

Total # of volunteer hours per day: 2.5 hours

PAWS: Their mission is to provide a no-kill shelter dedicated to the reduction of homeless pets by promoting adoption, spay/neuter, education and responsible pet ownership.

Volunteer Opportunity: Students will work at the center helping out with daily cleaning and organizing to help keep the center running as well as participate in projects like landscaping that the ladies are not able to perform themselves. Orientation is required to volunteer but once through, students are able to volunteer on their own as well. Leadership opportunities are available the more you serve. Socialization time with dogs and in the cat rooms is earned through service.

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR EMAIL, WE WILL BE SENDING WEEKLY SIGN UP GENIUS DESCRIPTIONS \*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**SATURDAY** Volunteering Opportunities will take place on these following dates-

**January 27**

**February 10**

**February 24**

**March 3**

**March 17**

**March 24**

**April 13**

**April 21**

**April 28**

EDGE Teen Center serves at a variety of places and events around the area and our community. This semester we will serve at:

**St. Vincent De Paul**: For more than 140 years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has quietly cared for those in need throughout Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Its volunteers care for people in their own neighborhoods, visiting the homes of people in need. We will be gathering/organizing food that will be delivered to families in need in the local area and students will also be able to help in the food pantry by helping clients shop for their food.

**S.E.L.F**.: Supports to Encourage Low-Income Families (SELF) exists to enhance the quality of life for county residents by impacting the causes of poverty and empowering individuals to achieve, sustain, and advocate self-sufficiency. We work with this organization to help renovate homes in the Middletown and Hamilton area. Service may include painting, building, landscaping and cleaning up homes in our area for elderly, low income families and Veterans.

**EVENTS**: Matthew 25 Ministry, Random Acts of Simple Kindness Affecting Local Seniors (RASKALS) Yard Clean Up, Shamrock Shuffle and Bethany United Methodist Church Semi-Annual Rummage Sale

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