



7th Grade Community Service Project Volunteer Opportunities 2015-2016

| Organization/Description/Parent Liaison | Student Volunteer Opportunities |
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| <p><u>Box Tops for Education</u></p> <p>Parent Liaison: Deanna Hoffman dlhoffman17@msn.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize and promote a drive to collect box tops and then prepare the box topics for submission to earn education dollars. |
| <p><u>Camp Snowflake</u> Provides year-round programs for children and young adults with disabilities</p> <p>2015-16 Parent Liaisons: Jeanine Mulcahy jmulc4@gmail.com Joanne Trattner joannetrattner@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will participate and assist in activities, such as arts & crafts, games and activities. Camp Snowflake runs Saturday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (from September to May). 1133 E. Ridgewood Ave |
| <p><u>Children’s Aid and Family Services</u> (Collection of Baby Basics and Group Homes) – Preserves, protects and, when needed, provides for families. Motivated by compassion for vulnerable children, young adults, frail elderly and their families, we provide high quality and innovative services that meet their social, educational and emotional needs.</p> <p>2015-16 Parent Liaison: Volunteer Needed</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run a drive to collect baby items and personal care items for kids living in group homes and seniors (i.e., diapers, wipes, formula, shampoos, soaps, deodorant, etc). Assemble and deliver care packages. Determine frequency of delivery— weekly, monthly, etc. Plan and prepare a meal and deliver it to a group home. Due to privacy issues, students will not be able to deliver to group homes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children’s Aid Office — 148 Prospect Street in Ridgewood and/or in the evening at the Center for Food Action — 175 Knickerbocker Road in Englewood |
| <p><u>CRAB (New)</u>— The Community Relations Advisory Board promotes the development and implementation of educational programs which celebrate our diversity and provides offers assistance to victims of bias-related crimes.</p> <p>Parent Liaisons: Jeannie Harris jeannieharris@optonline.net Molly McGee mollytom88@msn.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to be determined during a discussion with the contact at the organization. Contact: Siobhan Winograd swinograd@hotmail.com 917.825.7670 |
| <p><u>Dot Dot Dot (Do One Thing)</u> Provides food and toiletry items for local food banks, including Social Services of Ridgewood.</p> <p>2015-16 Parent Liaison: Volunteer Needed</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will create fliers listing items needed by the food bank to be handed out to shoppers at a local grocery store. They’ll use their communication and sales skills to compel shoppers to purchase/ donate things to families in need. Shifts usually run two hours. |
| <p><u>Girls on the Rise (New)</u> Girls on the Rise - is a peer advisory program for GW girls to work with Ridge 5th grade girls to help them transition to the middle school. The GW girls meet once with each of the four 5th grade Ridge classrooms in the spring for a 1-hour workshop. They share their own transition experiences across 4 main topic areas: school smarts, self-esteem, technology and social. They</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th grade girls that volunteered last year are available to help train the new 7th grade volunteers (in approx. 2 hours) <p>Primary contacts: Jean Schoenlank, principal at Ridge School and Mike Piacenza, Assistant Principal at GW. GW girls that were involved last year (and currently in 8th grade) are available to address any</p> |

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| <p>provide useful tips and lead fun, interactive games across each of the topic areas.</p> <p>2015-2016: Parent liaison needed</p> <p>[2014-2015 Parent Liaison to consult with: Alina Swanson, alinaswanson@yahoo.com, cell 201-248-1867]</p> | <p>questions.</p> |
| <p><u>Lorrimer Sanctuary - NJ Audubon Society</u></p> <p>Lorrimer Nature Sanctuary is a 14-acre woodland preserve. The Visitors' Center has an exhibit and lecture room, winter bird-feeding station, interpretive displays, hands-on exhibits, and a gift shop, the proceeds of which benefit the Sanctuary.</p> <p>Parent Liaison: Lisa Byron lisagrays@hotmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to be determined during a discussion with the contact at the organization. Address: 790 Ewing Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ |
| <p><u>Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children</u></p> <p>Dedicated to feeding and clothing need women & children and offering them educational resources to obtain meaningful employment to break the cycle of poverty.</p> <p>Parent Liaisons: Amy Nidds amynidds@icloud.com Erin Pruitt erinpruitt138@hotmail.com Ann Alvarado jean.alvarado@verizon.net</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students assist at Oasis' after-school which provides school-age children (ages 6-12) a safe, structured, educational environment, weekdays from 3-6 p.m. The program has three focus areas: nutrition (a hot meal each day), education, and socialization/exercise. Student volunteers assist children with homework and play. Parents are needed to help with transportation and supervision. • Students can host a drive to collect food, baby needs, toys, gifts for December holidays. Once items are collected, they can be dropped at the Oasis office in Paterson. |
| <p><u>Orchard School Fun Day</u></p> <p>Parent Liaisons: Lisa Byron lisagrays@hotmail.com Sandi Pleeter sandipleeter@optonline.net Gwen Sullivan gwestley59@optonline.net</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date is Saturday, October 24. There are two shifts (each 2.5-hour commitment); morning from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon; afternoon from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. About 50 volunteers are needed. |
| <p><u>Paterson Education Fund (PEF)</u></p> <p>Mission is to stimulate community action for change so that the Paterson Public Schools ensure that all Paterson children achieve high standards.</p> <p>Parent Liaison: Ana Inoa ana1inoa@yahoo.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group activities include collection & packaging of craft projects to do with children, book drives and reading aloud. Individual opportunities available to tutor first graders through the Book Buddies program (2 hours bi-weekly). Parents needed to help with transportation & supervision. |
| <p><u>Recycle, Reuse Bike Program</u></p> <p>Recycle-A-Bicycle is a program that benefits the community and Charities for Children in Paterson. It is an opportunity to donate unused bikes to a great cause and also bring in a bike that can be traded in for another one. This is especially beneficial for growing kids in the community.</p> <p>Parent Liaison: Nicole Richards nrichards99@yahoo.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will be held in May 2016. Volunteers are needed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Pre-event day:</u> check-in bikes and hand out tickets ○ <u>Pre-event day:</u> help conduct minor bike repairs ○ <u>Event day:</u> check-in people and help them select bikes |

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| <p><u>Ridge School</u></p> <p>Parent Liaison: Kathryn Sachs katsachs@gmail.com</p> <p>[Last year's Parent Liaisons to consult with: Kristen Schultz kristen.schultz@verizon.net</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers needed to help with upcoming events For example, Mary Micale marymicale@msn.com has the Tag Sale responsibility this year. • Bake Sale at Bingo Night • After-School Set-up and/or take-down at Book Fair and Science Fair • Monthly after-school opportunities to help teachers in their classrooms or the secretaries in the office |
| <p><u>Ridgewood Public Library</u></p> <p>Parent Liaison: Cindy Rhee cindyrhee@yahoo.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities include: Reading Pals, Collection Specialist, Puppet Show Production, Teen Advisory Group and Dr. Seuss Reading Celebration <p><i>Volunteers to attend a one-hour orientation before they begin. Contact: Gina Mitgang 201.670.5600 x110</i></p> |
| <p><u>SHARE (New)</u> (Senior Housing Association of Ridgewood)— A NJ non-profit organization which provides an affordable, home like environment for independent seniors within the Ridgewood community. There are two homes in Ridgewood (104 Cottage Place & 130 Prospect Street).</p> <p>Parent Liaisons: Molly McGee mollytom88@msn.com Jeannie Harris jeannieharris@optonline.net</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students team up to plan, prepare and deliver a meal to senior residents homes in Ridgewood <p>Contact: Maryann Bennett 201 670 9605 email: share office info@yahoo.com</p> |
| <p><u>Sharing the Arts</u> A non-profit performing arts program for individuals with special needs. Our mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs through the performing arts.</p> <p>Parent Liaison: Regina Branca rghb65@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to be determined during a discussion with the contact at the organization. |
| <p><u>Willard School</u></p> <p>Parent Liaison: Laura Lutz lll61398@aol.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study skills/homework lab is looking for volunteers with strong Math aptitude -classes meet on Thursdays from 3 - 4pm, a couple of sessions/ year. • Library Shelves: Perfect for anyone with a good command of the Alphabet! • The Green Ambassadors: Help inside and out with our recycling and compost projects • Drama Club: There are various ways a volunteer can help us put on this production. • Halloween at Willard - Set Help - 3 to 4 students are needed to help. |
| <p><u>Ridgewood Biddy Basketball Special Needs Program</u> Provides basketball clinics for girls and boys ranging in age from age from kindergarten to high school that have a wide range of special needs.</p> <p>Parent Liaison: Carol Olson cfox.olson@verizon.net</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist special needs players in organized basketball sessions. No basketball skills or knowledge of basketball are necessary— just a willingness to work with kids. The program is very basic and emphasizes socialization more than the acquisition of specific skills. The goal is to assign a volunteer to every participant. Participants range in age from kindergarten to high school. • Tentative dates: Sunday mornings, 12/13, 12/20, 1/3, 1/10 (10:00 -11:00 a.m.) most likely BFMS. Limited to 45 students. |

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| <p><u>RBSA Special All-Stars</u> A four-day clinic designed for children with special needs Parent Liaison: Carol Olson cfox.olson@verizon.net</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each participant (ages 5 and up) is matched with a peer volunteer (ages 12 and up) to assist them through baseball/softball stations (e.g., throwing, hitting, etc.) • Tentative dates: Sunday mornings, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 10-11:30 a.m. a Vets Field. Registration will be through Community Pass. |
| <p><u>Social Service Association (SSA)</u> (Ridgewood and Vicinity) Parent Liaison: Cindy Geyer cindyfg22@gmail.com Martha Fickinger marthafickinger@aol.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a food drive for items needed at the food pantry and stock shelves. • Collect items and organize a "Birthday Bag" full of goodies to help a child in need celebrate their birthday. |
| <p><u>Table to Table; Bag a Lunch and Help a Bunch</u> A community-based food rescue program that collects prepared and perishable food that would otherwise be wasted and delivers it to organizations that serve the hungry in Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Passaic counties. This fresh food is delivered free of charge to more than 50 agencies throughout the area, including elder care facilities, drug rehab centers, homeless shelters, homes for victims of domestic violence, HIV day centers, and pantries serving the "working poor." Parent Liaison: Need Volunteer</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch</i> -- Students donate what they would normally spend on lunch (or more) for one day. The money is then put in a paper bag and sealed. All the money raised goes directly to help feed those who need it most— hungry friends and neighbors right here in northern New Jersey. A GW 7th grade team of volunteers will hang posters, provide information, promote the event, and distribute and collect the bags. |
| <p><u>YMCA Swim Program</u> At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. We believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. Parent Liaison: Need Volunteer</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will assist in the in the YMCA Aquatic Leader program. Participants will assist in teaching swim classes and must commit to meeting one hour per week plus a minimum of one hour per week of pool time. 20 hours, 2 hours a week for 10 weeks. |
| <p><u>Van Dykes HealthCare in Ridgewood</u> Parent Liaison: Need Volunteer</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will interact in activities with the geriatric residents. |
| <p><u>Wiffle For Cancer</u> This annual event that benefits the Nick Currey Fund. Nick Currey, who graduated from RHS in 2004, died in 2005 after a 14-month battle with Ewing's sarcoma, an uncommon cancer in children. His family established the fund and organized this event to honor Nick's memory and raise funds to support research to find a cure for Ewing's sarcoma. Parent Liaison: Need Volunteer</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers are needed to help during this annual event. The event takes place on a weekend in June and runs from 12:00-5:00 pm. Students help with setup, facilitate activities, and cleanup. One-hour shifts are recommended. |
| <p><u>The Woman's Club of Ridgewood</u> Parent Liaison: Kathryn Sachs katsachs@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with upcoming activities, including Garage Sale and House Tour Contact: Theresa Gregorio toteaser@gmail.com |