

UConn

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mission: Inspired by UConn's commitment to developing active global citizens, the mission of Community Outreach (CO) is to engage students in meaningful service activities that enrich their learning and enhance the quality of life for others in our local, national and international communities.

One-Time Service Projects

One-time volunteer placements occur primarily during the weekends at organizations surrounding the UConn Storrs campus. These provide students the opportunity to better meet the needs of community partners who offer short term projects or require assistance with one time events. The more flexible schedule allows us to reach a different population of approximately **975** students. Special Olympics Husky Classic Invitational (right), Community Service Days, Spring Weekend, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service are some of the service projects held this year totaling over **9,405** hours.



Semester-Long Programs

Students serve on a weekly basis in the areas of Health & Human Services, Language & Literacy, and Youth Development & Education for Children and Adolescents. This past year Big Brothers Big Sisters collaborated with the School of Pharmacy and Urban Service Track to put on a program aimed at increasing 5th grade students' interest in medical careers. Our **1,281** semester long participants and student leaders are committed to the work they do and develop relationships with those they serve every week, along with completing over **44,245** hours at **66** different sites around the state.

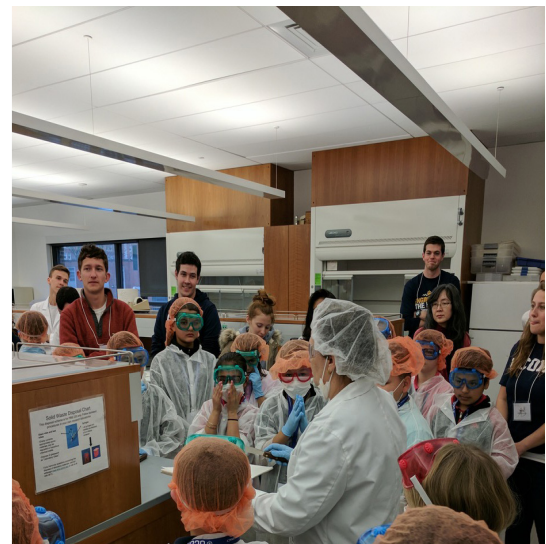


#UConnAltBreaks 



2,863
Participants

75,604
Service Hours



Alternative Breaks

Our weekend and weeklong trips provide groups of students with the opportunity to explore critical social issues, enhance individual growth, and prepare them for lifelong social action. Trips focus on topics such as poverty, hunger, gender and sexuality, healthcare, immigration, and more. Our **17** trips resulted in over **19,500** hours of service from the **368** students who participated. A highlight of this past year is the new focus for a spring break trip on human trafficking.

Jumpstart

Children first.
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Jumpstart AmeriCorps

This is a federally funded program that gives college students the opportunity to engage in meaningful service through building relationships with preschool-aged children while helping to prepare them for kindergarten.

Democracy and Political Engagement

CO offers a variety of events aimed at increasing awareness and involvement of UConn students in current social and political issues. DPE held **20** events engaging over **200** students in **1285** hours of service-related opportunities.

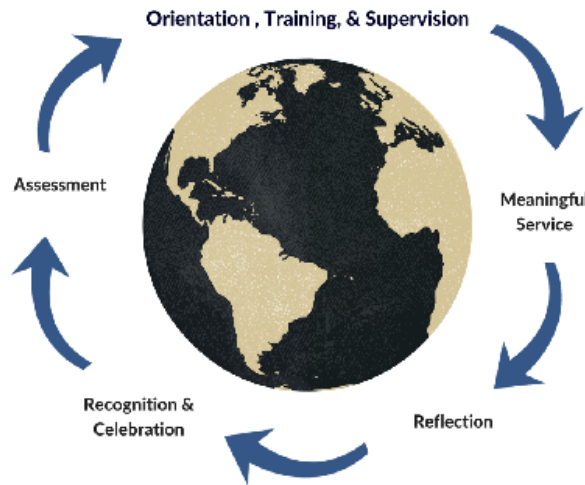
Becoming Global Citizens: Critical Components of Service

All CO programs aim to work in collaboration with our community partners to create change in our community & in the students serving.

Leadership Development

Students take on leadership of the office for all service and operational functions. They design and implement activities that recruit, train, and supervise volunteers and work-study employees in order to meet client needs.

The coordinator positions along with being a support for the Communities of Practice, comprise of the Executive Board, which works on projects that support all **107** student leaders and the office as a whole.



Educational Events & Trainings

A variety of educational events and trainings are offered to members of CO and the wider student population. Staff and student leaders attended **3** national conferences including the CT Campus Compact that over **50** UConn students attended. Additionally, we held **20** dialogues with students and community members on topics ranging from immigration reform to understanding the national & state campaigns to change the educational system.

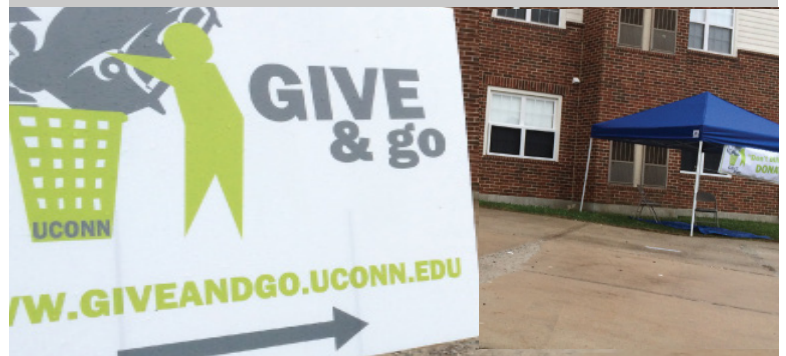
Learning Community

Launched in Fall 2015, the Human Rights & Action Learning Community (HRALC) is becoming a hub of activism, academic achievement, and service. In partnership with the Human Rights Institute and First Year Programs; HRALC engages members through academic, experiential, and residential activities to better their understanding of social justice, and civic responsibility.



Philanthropy & Relief Efforts

Several resources are available for students seeking to raise funds for different causes and communities. We provide resources including staff support to ensure that fundraising activities are done in a way that upholds the policies of the University as well as the laws of Connecticut so that students have opportunities to support the organizations they work with in both direct and indirect ways.



Careers for the Common Good

The Careers for the Common Good program, a collaboration between the Center for Career Development, the Office of Community Outreach and the Human Rights Institute, provides resources and encourages students to explore career paths that positively affect the community and society at large. Last year the Careers for the Common Good had over **75** employers and hundreds of students in attendance.

Transportation

Community Outreach provides free transportation to and from almost all of its programs and service locations for UConn participants. This past year we drove over **141,475** miles bringing participants to and from **48** program sites in Connecticut, as well as **7** different states for the alternative break trips.

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