

PROGRAM & ACTIVITY SUMMARY | 2017-2018

UConn

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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 Initiatives

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 **1,460** students. Special Olympics Husky Classic Invitational, Community Service Days, Give and Go, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service are some of the service projects held this year totaling over **7,685** hours.



Semester-Long Programs

Students serve on a weekly basis in the areas of Health Services, Social Services, Language & Literacy, and Youth Development & Education for Children and Adolescents. Our **1,416** 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 **43,613** hours at **66** different sites around the state. Service sites include local schools, senior centers, shelters, hospitals, as well as various other agencies in the community.



#UConnAltBreaks 



3,456
Participants

73,058
Service Hours



Alternative Breaks

Alternative breaks are an immersive experience that allow students to step away from traditional learning and living. Our weekend and weeklong trips provide groups of students with the opportunity to explore critical social issues, enhance their individual growth, and prepare them for lifelong social action through education, service, and reflection. Trips focus on varied topics such as poverty, environmental conservation, healthcare, immigration, and more. Our **16** trips resulted in over **20,675** hours of service.



Democracy and Political Engagement

CO offers a variety of programs that strive to increase the awareness interest and involvement of UConn Students in current political and social issues. Events such as voter registration campaigns, advocacy trainings, conferences, deliberate dialogues on social justice inspired topics and various other civic engagement opportunities are organized each semester. CO also works with student organizations and departments to cosponsor and organize democracy and political engagement events. Democracy and Political Engagement held **9** events engaging over **130** students in **31** hours of service-related opportunities.

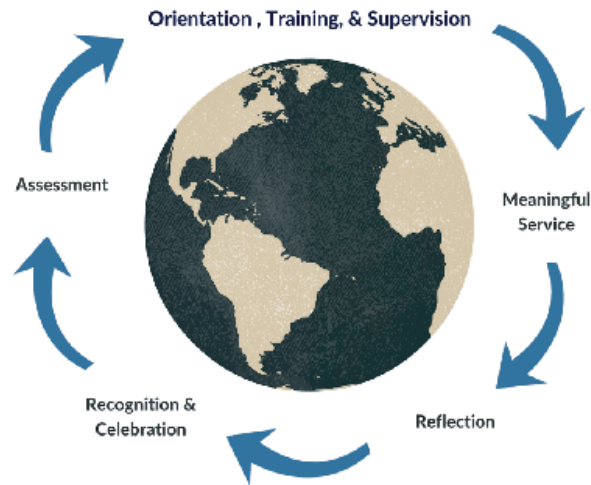
Becoming Global Citizens: Critical Components of Service

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 a leadership role 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 110 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 IMPACT Conference, with 5 students attending in Ohio, hosting 4 presentations. Additionally, we held 9 dialogues with students and community members on topics ranging from immigration reform to understanding the implications of Freedom of Speech in our society.

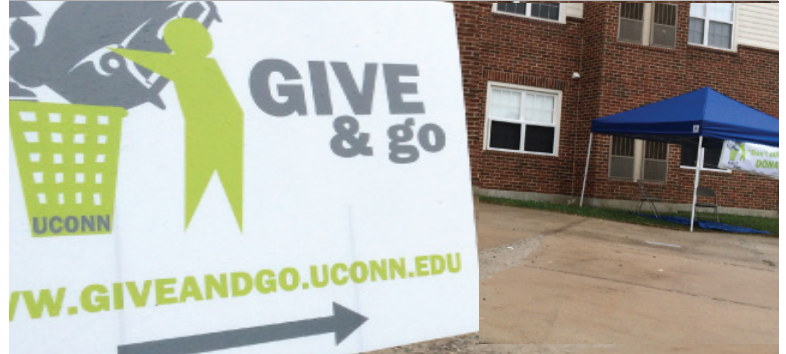
Jumpstart AmeriCorps

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.



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, 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 Fair hosted over 75 employers and drew in hundreds of students.

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 154,388 miles bringing participants to and from 48 program sites in Connecticut, as well as 7 different states for the alternative break trips.

Community Outreach

Department of Student Activities
Student Union, Room 302
2110 Hillside Road | Storrs, CT 06269-3008
(860) 486-1165
communityoutreach@uconn.edu
uconncontact.uconn.edu/organization/communityoutreach

SERVE. LEARN. LEAD. CHANGE.

