

What counts for your Service Project:

During your year in 8IGNITE, you must complete ten hours of community service that is in **direct contact** with those in need.

Things that count as direct contact with those in need:*

- Helping in a younger kids' classroom for RE sessions (requires a commitment to all 18 sessions)
- Helping as a "buddy" for a special needs student at your school during classes like PE, or just throughout the school day
- Helping at District 204's Special Needs Summer School
- Being a crew leader at HSCC Vacation Bible School
- Serving food at a food shelter

Things that DO NOT count as direct contact with those in need:*

- Tutoring kids at public school without special needs
- Helping at Vacation Bible School (unless you are a crew leader)
- Safety Town
- Sorting/Collecting food for a food shelter
- Feed My Starving Children

*If you are unsure if something will count, call the RE office at HSCC to make sure

Some options for where to serve:

Elder Care:



Working at these sites, you can expect to do anything and everything based around spending time and getting to know the elderly. You might share meals with them, play some bingo, do some crafts, go on walks, or just sit and talk with them. If you like listening to stories or just hanging out, these might be good sites for you!

Alden Estates Nursing Home	http://aldenestatesofnaperville.com/
Brookdale Senior Living	http://www.brookdaleliving.com/
Ecumenical Adult Care	http://naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=92
Harbor Chase of Plainfield	http://www.harborchase.com/senior-living/il/plainfield/harborchase-of-plainfield/
Heritage Woods of Plainfield	http://bma-mgmt.com/heritagewoodsplainfield/index.aspx
Independence Village	http://independencevillage.org/
Lakewood Nursing Center	http://lakewoodnursingcenter.com/ContactUs/
Meals on Wheels	https://www.dupageseniorcouncil.org/meals-on-wheels/
Spring Meadows	http://www.springmeadowsnaperville.com/
St. Patrick's Nursing Home	http://www.stpatricksresidence.org/
Tabor Hills	http://www.taborhills.com/

Food Pantries and Shelters:

Work must be done in DIRECT CONTACT with those receiving aid. Stocking shelves does NOT count.



At these sites, most of what you do will probably focus around food. You might end up eating with some people in need, serving them their food, or assisting them in some other way around meal time. Who knows, maybe you'll get some free food out of it too!

Hesed House	http://www.hesedhouse.org/
Loaves and Fishes	https://www.loaves-fishes.org/
Mission of Our Lady of Angels	http://www.missionola.com/
Morning Star Ministries	http://morningstarmission.org/
People's Resource Center	www.peoplesrc.org
Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry	http://www.plainfieldfoodpantry.org/home
St John Lutheran Church	https://www.stjohnfood.org
West Suburban Community Pantry	http://www.wcpinc.org/

People with Special Needs:



Similar to working with the elderly, these sites are mainly based around just spending time with people and helping them with some things here and there. Things you might do at these sites includes playing board games, sharing meals, and just playing around with people. Though they can sometimes be challenging, working with special needs people can be especially rewarding!

A Special Place	http://www.asp4us.org/
Buddy Up Tennis	http://buddyuptennis.com/
Children of Mary	https://www.localprayers.com/US/Carol-Stream/402063333316109/Children-of-Mary
Easter Seals of Joliet	http://joliet.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ILJO_services
Easter Seals of Dupage County	http://dfvr.easterseals.com/page.aspx?pid=356
GiGi's Playhouse	https://gigisplayhouse.org/
Misericordia	http://www.misericordia.com/about/default.aspx
REACH program - St. Raphael's	http://www.autismspeaks.org/resource/st-raphael-catholic-church-reach-program
Special Olympics	http://www.soill.org/area/index.php?area=07
Western Dupage Special Recreation Assoc.	http://www.wdsra.com/employment-volunteer/volunteers.htm

Other Various Needs:



Finally, here are some other places that confirmation students have gone in the past. These have a little more variety to them, so they range from working with kids to animals to families who have members in the hospital.

Friends for Therapeutic Equine Activities	http://www.ftea.org/
Kids Matter	http://www.kidsmatter2us.org/Home
People's Resource Center	http://www.peoplesrc.org/
Ready Set Ride	http://www.readysetride.org/
Ronald McDonald House	http://rmhccni.org/pageslurie-ph/

Remember, our service is meant to enact the Corporal Works of Mercy:

- 1) Feed the Hungry
- 2) Give Drink to the Thirsty
- 3) Shelter the Homeless
- 4) Visit the Sick
- 5) Visit the Prisoners
- 6) Bury the Dead
- 7) Give Alms to the Poor