

Alterra Sterling House

100 Teton Lane
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: We are committed to setting the standard for maximizing quality of life and dignity of older adults.

Contact: **Paula or Linda**
Phone: 386-1779
Fax: 386-1174

Direct Services and Recipients: We are an assisted living, providing care to residents in a 19 unit residence. We are seeking students to participate in life enrichment activities - playing cards, games, going on our outings with the residents, and providing attention and time to our residents. They will not be taking the place of scheduled staff. They will instead be giving extra one-on-one attention to the residents. They will be supervised at all times by Alterra staff.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Will be required to have a background check and to complete a volunteer application. Must be willing to commit to a schedule and to give adequate notice if unable to attend.

Blue Earth County Community Health

P.O. Box 3526
Mankato, MN 56002-3526

Mission Statement: The mission of the Blue Earth County Community Health Services is to lead efforts to protect and promote the health of all people in Blue Earth County.

Contact: **Cathy Sandmann - BECCH Supervisor**
Phone: 389-8372
Fax: 389-8387

Direct Services and Recipients: We offer a variety of experiences working on Local Health Priorities - may be Health Education - Obesity, Tobacco Prevention, Diet - Nutrition, WIC clinic, and other projects

Blue Earth County Jail

710 South Front Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: The basic philosophy of the Blue Earth County Jail Program Office is to develop and schedule programs and services to promote rehabilitation, positive attitudes, and help individuals become better citizens. By way of these pursuits it is our goal to add to the safety and security of Blue Earth County and our community.

Contacts: **Jack Considine**
Phone: 387-8732
Fax: 387-8734
E-mail: jack.considine@co.blu-earth.mn.us

Direct Services and Recipients: We are looking for correction students to volunteer their time running various programs for the prisoners of the Blue Earth County Jail. Some examples would be a relaxation group, gym time, aerobics, and bingo/card tournaments. Duties of this position include working one-on-one and in small groups (no larger than 9 prisoners).

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Have no criminal charges pending and are not currently under any court supervision or suspended sentence. Complete volunteer orientation. Must be at least 20 years old. Have a willingness to help people. Have patience and empathy. Have an open-mind and non-judgmental attitude. The ability to maintain confidentiality. Be assertive. Have the ability to work independently. These positions are only open to Corrections students. Due to the policy of the Blue Earth County Jail, everyone is required to undergo a background records check.

Children's Project, The

410 South Fifth St
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: To support and preserve families and to integrate children and families into healthy opportunities of community life. Promote the development of children and families by coordinating services and by building on the strengths and potentials of children, parents and their connection with the community.

Contact: **Becky Bequette**
 Phone: 389-8446
 Fax: 389-8387

Direct Services and Recipients:

Project pals are needed to mentor a child between the ages of 5-14 in Blue Earth County.

Requirements and/or Restrictions of service: Must pass background check, provide three references, and complete an interview process. Must make a 90-day commitment. Applications accepted until Friday, Feb. 11, 2005.

Bridges F.A.S.T Program (Families and Students Together)

Mission Statement: F.A.S.T is an after school enrichment program at Bridges Community School. We help students in new areas of learning programs and extend on the interests they have already. Programs range from art, music, science, sports and community services

Contact: **Tammy Overholt**
 Phone: 387.5700
 Fax: 387.3143

Direct Services and Recipients: Students in grades K-6 would work with volunteers in areas of homework and scheduled programs that range from science, art, music, creativity and sports.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Service-Learning students must pass a background check.

Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Inc. (CADA)

P.O. Box 466
Mankato, MN 56002

Mission Statement: CADA, Inc.'s mission is to alleviate violence in the communities of South Central Minnesota.

Contact: **Tammera A. Wachtel, Supportive/Administrative Manager**
Sara Swanson
Dar Heffron
Phone: 625-8688
Fax: 625-9431

Direct Services and Recipients: Service-Learning students will advocate on the behalf of battered women, their children, and other victims of intimate partner violence. Help with community awareness events.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Service-Learning students must pass a background check (pay \$10.00 fee). Students must also be committed to servicing 8-10 hours per week for a full semester.

DreamsWork & Lifeworks Visual Arts Studio

1806 Commerce Dr.
North Mankato, MN 56003

Mission Statement: To serve our community and people with disabilities as we live and work together.

Contacts: **Tara Snilsberg**
Kristi Powers
Phone: (507) 625-7522
Fax: (507) 625-1552

Direct Services and Recipients: Community based supported employment, life enrichment, visual arts and pre-employment classes for adults with disabilities (mental retardation, mental health issues and brain injuries)

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Must be supervised when working with clients at all times - supervision provided by Lifeworks/Dreamswork staff.

Family Literacy

Lincoln Community Center
110 Fulton St.
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: To enable families new to the United States to improve their English proficiency and increase their awareness of school and community processes so that, as students, families and individuals, their education experience provides a foundation for positive community participation and fulfillment of personal goals.

Contact: **Clarice Esslinger**
Phone: 345-5222

Direct Service and Recipients: There are two areas for Service-Learning students to participate in the current program:

- 1) ESL (English as a Second Language) students K-12 are in need of tutoring and help with homework.

2) While parents attend educational sessions, activities will be organized for the students (after homework time). Volunteers are needed to organize and assist in running activities/games/ crafts for the students. Volunteers should be interested in interacting with students from different cultures and languages. The program takes place at Lincoln Community Center.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Must pass background check.

Franklin Elementary School

1000 North Broad Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: Our mission is “Franklin Elementary School: A Community Dedicated to Literacy.” We work hard to involve as many adult role models for our students as possible. It is our goal that every child has the opportunity to read to an adult every day.

Contact: **Mary Johnson**
Phone: 345-4287, ext. 229
Fax: 507-345-4801

Direct Services and Recipients: Service-Learning participants will supervise a noon-hour recreational reading room and provide tutoring and classroom support throughout the day.

Requirements and/or Restrictions of service: Must pass a background check; be willing and able to commit to scheduled hours.

Friends of the Deep Valley Libraries

100 E. Main St.
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: The Friends of the Deep Valley Libraries is a non-profit volunteer organization that has supported libraries in this area since 1977. The Friends provides funds to libraries in Mankato, North Mankato, Lake Crystal and Mapleton; the book mobile; funding for the summer reading program for children, Project Bookshelf (part of Santa Anonymous), and materials and equipment to enhance reading and learning opportunities.

Contact: **Sarah Reichwald-Beiswanger, Volunteer Coordinator**
Phone: 387-1856 ext. 243

Direct Services and Recipients: Passing out books (Project Bookshelf, Mardi Gras) sorting donated books, staffing Friends table at community events, staffing bookstore and book sales. Recipients are community members.

Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota

512 Mulberry St E
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with God's people in need by building and renovating houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which people can live and grow into all that God intended.

Contact: **Nola Speiser, Volunteer Coordinator**
Phone: 388-2081
Fax: 388-1618
E-mail: hfhmkto@hickorytech.net

Direct Services and Recipients: Habitat for Humanity chooses homeowners on the basis of need, ability to repay a mortgage, family size, character and willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity. Most of our families are at or below 50% of median income. Habitat for Humanity is an equal opportunity housing organization. Service opportunities include: building homes, committee work, warehouse maintenance, data entry, and special projects.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Length of commitment will vary with the project the student chooses.

Harry Meyering Center

109 Homestead Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: To support and facilitate meaningful lives for the people we serve.

Contact: **Judy Arzdorf, Director of Community Connections & Activities**
Phone: (507) 625-1705, ext. 35
Fax: (507) 387-8237
E-mail: jarzdorf@harrymeyeringcenter.org
Website: www.harrymeyeringcenter.org

Direct Services and Recipients: Harry Meyering Center provides residential services to adults with disabilities.

Opportunity #1

Service-Learners will primarily participate in leisure and recreational activities with one specific site. Hours of service are generally between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Hours may vary slightly depending on the schedule of the people you will be working with at HMC. All hours must take place when a Site Supervisor is present. Volunteers should plan on coming for 2 hour time slots unless other arrangements have been made with the Site Supervisor.

Opportunity #2

Service-Learners will plan and facilitate "parties" for HMC consumers. Parties will be held on Saturdays within the time frame of 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Opportunity #3

Service-Learners will work with consumers in club/group settings, socializing and assisting as needed. Examples of group settings include a craft club, a game night, a card-making night, and gardening assistance. HMC is always searching for volunteers to teach our consumers new skills and hobbies in a group or house setting.

Requirements and/or restrictions: May be asked to complete a background check and/or a mantoux test. Students wishing to complete their Service-Learning experiences with HMC must make arrangements by February 4. Students must complete a 1 1/2 hour orientation session prior to beginning their experience.

LEEP (Leisure Education for Exceptional People)

929 North Fourth Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: To provide recreational and leisure opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities so that they might achieve optimal levels of socialization and independence in the community.

Contact: **Becky Kroc - Executive Director**
 Meghan Colburn - Program Coordinator
 Phone: 387-5122
 Fax: 387-1676

Direct Services and Recipients: Assisting individuals with disabilities during various recreational programs such as Special Olympic Sports, classes, and social activities. Assisting may consist of working one to one with participants, taking on more of an active leadership role at activities, and miscellaneous set-up and clean-up.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Students must volunteer at least 15 hours at any program during one semester at LEEP, and may continue as desired.

MRCI Work Source

15 Map Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: MRCI Work Source is committed to creating innovative and genuine opportunities for people with disabilities or disadvantages, so they can achieve meaningful participation in society.

Contact: **Robin Beck, Program Coordinator and Leslee Trio, Team Leader**
 Phone: 386-5600
 Fax: 507-345-5991

Direct Services and Recipients: Students will work with adults with disabilities on projects (group or individual) such as exploring new community jobs, developing a resume, going out for lunch or break.

Requirements and /or restrictions of service: Must pass a background check. Must attend Vulnerable Adult, Blood borne Pathogen and Hipaa trainings.

MVAC-Head Start

464 Raintree Road
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: Head Start is a family centered child development program for preschoolers ages 3-4, providing education, literacy, disability, health, nutrition, and social services for low-income children and their families. About 10% of the youth served have a diagnosed disability.

Contact: **Amanda J. Johnson, LSW**
Social Service & Collaborations Advisor
(507) 345-0444 office (800) 767-7139 toll free, ext. 444

Direct Services and Recipients: Students may participate in a variety of direct and/or indirect volunteer activities including reading to preschool children, preparing classroom activities, devising ways to increase parent involvement in Head Start, assisting office staff with projects, researching and writing grants, etc. Please contact Amanda with other ideas or suggestions for an internship.

Requirements and/or Restrictions of service: Students must pass a background check, sign a confidentiality statement, and attend an orientation with Head Start staff.

MVAC-Thrift Store

464 Raintree Road
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: MVAC is a community action agency. We are for communities, not for profit. We are a private organization that has served south central Minnesota since 1965.

Contact: **Lynn Ruiz - Support Services Director**
Heather Hotovec - Thrift Store Manager
Phone: 354-2413
Fax: 345-2414

Direct Services and Recipients: Thrift Store volunteer, Marketing, Housing Study, Advocacy Campaign, Accounting Assistant (seasonal), Web Site Development

Mankato East Junior/Alternative Learning Program

2600 Hoffman Road
Mankato, MN 56001-5805

Mission Statement: Mankato East Jr High School, through a team effort of students, parents, and staff members, strives to prepare today's students for tomorrow's challenges. We strive to accomplish this by providing a quality education and a positive learning environment to help all students succeed in careers and their roles as productive community members. We strive for success for all students.

Contact: **Cindy Westmark and Tiann Madson**
Phone: 387-5671 ext. 317
Fax: 387-7927

Direct Services and Recipients: One-on-one and small group tutoring of grades 7-12 in all general subjects. Also includes mentoring students at-risk due to such factors as truancy, lack of organization skills, home environment, failing classes, and peer group pressure.

Requirements and/or restrictions: Must pass a background check. Hours of program are Mon-Thu 1:30-4:00 pm and Friday 1:30-3:00 pm.

Mankato Volunteer Tutor Program

110 Fulton Street - Lincoln Community Center - Room 255
Mankato, MN 56001
(Take Stoltzman Road to Pleasant Street)

Mission Statement: Our purpose is to provide quality educational services to adults, nineteen and older, with an emphasis on reading, writing, math and English-speaking skills.

Contact: **Marilyn Solberg - Volunteer Coordinator**
Phone: 345-5222, ext. 411 (messages can be left 24-7)
Fax: 387-4770

Direct Services and Recipients: One-on-one, small group, classroom, and computer lab assistant volunteer, tutors are needed. Tutors work with high school dropouts (mainly for GED preparation), those who are learning English as a Second Language, or other adults who want to improve their basic skills for employment, personal satisfaction, or further schooling. The majority of tutoring time is spent in improvement of basic reading, writing, math skills, and conversation. Students range in ages from nineteen to seventy-five.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: We look for volunteers with an ability to share the enjoyment of reading and learning. Volunteer placements are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call early in the semester. Many MSU students who have provided service learning in the past have expressed their gratitude for and surprise at how much they have gained both personally and professionally from this experience. Are you ready for growth and new experiences? Please join us spring semester.

Minnesota Correctional Facility - Red Wing

1079 Highway 292
Red Wing, MN 55066

Mission Statement: MCF-RW provides corrections and rehabilitative services to adjudicated delinquents committed to the Department of Corrections and assists them in developing the educational, social, and behavioral skills necessary for their successful reintegration to the community.

Contact: **Nita O'Connell**
Email: noconnel@rw.doc.state.mn.us
Phone: 651-267-3683
Fax: 651-267-3761

Direct Services and Recipients: There are 6 openings for a Recreation Assistant. This position would facilitate interaction with juvenile male residents in recreation or leisure activities as well as daily living routines. Service-Learning students will be assigned to work in one cottage and assist staff with a variety of activities with residents. These activities may include indoor/outdoor sports, table games, special events, tutoring, and fine arts activities.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: This position is only open to 396 Corrections students. Due to the policy of the Corrections Department, everyone is required to undergo a background records check. This facility is only partially accessible to people who are physically challenged.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society (MS Walk)

Mission Statement: To help end the devastating effects of Multiple Sclerosis.

Contact: Cindy L. Froemel, Mankato MS Walk Coordinator
Phone: 389-1560
Fax: 389-1511

Direct Services and Recipients: All aspects of the annual MS Walk: coordinating volunteers, marketing the event, set-up, etc.

Partners for Affordable Housing

512 E Mulberry Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: To provide housing and supportive services to low income families and individuals.

Contact: Tracy Walberg - Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: (507) 387-4061
Fax: (507) 387-1321

Direct Services and Recipients: Working directly or indirectly with individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Including, but not limited to, persons living in the Welcome Inn shelter or any of the organizations affordable housing units.

Service-Learning Opportunity #1

Provide assistance to families and individuals experiencing homelessness at The Welcome Inn.

Service-Learning Opportunity #2

Journey Home Program: Community Companion – mentor youth ages 13-18 as they volunteer in the community; Group Facilitator – lead group activities for children and youth ages 3-18; Homework Helper – assist students achieve their academic potential through tutoring.

Service-Learning Opportunity #3

Assist organization in a collaborative effort to raise awareness through a community campaign - cooking, organizing, public speaking, and several other opportunities.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Must be 18 years of age unless supervised. Journey Home volunteers must pass background check.

Project G.E.M. (Growth, Experience, Motivation)

Route 1, Box 533
Lake Crystal, MN 56055

Mission Statement: Project G.E.M. works with at-risk youth through cultural, environmental, and social education to assist in the development of creative self-expression and boosting self-esteem and self-growth. The program networks with other clubs and organizations within the community. The goal is to educate youth in the community to enrich their lives.

Contact: **Alice De Yonge - Program Director**
Phone: (507) 726-6047

Direct Services and Recipients: Work with low income/at-risk youth ages 12 - 17 years old within the Mankato and St. Peter area.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Must have transportation available for all locations. Need to attend training meeting for setup to sites and events.

Opportunity #1: After School Art Class.

Where: Riverbend Academy, 110 N 6th St (Corner of Main and 6th St.).

When: Tuesdays when school is in session through the end of April

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

What you will be doing: Assisting the instructor in helping youth with creating different types of art projects. You will be interacting with youth on a one to one basis with some art projects.

Requirements: College students with an emphasis in education, youth and art.

Opportunity #2: Night of Hope for Violence-Free Communities

Where: Madison East Mall

When: April

Time: Time and date not confirmed

What you will be doing: Set-up, supervising children, various interactive help with event throughout the day.

Opportunity #3: In-class Educational Assistance

Where: Mankato and St. Peter Day Treatment Center, St. Peter Alternative H.S.

When: Monday - Thursday

Time: Flexible hours anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

What you will be doing: Assisting the teachers and staff in various educational areas, teaching in the classroom, and one-on-one assistance with youth activities.

Requirements: College students with an emphasis in education and youth ages 10 - 17 years old (must have transportation to sites).

Salvation Army

700 South Riverfront Drive

P.O. Box 373

Mankato, MN 56002-0373

Mission Statement: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in his name without discriminating.

Contact: **Robin M Tietz - Administrative Assistant & Debbie Stahl, Corp Helper (SAL Prog)**
Phone: 345-7840 ext. 37
Fax: 345-1245

Direct Services and Recipients: Direct Services & Programs may vary depending on the season. Help in the Seasonal Shelter by working with adult homeless men. The Sal-mentoring students one-on-one grade 4 - 12. Assist customers in the Thrift Store. Help in the distribution on the Bundle-Me-Warm Program, providing winter-wear to those in need. Help with the coordination of special projects on occasion.

Requirements and/or Restrictions of service: Students must pass a background check.

SMILES (Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises & Services)

709 South Front Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: To provide a wide array of services to assist individuals with disabilities to live independently, pursue meaningful goals and have the same opportunities and choices as all persons.

Contact: **Joanne Hovey, Manager & Martie Windschill, Assistant Manager**
Phone: 345-7139
Fax: 345-8429

Direct Services and Recipients: Assist persons with disabilities by sharing experiences, giving support, and providing educational resources. The volunteer may also be involved on a one-to-one or group basis. There may be involvement in recreational events.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: The volunteers will complete a volunteer registration form, training and an interview at SMILES.

Summit Center

518 South Fifth Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: The quality of life for older adults will be improved through participation in Summit Center activities

Contact: **Julie Bennett Activities and Wellness Coordinator**
Phone: 345-5262
Fax: 345-3668
E-mail: juliesum@hickorytech.net

Direct Services and Recipients: Students will have direct contact with older adults. There are many activities for older adults each day at Summit Center (birthday dinner, cards, line dancing, movies, reminiscence and creative writing, spelling, etc.) Summit Center is open M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Students who are interested can plan activities for our senior members.

Requirements and /or restrictions of service: Respectful of people and property with willingness to learn and participate in center activities.

South Central American Red Cross

Mission Statement: American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guides by its congressional charter and the Fundamental Principles of International Red Cross movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Contact: **Jenni Dillemath, Health & Safety Services/Disaster Services Specialist**
Phone: 387-6664
Fax: 345-7079

Direct Services and Recipients: Blood donors, blood pressure screenings, youth programs, disaster services and general clients.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: None. All training provided.

Theresa House

512 Mulberry St. E
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: Theresa House provides emergency housing and short-term transitional housing to families and single women, as well as assistance in meeting basic needs and accessing area social services. We bring special attentiveness to the needs of refugees and immigrants.

Contact: **Pat Rodgers, Volunteer Coordinator**
Phone: 507-388-1664
Fax: 507-388-7661 (call before faxing)

Direct Services and Recipients: Help elementary, middle and/or high school students with homework, reviewing math facts and spelling words; reading to younger students and listening to them read. Lead or help with youth activities such as painting, board games, basketball and supervise use of computers.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Students must attend an orientation and provide references. Mon – Thurs 3:30-5:00, once a month Mon and Tues evening 5:30-8:30. We will work around student's schedules as much as possible.

The Third Floor Youth Center

600 South Fifth Street - Room 125
St. Peter, MN 56082

Mission Statement: We support kids by opening our doors to provide a safe, fun, accepting and respectful environment. We, as youth leaders, help the development of this culture by being caring role models for the kids while learning valuable business and life skills. In turn, given this opportunity, we hope future generations will continue to build a stronger, healthier community.

Contact: **Marissa Pherson - President**
 Sandie Fish – Coordinator
 Jamie Becker-Finn, Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: 507-934-9886

Direct Services and Recipients: Service-Learning Students will serve as chaperones and participate in fun activities with 4th-8th graders. Students will also assist youth with homework help, and help monitor and teach social skills to youth.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Service-Learning students must pass a background check and attend training provided by the center.

Note: The Third Floor Youth Center is a youth run facility, operated totally by the high school youth of St. Peter with advice from adults in the community.

YMCA Mankato

1401 S Riverfront Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: The Mission of the Mankato Family YMCA is to provide quality programs and services offering opportunities for all families and individuals in our community to develop their physical, spiritual, mental, and social well-being.

Opportunity #1: After-School Activities and Fun

Contact: Kurt Shroeder
Phone: 382-8255
Fax: 387-2522

Direct Services and Recipients: Service-Learning students will serve will engage youth k-12 in a variety of programs, games, home-work assistance and just plain fun. Youth from Mankato Area make the Mankato Family YMCA their destination after school and come from a very diverse background.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Pass a background check. Attend orientation and planning meetings. Willingness to have fun and engage Youth in a variety of activities.

Opportunity #2: YMCA Teen Nights

Contact: Chris Boyce
Phone: 345-9809
Fax: 387-2522
E-mail: cboyce@mankatoymca.com

Direct Services and Recipients: Service-Learning students will assist in the planning and facilitation of YMCA Teen Nights. Teen Nights are open to Mankato Area 7-9th Graders and cover a range of diversity in all applicable areas. (3rd Saturday of the Month, February 19, March 19, April 16: 6-10:30 pm).

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Pass a background check. Attend orientation and planning meetings. Willingness to have fun and engage teens in a variety of activities.

Opportunity #3: After School Adventures

Contact: Molly Madden

Phone: 345-9809
Fax: 387-2522
E-mail: mmadden@mankatoymca.com

Direct Services and Recipients: Interact with youth in grades K-5 by doing arts and crafts, community service projects, field trips, swimming lessons and special events from 3:00pm to 5:30 pm, Mon-Fri. This program runs Monday through Friday following the District #77 school year.

Opportunity #4: Youth Sports Program

Contact: **Ryan McCabe**
Phone: 345-9809
Fax: 387-2522

Direct Services and Recipients: The YMCA Youth Sports Program has opportunities for volunteers to lead, coach, supervise, and referee games and practices in each sport. The time and effort spent will be a rewarding experience for both you and the children in the program. Help is needed for Basketball on weekends until the end of February. Outdoor soccer runs from April through Mid-May. Youth involved in these activities are in grades 1 through 6. These two programs focus on hand-eye coordination, friendship and fun.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Pass a background check. Attend orientation and planning meetings. Willingness to have fun, engage youth and teach sports fundamentals/ref games.

Opportunity #5: Preschool Discovery Program

Contact: **Margo Dietz**
Phone: 345-9805
Fax: 387-2522
E-Mail: ybs@mankatoymca.com

Direct Services and Recipients: Service-Learning students will assist in the YMCA Preschool Discovery program. Students will help the program in preparing preschoolers for Kindergarten.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Pass a background check. Attend orientation and planning meetings. Willingness to have fun and engage preschoolers in a variety of activities.

Opportunity #6: Brother/Sister Program

Contact: **YMCA Brother/Sister Program**
Phone: 345-9815
Fax: 387-2522
E-Mail: ybs@mankatoymca.com

Direct Services and Recipients: Service-Learning students will develop an interpersonal mentoring relationship with a Mankato Area youth, ages 6-14, for role modeling, acceptance, involvement and enthusiasm by sharing skills, time and interests. Students will employ Service-Learning through relationship development with youth.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: Pass a criminal background check, reference check, interviews and training and a 9-month, 3hr/week commitment.

YWCA Mankato

603 South Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mission Statement: Empowering Women & Girls. Eliminating Racism.

Contact: **Amanda Klanderma**n, Club Girlz World Coordinator

Phone: 345-4629

Fax: 345-4630

Direct Services and Recipients: Women Mentors- group mentoring in 4th-7th grade. Volunteers- after school with Kids Connection students in K-6th grade; all day with infants, toddlers and preschoolers at Bright Beginnings.

Requirements and/or restrictions of service: You will have to complete a background check. Volunteers will have to have an open and flexible schedule. Women Mentors need to be able to serve 2 hours a week for 8 months and complete training provided by the site that will focus on issues young women face in their pre-teen years.