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• American Democracy Project definition:
  • Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference.
  • It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes.

• For Illinois State University:
  • Civic engagement is designed to inspire individuals to be productive citizens and impact the larger social fabric by developing, primarily in our students, a combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation.
  • It is achieved by providing civic education, service learning and political engagement opportunities in curricular and co-curricular settings. In addition, civic engagement encompasses actions wherein individuals participate in activities of personal and public concern that are both individually life enriching and socially beneficial to the community.
Non-profit Organizations

• Baby Fold, Easter Seal, Home Sweet Home, Salvation Army, OSF, Blair’s House, Special Olympics, and Miracle League
• Midwest food bank
• Partners in reading - Normal library
Special Olympics

- Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 20,000 young athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities.
- [https://www.soill.org/](https://www.soill.org/)
- [https://www.soill.org/volunteer-events/](https://www.soill.org/volunteer-events/)
Midwest food bank

• Midwest Food Bank to alleviate hunger and poverty by gathering and distributing food donations to not-for-profits and disaster sites without cost to the recipients.

• Their hope is to help bridge the gap between prosperity and poverty in our community.“

• [https://midwestfoodbank.org/home](https://midwestfoodbank.org/home)

• [https://midwestfoodbank.org/make-a-difference/volunteer](https://midwestfoodbank.org/make-a-difference/volunteer)
Baby Fold

• Baby Fold has been serving children and families since 1902. They currently serve over 1000 individuals every year through 12 programs that wrap services around children and families across 28 counties in Central Illinois.

• The Baby Fold embodies Christian principles to help families and children develop the hope, courage, and love they need to become whole and healthy.

• Festival of Trees - Design tree, wreath or centerpiece, gingerbread house, volunteer, bid on the beautiful decorations.


Easter Seal

- Easter Seals has been helping individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, live better lives for nearly 100 years. From child development centers to physical rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities.
- Easter Seals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.
- [http://www.easterseals.com/ci/who-we-are/history/](http://www.easterseals.com/ci/who-we-are/history/)
Volunteers are an extension of our Community of Caregivers’ team and serve as a liaison for patients, their families and our Mission Partners.

Call OSF - Bobbie Hynes for volunteering Cards and Cocoa (making holiday cards) 309-665-4728 or find it on osfstjoseph.org/volunteer
   • November 25th

Cards that Care is a community wide card making event held annually in September to benefit their patients. For more information, please call (309) 655-2118 or (309) 655-4753

https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-francis/giving-volunteering/opportunities/adults/

https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-francis/giving-volunteering/opportunities/cards-care/
Partners in reading - Normal library

• They pair college students with grade school students to read together and enjoy the library. The pairs meet once a week for 45 minutes, throughout the semester.

• https://www.normalpl.org/events/activities-offered/partners-reading
Salvation Army

• Volunteer works:
  • Provide, prepare and serve dinner at Safe Harbor
  • Help organize in the food pantry
  • Help clean at Safe Harbor
  • Ring Bells during Christmas

• For more information about volunteering, please contact us at (309) 829-9476.

• [https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/bloomington/](https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/bloomington/)
Home Sweet Home Ministries

- Home Sweet Home Ministries demonstrates Christ's love through innovative approaches that instill hope, restore lives, and build community.


- [https://hshministries.org/participate/volunteer](https://hshministries.org/participate/volunteer)
Civic Engagement Opportunities - ISU

- https://communityengagement.illinoisstate.edu/students/community-service/opportunities/
Volunteer - Civic Engagement assignment

• All FCS 100 students will volunteer for a minimum of 3 hours and answer the following questions. You may volunteer in campus, Bloomington/Normal or at home. The ISU Dean of Students office has volunteer activities both on and off campus.

• Make sure you get a signature from your organizer on paper, scan it, and submit to ReggieNet. Or ask the organizer to email your TAs regarding your attendance.

• [http://deanofstudents.illinoisstate.edu/involvement/leadership/](http://deanofstudents.illinoisstate.edu/involvement/leadership/)

1. What is the name of the organization with whom you volunteered? Add date(s) and time(s). (3 points)
2. What is the mission statement of the organization? What does the organization do? (4 points)
3. What tasks did you perform? (3 points)
4. Who was the target audience? (3 points)
5. What did you learn from this experience? (4 points)
6. How does community involvement support the mission of the ISU FCS department? (4 points)
7. Is community involvement part of your personal mission? (4 points)

• Submit to ReggieNet.