

FALL 2009 AGENCY NEEDS

<u>Name of Organization:</u>	Mercy House
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<u>Director</u>	Twila Lee
<u>Agency Description:</u>	Mercy House is a transitional homeless shelter for families...
<u>Business Hours:</u>	Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
<u>Agency Mailing Address:</u>	P.O. Box 1478 Harrisonburg, VA 22803
<u>Directions to Agency:</u>	From JMU, Take Rt. 11 (S. Main St.) to Cantrell. Make a left onto Cantrell, and cross the bridge toward Memorial Hall. Take a right onto Rt. 42 (N. High St.). Go straight through two stop lights (Rt. 33 and Wolfe St.). Once you get through the second light, get into the turning lane and turn left onto Green St. Mercy House is on the corner of Green St. and N. High St. We have a wooden fence surrounding the property, a playground, and two large brick buildings. You will need to come into the large brick house closest to the gate from the front entrance and go upstairs to the Meeting Room for the Volunteers

Service Learning Opportunities:

*Learning Opportunity Title: Daycare

Service Learner Duties: The Small Mercies Daycare has up to five children ages 0-4. The service learner is expected to take creative initiative in organizing and implementing activities that cultivate early childhood development and education respective to the various ages of the children. He or she will be subjected to a background check and is also expected to assist the daycare provider with the daily routine. Must work well with others, demonstrate leadership skills, and works well with babies. Students will be required to submit two written character recommendations and attend Volunteer Orientation.

Days of the week/ Hours of

the day students are needed: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number of Students Needed: On a given day- 2 maximum

Agency Contact(s) for this Learning Opportunity:

* Name: Cindy Gregory
Title: Child Services Coordinator
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*Learning Opportunity Title: After School Program [ASP]

Service Learner Duties:

The ASP is designed to meet the biological, psychological, social, and educational needs of the shelter children. The service learner will be expected to help monitor snack distribution, assist with playground supervision and implement fitness activities, structure tutoring and homework time with individuals and small groups, and exemplify good character. The service learner will engage children of various ages on positive relational skills such as: friendship, sharing, respecting authority, appreciating diversity, non-violence, healthy hygiene, caring for others, etc. Must foster energy and patience, practice good listening skills, demonstrate competence in leadership, work well with others and school-aged children. Students will be required to submit two written character recommendations and attend Volunteer Orientation.

Days of the Week / Hours of the day students are needed: 3:15 – 4:45pm
Number of Students Needed: To be determined by enrollment of residents; (seeking a ratio of 1 CSL student to 1 ASP child)

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Learning Opportunity Title: Mother's Helper

Service Learner Duties:

The Mother's Helper program is a mentorship program designed to impart knowledge of life skills to teen mothers who reside in the teen maternity residence Sandal House. The service learner will be expected to construct and facilitate Mommy and Me playtime, promote a family-friendly environment, and also work collaboratively on life skills in the kitchen. Service learners are expected to encourage teens in their various roles as student, employee, Sandal House resident, and mother. Must be dependable and consistent, communicate weekly with the Sandal House- House Mother, demonstrate basic knowledge of infant and toddler care, work well with others and teens, take creative initiative in planning, practice good listening skills, be proficient in a life skill such as cooking, baking, sewing, scrapbooking, jewelry making, painting, organizational skills, personal wellness, etc. Students will be required to submit two written character recommendations and attend Volunteer Orientation.

Days of the Week / Hours of the day students are needed: Tuesday/Thursday Evenings 6:30– 8:00 pm
Number of Students Needed: 2 for Tuesday, 2 for Thursday each week, (seeking consistent CSL students)

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Service Learner Orientation for your agency (choose one):

At Agency - Date: Tuesday September 8, 2009 Time: 10:00-12:00pm

- Date: Wednesday September 9, 2009 Time: 2:30-4:30pm

At Service Learner's Initial Visit

Community Projects

Occasionally Mercy House has short term projects or needs, and can always use a hand. Please contact:

Name: **Laura Capps**
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