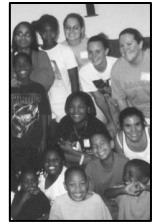




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## Agency Guide to Using UDM Service-Learning Students

Dear Community Service Agency Representative,

UDM, a Mercy and Jesuit University, believes that it is compassion that starts the engine of learning and engagement. Since 1995, thousands of UDM students have been serving agencies that help our forgotten - as an essential way of learning. Each year, more than 75 "Service-Learning" courses require all students to serve with agencies like yours *because the teachers believe that they cannot learn the course as well without serving those you help*. . Each September and January, more than 700 students seek *direct* service opportunities in which they can work close enough to those you serve to feel compassion for them. We encourage you to consider letting them serve with you.

### What can we expect of UDM Service-Learning students?

- Our students are coming to you needing to serve so that they can learn. You can expect them to be motivated, open, and caring.
- These students are required to provide from 5 to 25 hours of service. While this is just a few hours, most community service agencies are always glad to have UDM Service-Learning students because they are so effective; some become regular volunteers.
- Primary availability is from September-November and January-March.

### What is expected of our agency?

- **The opportunity to do real *direct* service:** A liaison person like a Volunteer Coordinator is needed to make that connection.
- **Scheduling time and place of service:** Students often seek afternoon or weekend service, a few hours a few times rather than just a single hour weekly.
- **Verification of student service:** When the student completes the agreed service, this coordinator needs to sign a form the student will provide.

### How do students find service opportunities?

LDI provides students with contacts at some of our established "Community Partners" based on the kind of service required by the course. We also offer links to UWCS and Volunteermatch websites. Finally, many of our students already volunteer or know of agencies where they would like to serve.

### Can we regularly get student volunteers from UDM?

Regular volunteer placement depends on location, type of service needed, and ability to meet your needs within the real schedule constraints of our students. We are happy to explore potential partnerships with you. Take a look at our website "Agencies" link, or give us a call.

Yours in shared service to our forgotten,  
David Nantais, Director



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compassionate service to the poor by seeing, feeling, helping, and fostering lasting change.

