

PIUS X SENIOR SERVICE HOUR PROGRAM

Information for seniors and parents

2011-2012

Important Info: Service hours are required to graduate from Pius X High School! Please do not discard this sheet until you have completed your hours!

Why do you expect me to do service hours? Because loving God means both having Faith and doing Good Works! The purpose of the program is to give you an experience of faith in action – sharing your time and talents with important charitable organizations as an opportunity to apply the social justice teachings of our Catholic Faith in our lives.

How many hours do I need?

A minimum of 18 Church & School hours

A minimum of 18 Community hours
36 Total hours

CHURCH/ SCHOOL HOURS

Any work done for your parish or a Catholic diocese and any work done for Pius X High School or local Catholic elementary school.

Examples are listed below.

COMMUNITY HOURS

Service performed for 501(c) (3) registered **non-profit charitable agencies**.

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“Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family”

U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching*, 1998

Church/School Hours

1. Any Catholic Church, including the Marian Sisters, Christ the King Sisters, Mary Queen of Mercy Sisters, Good Counsel Retreat House
Examples: Cleaning, baby sitting (RCIA, fish fries, etc.), CCD teacher/aide, parish festivals/carnivals/fish fries, etc.
2. TEC (wheat crew), SKY Camp, Retreat Team, Mission trips, or other Family Life Office Programs.
3. Any Catholic Grade School in the diocese of Lincoln
4. Villa Marie School: 786 – 3625
5. Assisting teachers or coaches at Pius X High School (not as an office or teacher assistant)
6. Tutoring students under the guidance of a teacher
7. BOLT
8. Pius Phone-a-thon
9. Hours may be completed for other churches as long as the student belongs to that denomination.
 - a. Example: if you are a member of Christ Lutheran Church, you can complete service hours in any Lutheran church. However, if you are Catholic, you may not perform hours in a Lutheran church.

Community Hours:

1. Alzheimer's Association – Call Fran Reinert at 420 – 2540 (call in August to help with Memory Walk or in May to help with Golf Event)
2. American Cancer Society – Call Tiffany or Pam at 423 – 4888
3. American Red Cross: 220 Oakcreek Dr; Call Diana Wild at 441 – 6384; M – F 8:30 – 5:00; sometimes have weekend events
4. The Arc – 5609 S. 49th Street Suite 5 or thrift store at 26th & O – call Maggie Kileen at 421 – 8866
5. Arthritis Center – 2121 S. 56th; Call at 489 – 6171
6. Asian Cultural Center 477-3446
7. Boys and Girls Club of America – call Mary Furnas at 420 – 0105
8. Bright Lights – call Kathy @ 420 – 1115
9. BryanLGH Medical Center – call Sarah Carter at 481 – 3032
10. Birthright: 5625 O St, Suite 4; Call Paula Allen at 472 – 2581 or 423 – 2472.
11. Cedars Youth Services – Teen Court call Michelle at 437 – 8829; Early Childhood Center Call Shana 437 – 8845.
12. Center for People in Need – 2025 Holdrege – Call 476 – 4357 and ask for Megan
13. Child Advocacy Center – located in Antelope Park, call Rachel at 476 – 3200.
14. City Impact – serving people of Lincoln's Urban Neighborhoods, Call Andrea at 477 – 8080.
15. Clyde Malone Community Center – 2032 U Street – Call Nate Woods at 474 – 1110
16. Community Asthma Education Initiative: Call Cindy Rempe at 486 – 8032 or Shane Kennett 483 – 6105.
17. Food Bank of Lincoln: Suite A 4840 Doris Bair Cir. Call Cheri Lawrence 466 – 8170, ext. 106
18. FoodNet: Check foodnetlincoln.org for the times and locations in the Lincoln community

19. Friendship Home – Call Julie R at 437 – 9367; Application and interview needed to be accepted as a volunteer call 1 month in advance of when you want to begin service
20. The Gathering Place: 1448 E St., Call Kim at 476 – 7398
21. Goodwill – various stores throughout Lincoln – contact Stefanie Harold at Stefanie@lincolngoodwill.org
22. Guardian Angels Day Care
23. Habitat for Humanity: Call Nancy Muehling at 477 – 9184. (best to do during the summer)
24. Humane Society - 441-4488
25. Indian Center – Call 438 – 5231
26. Junior Achievement - Tara Norris, President of Junior Achievement, phone 467-4479
27. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – 1540 S. 70th St. Suite 104 – Call Sherry Berens at 484 – 8300
28. Lancaster Manor Nursing Home: 1001 South Street; Monday – Friday work with residents; call Laura Gilloon at 441 – 7101
29. Lincoln Council on Alcoholism & Drugs (LCAD) 475-2694
30. The Lighthouse: 2530 N St; Call Sy'courul at 475 – 3220
31. Lincoln Action Program: Call Susie Brown at 471 – 4515.
32. Lincoln Arts Council - 434-2787
33. Lincoln City Libraries - Sheila Jacobs, 441-8546
34. Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center: 4247 O Street; call Sandy Strop at 483 – 4247
35. Lincoln Parks & Rec Dept. - 441.7847
36. Lincoln Public Schools
37. Lincoln Right to Life: Call Pam McCabe 489 – 7968
38. Matt Talbot Kitchen: Call at least 24 hours in advance at 477 – 4116 or sign up in person.
39. Mourning Hope – provides supportive environment for those grieving the death of someone significant in their lives; various ways to help; call Julie Hornen at 489 – 5396
40. Nebraska Right to Life: Suite 4, 3341 Pioneers Blvd. Call Julie at 438 – 4802.
41. Partners in Recovery – 2501 South Street – call Paige Namuth, 434 – 3968 or partnersinrecovery@yahoo.com
42. People's City Mission: 110 Q St. Call Todd Schmeeckle at 475 – 1303.
43. Respite Network – helping parents with several young children: Call Ann at 434 – 3490, ext. 108
44. Sertoma Club – Call Dan Navratil at 436 – 1170
45. Sewing for Babies: (5930 S. 58th St. Suite L) Call Kathryn Murtaugh at 466 – 3195, pm64905@windstream.net
46. Special Olympics – on-line application at www.sone.org and click on "volunteer"
47. State or County Fair
48. Tabitha Meals on Wheels, call Margo at 486 – 8563; 1 –1 ½ hour training
49. Ten Thousand Villages – 140 N. 8th Street, Suite 125; call Cindy at 475 – 4122; open Mon – Sat 10am – 9pm
50. Wyuka Cemetery – 3600 O Street – call Lori at 474 – 3600 (call soon to help with Memorial Day work)
51. YMCA: coaching
52. YMCA: 1432 N Street – Take a Break – call Shelley Swartz at 434 – 3494 ext. 139; Job Outfitters Program – call Ginny Gross at 434 – 3494 ext. 104
53. 4-H (including Lancaster County Teen Council)
54. Other Voluntary, Non-Profit Health Organizations like #37, 38, 39, 40.

Church/School/Community Hours

Hours performed at the following agencies can apply to either category. However, you cannot use more than 18 hours at one agency. **You must volunteer for at least 2 agencies to complete all of your hours.**

1. Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 410; Call Greg at 477 – 7517 or email gschlepp@alltel.net
2. Catholic Social Services (including St. Louise Thrift Shop at 2201 O St.): Call Curt Kruger at 474 – 1600, ext. 150 for St. Louise
3. Knights of Columbus
4. KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio – call John Soukup at 489 – 1005
5. Madonna Rehab Hospital: Call JoAnn Drueke at 483 – 9500.
6. St. Elizabeth's Hospital: Call Danyel Wolfe or Robin Tetley at 219 – 7111.
7. St. Teresa Thrift Shop: 36th & Randolph; Call Cyndi Vestecka at 489 – 4048 or 499 – 7443
8. St. Vincent de Paul Society: call Denise Dean at 432 – 2370, Tom Safranek at 474 – 2217, or call the store at 438 – 3135. You could also email Ken Knaus (ken_knaus@windstream.net)

*In *rare* cases, exceptions may be granted to allow students to perform hours at an unlisted organization. However, **PRIOR APPROVAL** is necessary for these exceptions. If the student does not obtain prior approval, (s)he runs the risk of those hours being invalid and not counting toward the 36 total hours.

Note: Agencies regularly request that Pius students help them with various volunteer opportunities throughout the year. When such requests are made online, they will be posted on the service hour website and on the bulletin board across from Room 207. Students are responsible for contacting the listed contact person.

INVALID HOURS* – DOES NOT COUNT FOR HOURS AT ALL!

Service done for individuals, friends, neighbors, relatives, businesses, campaigns, or companies; work done for other obligations (NHS, Boy Scouts, Student Council, job); or work for which you are paid do not count for service hours. These are important forms of service and work but **DO NOT** meet the program requirements! This includes working for insurance companies, banks, clinics, real estate offices, state organizations or the government (Department of Motor Vehicles, Health and Human Services, the Health Dept., etc.), dance studios, performing in shows, the military, Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln Fire Department, **assisted living facilities, nursing homes**, as well as worthy groups who are NOT non-profit (for example Holy Family Medical Specialties). In addition, all service projects must be *for the organization*, **not a personal project for an individual** who happens to work at a valid organization. Due to the tax exempt status of Pius X High School, hours may not be performed for political campaigns or elections.

Recording Hours for Credit

All service hours (Church/ School & Community) must be accurately recorded and signed by the charity's representative on the proper form. Blank forms are available in the Main Office. **Bring the form with you to the charity** when you go (that way you do not have to go back again later), and have them fill it out completely to ensure you receive credit. You may either drop your forms in the service hour box outside of the main office or mail them to the address below. **Any hours performed over the summer MUST be turned in by September 16, 2011. Summer hours turned in after the deadline will only be worth half-credit.** Your service hours will be recorded and posted on a bulletin board across from room 207. Updates will also be available periodically on the Pius X website.

Deadlines for completion of hours

The entire year is divided into quarters which also serve as four deadlines for the completion of service hours. Each student must complete a minimum of 25% of his/her hours (that is, 9 hours) by the end of each quarter. **Students who do not make the deadlines will permanently lose 10% of their total theology grade.** The hours must still be completed in order to graduate. The deadlines for the year are as follows:

Completion Deadlines

October 14th – 1st Quarter ends – 9 hours completed
December 21st – 2nd Quarter ends – 18 hours completed

March 8th – 3rd Quarter ends – 27 hours completed
May 9th – 4th Wed. before finals - 36 hours completed

Failure to Complete Service Hours

Students must have all of their service hours completed and turned in by **Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 at 11:30am.** Failure to fulfill this requirement of 36 service hours will result in the student losing 10% of their total theology grade for the quarter and **they will not be able to go through the graduation ceremony.** Students who turn in their remaining hours late (AFTER the deadline) will be able to receive a diploma from Pius X High School. No student will receive a diploma until all service hours have been completed.

Plan ahead!

Service hours are connected with your Senior Theology classes. You may begin performing your senior service hours on May 26th, 2011. If you are involved with sports, a job, or other activities during the school year or if you will have difficulty getting them done during the school year for any other reason, **please complete your service hours over the summer. This is one of the greatest gifts you could give to yourself as a senior!** It is difficult to foresee what challenges may arise for you during your senior year, so please take advantage of the summer and do your hours then. Know that if you choose to save your hours for the last 6 weeks of your senior year, you run the risk of having a very difficult time of finding an acceptable organization not already flooded with volunteers. In other words, many Pius students and LPS students wait until the last minute to complete their service hours, and agencies sometimes get "too full" to accept any more volunteers!

Questions: Contact Campus Minister at 488 – 0931 ext. 10136

****Please know that the Campus Minister is the only person guaranteed to answer correctly any questions you may have regarding the senior service program. If you get a question answered by anyone else, you run the risk of receiving an invalid answer that will not be accepted!****

Pius Summer hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 – 2:30 (to get & drop off service hour forms)
Mail completed forms to:
Pius X High School
Attention: Senior Service Dept.
6000 A Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

Please represent Pius X well in all of your efforts!