

Service Learning Volunteer Ideas

Need Some Ideas? Here's a listing of what some ACC students have done and are doing to support local, national, and international communities

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<p>Animals</p>	<p>Nikeno's Second Chances—Lakewood CO 4 Paws 4 Life Greater Good's Animal Rescue Site The Edwards Foundation—helping rescued livestock and pets Freedom Service Dogs—help train service dogs Humane Society of South Platte Valley—near ACC's Littleton campus MaxFund--Denver Dumb Friends League—Denver and Castle Rock Various Denver-Metro area animal shelters Your local animal shelter The Wild Animal Sanctuary—Keenseburg CO WOLF Sanctuary--Fort Collins CO Use social media to reach out about adopting pets, the captive wildlife crisis, and collect donations Make blankets for animals in shelters Collect pet/animal food and toys and take to shelters The Urban Farm (Denver farm) Colorado Feline Foster Rescue (fosters cats, not a shelter) Luvin' Arms –Farm Sanctuary in Erie CO Comfort for Critters—knit blankets Mission: Wolf Rocky Mountain Wild Plains Conservation Center in Aurora Alley Cat Allies</p>
<p>Elderly</p>	<p>Bereavement and Hospice healthcare (various organizations and locations) Aging Resources of Douglas County--a Castle Rock based non-profit that supports our older citizens The Brookshire House—assisted-living in Denver Aurora Care—nursing home and rehab center in Aurora CO American Association of Retired Persons, AARP Brookdale Hospice Grocery shop for elderly Zoom with home-bound or nursing home residents Pen pal with home-bound or nursing home residents</p>

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	<p>Create holiday cards for home-bound or nursing home residents Snow Squad—help elderly in your neighborhood by shoveling their sidewalks/driveways Letters Against Isolation (from Cambridge MA) Brighten A Day Sun Tree Hospice of CO Castle Country Assisted Living Compassionate Hospice Care: companions, therapy, administrative, cleaning, bereavement support A Little Help--Denver</p>
Children	<p>Rocky Mountain Santas Convoy of Toys--brings Love, Hope, and Joy to natural disaster victims in our region Big Brothers/Big Sisters Create a video or podcast of reading a book to kids and have a teacher play it in their class Reading Partners—non-profit literacy to tutor for underserved elementary schools Goodwill Industries of Denver—mentor to high school kids Ronald McDonald House—a home for families when their child needs medical care Halloween haunted houses with organizations for kids or the community Toys for Tots Coach kids’ sports Collect and distribute books Provide a lesson at an elementary school on a subject in your area Collect school supplies with others from class for a local school Tutor in schools Urban Peak (Denver homeless kids) Denver Child Advocacy Center Sleep in Heavenly Peace—builds beds for kids Hope House—Denver, helps young moms Denver Chinese School Boys and Girls Club in Denver</p>
Abled/Disabled	<p>Pinyon Pals—Littleton—helps adults with intellectual disabilities Opportunity in Living—career and outreach for mentally disabled Equine facilities that work with visible and invisible disabilities 99 Balloons: kids with disabilities Stepping Stone Support Center VocaliD: read and submit for the voiceless All-Stars Club Phamaly Theatre Company</p>
Veterans	<p>Operation Gratitude—send clothing, items, supplies to troops overseas VA hospitals</p>

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	VA offices on and off campus Equine facilities that work with veterans Soldier Angels (care packages and letters)
Homelessness	More Than a Meal—breakfast and clothing for the homeless Denver Rescue Mission Mile High United Way in Denver CO Habitat for Humanity Habitat for Humanity's ReStore Create care packages and deliver to the homeless St. Francis Center—Denver CO
Food Insecurity	Metro Caring Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) in Englewood CO Shelters to prepare Thanksgiving (or other holiday, event) meals Meals on Wheels Start community vegetable garden for poor/homeless The Life Center (Littleton, food bank) Denver Community Refrigerators Kitchen One for One (food truck) Re:Vision Mo' Betta Greens (urban farms) GrowHaus Casa de Paz Secor Cares in Parker GraceFul Café in Littleton Denver Inner City Parish Servicios De La Raza in Denver
Healthcare/Mental Health	Local hospitals or clinics Children's hospitals American Red Cross Cities, towns, states, and counties looking for low-risk volunteers to help others Collect masks, supplies, cookies, coffee, etc. and deliver to first responders Volunteer Fire Department Knit/crochet/make hats for cancer patients Letters to Strangers (for kids with mental illnesses) Letters Against Depression Denver Dept of Human Services Spring Hygiene Fair: April through May donations Judy's House: Denver

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	Break Bread: Denver
People of Color	<p>Denver Justice Project--works with historically marginalized communities to address systemic racism</p> <p>Showing Up For Racial Justice, Denver--part of a national network to undermine white supremacy</p> <p>Compassionate Colorado--Navajo and other indigenous nations who are in need</p> <p>Denver Indian Family Resource Center</p> <p>Denver Indian Center</p> <p>Denver Indian Health & Family Services</p> <p>Colorado Two Spirits: social collective of LGBTQ Native Americans who reside in and around Colorado</p> <p>Native American Fish and Wildlife Society</p> <p>Native Women's House of the Rockies www.nativewomenshouse.org</p> <p>Mile High UNITY</p> <p>Denver American Indian Festival</p> <p>Viva Southwest, Mariachi Festival in Denver in Sept, via Latino Cultural Arts Center, Denver</p> <p>African Community Center of Denver</p> <p>Spirit of the Sun, Denver</p> <p>Mexican Cultural Center in Denver</p> <p>Sand Creek Massacre Memorial 173 mile Pilgrimage—late Nov from Denver to Granada</p>
Social Justice	<p>Local rallies and demonstrations and events</p> <p>Denver Works—helping women get jobs</p> <p>Victims Services hotlines—via phone or via websites</p> <p>Volunteer for on-campus events—with student clubs and organizations, like Student Government or PTK</p> <p>Create a book club on a social justice topic--environmental, community action, advocacy, etc.</p> <p>Collect and/or donate civic engagement organizations</p> <p>Fundraise for nonprofits</p> <p>Organize a free yard sale in a low-income neighborhood</p> <p>Volunteer at local library</p> <p>Attend events on ageism, BLM, immigration, animal cruelty, etc. & present to an audience to educate</p> <p>Museums: social and historical perspectives of culture and community</p> <p>Create a mentor/mentee program</p>
Environmental	<p>Friends of Castle Rock—cleanup</p> <p>Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC)</p> <p>Adopt a Highway—cleanup with friends, family, coworkers</p> <p>Neighborhood beautification projects</p> <p>Plant trees in an area that needs biodiversity</p> <p>Always Choose Adventures—people of all ages/backgrounds/skill levels/physical abilities to be outdoors</p> <p>The Park People CO--plant trees</p> <p>Wildlands Restoration Volunteers CO</p>

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	COL (Colorado Open Lands) Denver Audubon Smartwool— Second Cut Project
Search Websites	Find out how you can help on our ACC Campuses: Arapahoe.edu Createthegood.org via AARP Volunteermatch.org <u>DoSomething.org</u> (link is external) Catchafire: Skills based volunteer matching <u>Spark the Change Colorado</u> (resource to find volunteer opportunities) justserve.org (put your zip code in and find opportunities to serve your community) See any particular nonprofit’s website for details on volunteering Resources on Virtual Volunteering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to Get Involved with Virtual Volunteering, idealist website ○ 9 Places to Volunteer Online (And Make a Real Impact), DoSomething.org website ○ Virtual Volunteer Opportunities, Points of Light website ○ AllForGood, a service of Points of Light

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