

## Student Life

# 99 PROBLEMS But Service Hours Ain't One

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At a school with a graduation requirement of 100 service hours, it is hard for some to find the time and the place to complete these hours.

"With my schedule always full, it is hard for me to find a place and time to complete my service hours," Junior Dajaina Martin said.

Here are some tips for finding a place and time for service hours:

1. Go to different places until you find one that fits: Try the basics working with kids and animals.
2. Call and ask to volunteer for a day.
3. Don't go big, start small.
4. If you can't find time during the school year, find opportunities in the summer.

Father Kirk said, "When choosing a place to serve, take one of two approaches: find a place that optimizes your talents and interests or try something that you haven't considered before."

The main goal of service learning is to push yourself out of your comfort zone and learn from the ones you serve while they learn from you.

To help foster the spirit of service in the St. Andrew's community, Father Kirk has graciously created a blog that he uses to post upcoming service opportunities ([www.students.gosaints.org/service](http://www.students.gosaints.org/service)). The blog also allows students to keep track of service hours.

Below are several areas of service interest. If you find one that intrigues you, don't be afraid to give it a try! There is a list of approved sites already online; however, service learning is not just limited to the options listed online. Remember to step out of your comfort zone!

### Healthcare:

Ronald McDonald House (601-981-5683)  
University of Mississippi Medical Center (601-984-2068)

### Children:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi (601-961-9286)  
Boyd Elementary School tutoring (see Dr. Harth for more information)  
Boys & Girls Club of Central Mississippi (601-969-7088)  
Brown Elementary School tutoring (see Dr. Harth for more information)  
Make-A-Wish Mississippi (601-366-9474)  
Northminster After School Program (601-622-0335)  
Operation Shoestring (601-353-6336)

### Elderly:

The Blake (601-345-2202)  
Emeritus at Ridgeland Pointe (601-957-0727)  
The Orchard (601-856-2205)  
St. Catherine's Village (601-856-0123)

### Special Needs & Disabilities:

Camp Bratton Green (Special Session) (601-859-1517)  
Henry S. Jacobs Camp (Dream Street) (601-885-6042)  
Willowood Developmental Center (601-366-0123)

### Animals:

Animal Rescue Fund of Mississippi (ARF) (769-216-3414)  
Jackson Zoo (601-352-2580)  
Madison Ark (601-790-1738)  
Mississippi Animal Rescue League (601-969-1631)  
Webster Animal Shelter (601-605-4729)

### Hunger & Homelessness:

Catholic Charities (601-355-8634)  
Gateway Rescue Mission (601-353-5864)  
Gleaners (601-956-4740)  
Good Samaritan Center (601-355-6276)  
Madison County Stewpot (601-859-9211)  
Mississippi Food Network (601-353-7286)  
Wider Net Ministries (Northminster Baptist Church) (601-982-4703)

### Community Development:

United Way (601-948-4725)  
Voice of Calvary Ministries (601-969-3088)  
Disaster Relief:  
American Red Cross (601-353-5442)

## Mustard Seed

## Stewpot

Stewpot has many volunteer opportunities. One is working in the Food Pantry where your job is to bag groceries for families, organize food storage, pick up much-needed donations, and organize food drives in your neighborhood, organization, church, and school. Also Stewpot has events that serve the community in the community throughout the year. The next big event that Stewpot is hosting is The Taste of Mississippi, which is on March 30, 2015. If you are planning to volunteer at it, you must be ready to serve with a smile.

For more info call:  
(601-353-2759)

You must be 16 years or older. If you are ages 16 or 17, you will need to bring an underage waiver signed by your parent with you to the site. You must wear closed toe (preferably steel toe) boots or shoes on site. Please arrive 15 minutes before your shift begins in order to sign in and hear a brief safety meeting. Habitat for Humanity is recommended for people who enjoy construction and are handy with tools.

For more info call:  
(601-353-6060)

## Habitat for Humanity

## Where Will You Volunteer?

The Shelter always needs volunteers to bathe and groom, answer phones, socialize the animals, help with laundry, and assist the staff with their everyday duties of cleaning cages and kennels. No one younger than 8 can volunteer at the shelter. Anyone under the age of 18 needs to have a parent or guardian with them on their first visit to sign a volunteer waiver. The parent does not need to stay with children 11 years and older but does need to stay with children ages 8-10.

For more info call:  
(601-922-7575)

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