Read to Succeed Asheville (R2S) was created in 2009 through the collaboration of community activists and the Asheville Housing Authority. Inspired by the conviction that the achievement gap in Asheville City Schools would have long-term negative consequences for the economic and social fabric of the community, this partnership conceived a program aimed at increasing the number of elementary school children who are at grade level in reading by the third grade.

Read to Succeed is an, entirely, volunteer based program from their board to their reading coaches who provide two 45 minute sessions each week as well as during the summer.

For more information on R2S go [here](#).

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**Service Learning:**

1) **Community Engaged Scholars:**

**Public Service Project Workshops**

The Key Center has one more Public Service Project Workshop for the semester. It will be held in Highsmith 235.

**Thurs, April 11 4-5 p.m.**

**Important Dates for Eligible Community Engaged Scholars:**

- Paper due: **Monday, April 8th.** The paper will be reviewed and then comments returned to you. Revisions are likely. Papers should be submitted to keyctr@unca.edu
- Revised Paper Due: **Monday, April 22nd.** Submit to keyctr@unca.edu
- Approval of UNCA Public Service Project Form with signatures due to Key Center by **Monday, April 22nd.**
- Spring Symposium for Poster Presentation: **April 24th**

Applications for the Poster Presentation Symposium were due on March 18.

**Service:**

**Short Term Opportunities**

1) **ASAP Local Food Fest**

On April 27 from 1 pm to 7 pm, ASAP will partner with Appalachian Grown™ certified restaurants– Early Girl Eatery, The Market Place, MG Road, Cucina 24, and Laughing Seed – to bring you a Local Food Fest!

ASAP’s Local Food Fest is a free street festival with music, cooking demonstrations, kids activities, local artist experiences, and a small farmers market. It’s also the first time the 2013 Local Food Guide will be available. What’s more, all of the Wall Street partner restaurants will feature local, seasonal specials for the fest, that day and evening, and will donate a portion of their proceeds to ASAP.

ASAP is seeking volunteers to help with

- **Set-Up** 12-2pm
- **Break down** 6-7:30pm
- **Face-painting** between 2-6pm
- **Staff ASAP raffle table** between 2-6pm
- **Restaurant Ambassador** (Volunteers will be stationed at each participating restaurant to interact with diners about ASAP, how the restaurant is supporting the festival, and the work they are doing to source from local farms!)

For more information or to sign up go [here](#)

2) **West Asheville Carnival**

On **Saturday, April 20** Vance Elementary School will host the West Asheville Carnival from **4 pm to 8 pm.**
The carnival will feature classic carnival diversions and live entertainment, games of skills, crafts, and funky food trucks. There will be free performances by Forty Fingers & A Missing Tooth, Aerial Artists, Rock Academy, Vance Chorus, stilt walkers, and more! Food trucks include Gypsy Queen, The Hop, Izzy's, and Pink Taco.

Vance is seeking volunteers to help set-up, tear-down, take tickets, host games, chaperone, etc.

For more information contact Jordan Diamond @ jordan.diamond@asheville.k12.nc.us

3) Johnston Elementary School

On **Saturday April 6**, Johnston Elementary School will be hosting a garden workday.

The community garden at Johnston is in need of Spring cleaning. Volunteers will help with weeding, building raised beds, labeling, and more.

For more information contact Courtney Crenshaw @ courtney.crenshaw@bcsemail.org

4) Jones Elementary Spring Fling Carnival

On **Friday April 19** from **5 PM to 8 PM** Jones Elementary will be hosting their annual Spring Fling Carnival

They are seeking volunteers for set-up, clean-up, ticket takers, game leaders, inflatable chaperones, etc. Volunteers need to arrive between 3:30 PM and 4 PM for set-up.

For more information or to sign-up contact Jamye Davis alandjamye@gmail.com

**Long Term Opportunities**

1) Appalachian Trail Conservancy

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is seeking volunteers to maintain and monitor the Trail corridor, monitor and remove invasive species, support teachers in the Trail to Every Classroom Program, and provide support and leadership to towns near the Trail.
For more information or to volunteer go [here](#).

2) IRL

The Spring Session for the In Real Life (IRL) after school program at Asheville Middle School will begin on April 1st.

They are seeking volunteers to assist with programming in the afternoon. Duties include checking students in, accompanying students on travelling programs, helping to facilitate programs, engaging students in study hall, etc.

Program runs Monday through Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:45 pm. Friday programming runs from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

For more information contact Aimee at [irlacsf@gmail.com](mailto:irlacsf@gmail.com)

3) ArtSpace Charter School

ArtSpace Charter School is seeking volunteers for a variety of opportunities including: tutoring, one-on-one mentoring, classroom support, program support, etc.

For more information go [here](#).

4) Community Action Opportunities

Community Action Opportunities is a non-profit organization focused on reducing poverty by focusing resources on specific opportunities.

They are seeking volunteers for these programs:

Resource Room needs volunteers with organizational and computer skills to maintain a wide-range of books, videos, audios and other materials

Head Start needs volunteers to work with children in the classroom to provide them with individual attention to help children grow and develop a love of learning that will make them successful in school and in life

Life Works Self-Sufficiency Program needs volunteers with business skills to provide guidance to volunteers operating a ball park concession stand through the City of Asheville Parks and
Recreation Department during the summer.

For more information go [here](#).

**Community Engagement**

1) **Junior Walk**

Tonight, March 27, at 7:00 pm Junior Walk will speak in the Highsmith Grotto.

Junior Walk is an activist who works with Coal River Mountain Watch, Keeper of the Mountains Foundation, and RAMPS (Radical Action for Mountain People's Survival) to end mountaintop removal mining.

For more information go [here](#).

2) **Career Positioning**

On March 27 in the Mountain View Suite in the Sherrill Center there will be a professional development discussion panel and networking event.

Janice Lato the President & CEO, WNC Health will be moderating a panel consisting of:

Network Panel
- Janie Sinacor-Jaberg - President & CEO Medwest-Haywood
- Jamie Parsons - VP & Chief Humans Resource Officer, Mountain States Health Alliance
- Cynthia Breyfogle - Medical Director - Charles George Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC)

Networking begins at 5:30 pm and discussion panel begins at 6:30 pm. There is a $5 registration fee for students.

For more information go [here](#).

3) **Scary Movie Series**
Join the Student Environmental Center, Transition Asheville, and the Earth Team from FCUCC (together to form Asheville's Scary Movie Alliance) in a series of films that will show the often terrifying reality of today's world.

The End Of Poverty:

"The End of Poverty? is a daring, thought-provoking and very timely documentary by award-winning filmmaker, Philippe Diaz, revealing that poverty is not an accident. It began with military conquest, slavery and colonization that resulted in the seizure of land, minerals and forced labor. Today, global poverty has reached new levels because of unfair debt, trade and tax policies -- in other words, wealthy countries exploiting the weaknesses of poor, developing countries.

The End of Poverty? asks why today 20% of the planet's population uses 80% of its resources and consumes 30% more than the planet can regenerate?"

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 / 7 pm at the First Congregational Church of Christ (20 Oak st.) room E-101

The Age of Stupid:

"Oscar-nominated actor Pete Postlewaite stars in this cautionary look at our changing climate, and what could become of our world should we continue to ignore the warming signs and stop global warming while we still have the chance. The year is 2055, and in a world devastated by mankind's lack of foresight, one lone sole (Postlewaite) seeks the answer to why we let our planet fall to ruin. Looking over archive footage from the year 2007, he sees everyone talking about the damaging effects of global warming, but no one bothering to take the action required to reverse the troubling trend."

(2 Showings)
MONDAY April 22 / 7 pm in Karpen Hall room 038
WEDNESDAY April 24 / 7 pm at FCUCC room E-101

To see all of the Key Center's service opportunities go here.