Community Partnership Feature: Arts for Life

Arts For Life is dedicated to supporting children and young adults facing serious illnesses. By providing visual art, music, and creative writing education, they enrich patients’ lives and encourage positive healthcare experiences for children and their families. Arts For Life Asheville operates successful pediatric clinic art stations, patient and family art support groups, bedside inpatient art lessons, and volunteer, internship, and music fellowship programs at Mission Children’s Hospital. Their staff members are artists and teachers who believe the arts are key to creating and maintaining vibrant and healthy communities. They work with a diverse group of patients and their siblings, ranging in age from 2 to 22. AFL serves African-American, Hispanic, Caucasian, and Native American patients from both rural and urban settings.

Like this organization? Want to find out more about other community organizations you can work with? Check out the Key Center’s site, here.

Service Learning:

1) Public Service Project:

If you are interested in doing a Public Service Project to become Community Engaged Scholars, please attend one of the mandatory workshops in Highsmith Union 235 (SAIL Boardroom):

Wed. 11/14 4-5 p.m.

Please e-mail the Key Center to indicate your attendance at keyctr@unca.edu.

2) Community Engaged Scholars:

For more information about the academic honor and Public Service Projects is here: http://keycenter.unca.edu/community-engaged-scholars

UNCA also has a feature on the first Community Engaged Scholars who graduated in May here: http://www.unca.edu/features/recognized-giving-back.
Service:

Short Term Opportunities

1) WWD-F

The Women’s Wellbeing and Development Foundation is seeking volunteers for its Party for the People.

Volunteer roles include flyering, setup, childcare and cleanup. The party will take place on **November 2 from 7:00 - 9:30** at Jubilee! on Wall st.

To volunteer contact Nicole at nicole@wwd-f.org or 828-255-8777

2) Vance Elementary School

Nov 10 is the annual Vance Rocket Run 5K and Kids Comet Dash.

Vance is in need of volunteers to help with all aspects of the run, including course and HQ set-up, course marshalls, water stations, food table, Kids Activities, and clean up.

For more information and the volunteer application go here.

3) SEC

On **November 3rd** there will be a big Rhoades Garden workday from **1-6 PM**, to prepare the garden for the winter.

There will be warm beverages and food, and any produce harvested is free to be taken home by volunteers.

The Rhoades Property is the last driveway on the right as you head down W.T. Weaver towards Merrimon (right by the stoplight).

Long Term Opportunities

1) Thomas Wolfe Memorial

The Thomas Wolfe Memorial is seeking volunteers to give guided tours of the Thomas Wolfe House. Volunteers may also give lectures and assist with special projects and events.

Volunteers typically dedicate 2-4 hrs a week.

For more information go [here](#).

2) City of Asheville

Interested citizens can volunteer with the City of Asheville in a variety of departments, services, special projects, and events.
The Volunteer Program has an opportunity that will fit with most schedules, from a one-time service project lasting half a day to long term volunteer positions requiring a commitment of several hours per week.

The Volunteer Program also has a process to work with citizens to identify new and innovative volunteer projects, so if you have an interest or special talent to share, please contact the volunteer coordinator.

For more information on volunteer opportunities call (828) 259-5506.

3) Asheville Art Museum

The Asheville Art Museum is looking for volunteer Docents to give tours for students and adults, after receiving training (offered seasonally) by the Museum Education staff. Ongoing docent training focuses on American art in the 20th and 21st centuries and changing exhibitions at the Museum.

For more information go [here](#).

4) A-B Tech

A-B Tech seeks volunteers for student services, academic success programs and its writing center.

Opportunities available at the Asheville campus and the Enka campus.

For more information contact Jeraliee Andrews at jeralieeandrews@abtech.edu or 828-398-7761

Community Citizenship

1) Voting

**November 6th** is the official election day and your last chance to vote. All Asheville City Schools will be closed for the day in order to provide voting precincts. For your precinct go [here](#)

If you have not registered, the cut-off date was October 12 but you can still vote if you go to one-stop voting. The end date for this is **Saturday November 3rd**.

2) Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective

Thursdays through Saturdays starting November 8th, Romeo Loves Juliet will commence.
It’s a modern adaptation of Shakespeare’s classic love story and will be performed by the Different Strokes Performing Arts Collective at the BeBe Theatre @ 20 Commerce st.

For more info go [here](#).

3) **The Apothecary**

Album art designer Susan Archie will speak at the Apothecary on Thursday November 1.

The Apothecary is located at 39-B S. Market St. Donations Accepted.

To see Archie’s work go [here](#).

4) **Asheville International Children’s Film Festival**

The Asheville International Film Festival features 70 films, a performance by Jacob Johnson and a pancake breakfast.

Festival starts Friday November 2 and runs through Sunday November 11.

For more information go [here](#).

5) **Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**

The Key Center will have ongoing events throughout the week. Stay tuned.

Here’s the line-up so far:

**Friday Nov. 9 -**

**Everybody Can-Can!** 17th Annual Dance Program/Manna Foodbank fundraiser.
7:30 to 9:00 in the Lipinsky Auditorium. Make sure to items to donate to Manna.

**Tuesday Nov. 13 -**

**Swag Swap 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** in The Grotto: If you bring an item on [Homeward Bound’s Wish List](#) for donated items, you will receive swag in return from sponsoring departments (Co-Sponsored by the Key Center, SAIL, and Athletics).

**Climbing PoeTree** at 8 p.m. [http://cesap.unca.edu/events/climbing-poetree](http://cesap.unca.edu/events/climbing-poetree). sponsored by Cultural Events and Special Academic Programs

"With flawless cadence and impeccable lyricism, Alixa and Naima weave together their voices to tell powerful stories of suffering and injustice, courage and love in a world overcome with fear. Climbing PoeTree’s acclaimed performance is composed of dual-voice spoken-word poetry and multimedia theatre that explores diverse themes, including healing from violence, spiritual expansion, women’s empowerment, and social, environmental and racial justice. The poetry they deliver challenges its listeners to remember their humanity, dissolves apathy with hope, and addresses difficult issues in their communities"
*There will be a table there taking donations for the week as well as information about the rest of the week's events!

"No Woman, No Cry" Film sponsored by SAIL at 8 p.m. in Mountain Suites. See Every Mother Counts for more info.

**Wed Nov. 14 - **

7 p.m. Panel Discussion featuring community members working to combat Hunger and Homelessness in Asheville sponsored by the Key Center

8 p.m. "The Pursuit of Happyness" film in the Grotto sponsored by SAIL

**Thurs Nov. 15 - **

Swag Swap 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in The Grotto: If you bring an item on Homeward Bound's Wish List for donated items, you will receive swag in return from sponsoring departments (Co-Sponsored by the Key Center, SAIL, and Athletics)

**All week long the Key Center will take donations from Homeward Bound's Wish List outside of the Swag Swap!

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

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