

Students for Community Service

At its first statewide conference, California Campus Compact presented the Institutional Award for Leadership in Service to California State University, Fresno. California Campus Compact recognized our campus for its success in establishing the Students for Community Service program and for the 300 percent increase in students involved in community service. More than 1,000 students are participating in volunteer activities through the program.

Give just a little. Give a smile to someone who does not have one. Give a young boy or girl a big brother or big sister. Give food to the homeless. Give the meaning of words to someone who cannot read.

Before you leave this university, make a connection with Students for Community Service (SCS) and make a positive difference in someone's life.



A child in Valley Children's Hospital receives a visit from a student volunteer.

SCS was established:

- to foster a sense of social responsibility and "community" among students
- to provide university students with real-world learning opportunities
- to stimulate cooperation and coordination between institutions of higher learning and agencies traditionally responsible for the delivery of volunteer efforts and community services
- to substantially increase the community service participation of university students

Who Volunteers? SCS hopes you will. If you enjoy the rewards of helping someone in need and are concerned with social issues, SCS can find a place for you to share your talents with others. In return, you will experience real-life situations that could help you decide what career path to pursue after college. You will also sharpen your interpersonal skills by working with others.

In addition to finding ongoing work for volunteers, SCS refers students to work at one-time events, such as blood drives, Kid's Day, or preparing and serving meals to the homeless.

Who Benefits? Everyone! The staff and programs of nonprofit agencies have suffered budgetary cutbacks, yet client needs have continued to expand. As a volunteer you receive positive reinforcement and experience. Knowledge gained as a volunteer

You can receive academic credit if you successfully complete the course below.

**Com S 101. Students for Community Service
(1-3; max total 6 units
toward degree electives)**

Volunteer opportunities designed to develop skills and knowledge that promote responsible leadership and citizenship. Students obtain career-related work experience and receive an opportunity to supplement their academic education with a service-learning experience. Students must meet with the SCS coordinator at the beginning of the semester.

does not end upon graduation. Your employer will note that you are an achiever. Others will notice you are a socially concerned citizen. In these ways, both you and the community gain. 



A student volunteer works with children in a local classroom.