



## seasons of service

*"Be the change you wish to see in the world." - Gandhi*

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is Seasons of Service?

Starting on September 8, 2009 MCC will offer faculty, staff and students a variety of community service opportunities throughout the year with the goal of surpassing the **2400 hours** performed on last year's Day of Service. Members of the MCC community will be able to participate in the project with the college's Center for Community Engagement, choose from a variety of service opportunities and record their service hours as part of the Seasons initiative.

#### How can I participate?

Students, faculty and staff can register online as a group, register to volunteer in a scheduled monthly program in the Student Activities Office or individuals can participate in service and report the hours to the Center for Community Engagement.

#### How do I register?

##### **Group Service (classes, departments etc)**

- Groups interested in participating should go to the Seasons of Service website [www.middlesex.mass.edu/StudentActivities/Seasons.htm](http://www.middlesex.mass.edu/StudentActivities/Seasons.htm) to view available opportunities with MCC's community partners.
- The group leader will contact the site to confirm the group's attendance.
- The group leader will collect and photo release forms from all volunteers
- Following the service, the group leader is asked to follow up with Sheri Denk on the service experience.

##### **Monthly Scheduled Service Programs**

- Stop by the Student Activities Office, 407 City Building or 200 Campus Center, to register for a monthly service opportunity.
- It is recommended that you register two weeks before the scheduled service day since space is limited at some sites.
- In some instances transportation will be provided. Some sites are within walking distance of campus.
- For more information on the monthly projects, contact Melissa Welch at 978-656-3363 or [welchm@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:welchm@middlesex.mass.edu).

##### **Individual**

- Following your service, please report your hours to Sheri Denk at 978-656-3159 or [denks@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:denks@middlesex.mass.edu). Service Learning hours do not count towards Seasons of Service.

#### Can I choose a site that isn't in the database?

Yes. Feel free to volunteer at any nonprofit agency and report your hours to Sheri Denk.

#### Can I drive my own car to the site?

Yes. Groups are encouraged to walk or drive to sites. College transportation will not be provided except for some monthly scheduled service programs.

#### Who can I contact if I have questions?

All questions should be directed to Sheri Denk at 978-656-3159 or [denks@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:denks@middlesex.mass.edu), 5<sup>th</sup> floor, City Building.

#### How is Seasons of Service (SOS) different than Day of Service (DOS)?

- SOS will take place throughout the entire academic year, whereas DOS was one day.
- Groups register themselves with a site, whereas DOS assigned sites to classes.
- Individuals may need to drive to sites if it is not within walking distance of campus. Transportation was provided for DOS.
- Group leader is responsible for collecting travel waivers and photorelease forms (found on SOS website). Forms were collected in advance on DOS.
- You can choose your site for SOS. Volunteers were assigned a site for DOS.

*For more information, visit the Seasons of Service website at [www.middlesex.mass.edu/StudentActivities/Seasons.htm](http://www.middlesex.mass.edu/StudentActivities/Seasons.htm) contact Sheri Denk at 978-656-3159 or [denks@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:denks@middlesex.mass.edu).  
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