

Local Community Volunteer Opportunities

The Grove Fox Valley (former Aurora Manor)
630/ 898-1180

Santori Public Library (Aurora)
aurorapubliclibrary.org
630/ 264-4100

Messenger Public Library (No. Aurora)
630/ 801-2347

Hesed House
Bruce Bachmeier 630/897-2156 X 538

Naperville Humane Society
Andrea Cios.....630/ 420-8989 x113

Salvation Army
Linnea Forney630/ 897-7265

Marklund
Cathy Nikrandt... ..630/ 593-5468

Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry
Brisa630/ 897-2127

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry
630/ 879-3784

Feed My Starving Children
fmsc.org 630/ 851-0404



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***Annunciation
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***Service
Hour
Program***

**Guidelines and requirements
for 6th through 8th grades.**

Purpose

The final piece of our mission statement addresses our commitment to demonstrating Christian service and leadership. Our Community Service program gives our students a structured opportunity to put their faith into action. It is an important circle of spiritual development—our Catholic faith inspires us to serve others; serving others deepens our understanding of our faith; the deepening of our faith enhances our call to serve.

Description

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at Annunciation must participate in the school's service hour program. There are two types of service hours that a student will complete: parish/school hours and community hours. Parish/school hours are obtained by providing valuable services to our church and school. Examples are given later in this brochure. Community hours are acquired by providing valuable services to local *NOT FOR PROFIT* agencies or non-family members in need. In general, babysitting will not count unless there are special circumstances involved and it is approved in advance. There are ample opportunities to help those that are serving others. Please see additional information under Local Community Volunteer Opportunities.

Required Service Hours 6th—8th grades

	6th	7th	8th
Community Hours	4 hrs.	6 hrs.	8 hrs.
Parish/School Hours	6 hrs.	12 hrs.	18 hrs.

Parish/School Service

Parish and school service hours may include but are not limited to:

- Serving as a patrol guard in the morning or afternoon
- Helping with lunch duty at the primary building
- Stuffing Sunday bulletins when needed
- Altar Serving 8:00 a.m. weekday or all weekend Masses
- Assisting at scouting events
- Cutting Campbell soup labels
- Folding luminary bags
- Helping at Vacation Bible School

Service to the school and the parish is essential to teaching our students to take pride and ownership of their immediate community. Our parish provides 40% of the funding for the school budget to keep tuition at a reasonable level. It is only appropriate that the students that benefit from the parish's generosity give something back as a token of appreciation.

Local Community Service

Local community service will call students out of their comfort zone of the school or parish to venture out into the community and serve "strangers". Serving strangers within the local community will help students to see the inter-connectedness, the inter-dependence we have on one another. It will expose them to some of the infinite shades of the human condition—poor, wealthy, old, young, sad, happy, suffering, joyful, pain, and peace. You will find at the end of this pamphlet a list of service agencies, contact names and phone numbers. As you can see from the list, the range of agencies is extensive. Feel free to call the contact person on the list to set up some local community service. It may be a good idea for students to go in pairs or in small groups. If there is an agency that is not on the list but you wish to utilize, please contact Mrs. Wardynski first. We are always looking to add to the list.

Community Service -Day

Annunciation will be sponsoring a day of service whereby sixth, seventh and eighth graders with parents and teachers will take a half-day of school and go into the community to serve others. Such a day will show others the importance that the Annunciation community places in the notion of service, show students how easy and fun it is to serve as a community in the community, and allow staff, students and parents to serve side by side.