

10 Hours of Direct Service

During your year in 8IGNITE, you must complete ten hours of community service that is in **direct contact** with those in need. All 10 hours of service must be completed at the same organization.

Examples of direct contact with those in need: *

- Helping in a younger kids' classroom for RE sessions (requires a commitment to all 18 sessions)
- Helping as a "buddy" for a student with special needs at your school during classes like PE, or just throughout the school day
- Helping at District 204's Special Needs Summer School
- Being a crew leader at HSCC Vacation Bible School
- Serving food at a food shelter

Examples that are NOT direct contact with those in need: *

- Tutoring kids at public school without special needs
- Helping at Vacation Bible School (unless you are a crew leader)
- Safety Town
- Sorting/Collecting food for a food shelter
- Feed My Starving Children

*If you are unsure, call or email the RE office.

The service is meant to enact the Corporal Works of Mercy

- 1) Feed the Hungry
- 2) Give Drink to the Thirsty
- 3) Shelter the Homeless
- 4) Visit the Sick
- 5) Visit the Prisoners
- 6) Bury the Dead
- 7) Give Alms to the Poor

Some Options for Where to Serve:

Elder Care:



Working at these sites, you can expect to do anything, and everything based around spending time and getting to know the elderly. You might share meals with them, play some bingo, do some crafts, go on walks, or just sit and talk with them. If you like listening to stories or just hanging out, these might be good sites for you!

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| Alden Estates Nursing Home | http://www.aldenstatesofnaperville.com/ |
| Brookdale Senior Living | http://www.brookdaleliving.com/ |
| Riverwalk Adult Day Services | www.riverwalkadulthoodservices.com/ |
| Harbor Chase of Plainfield | http://www.harborchase.com/senior-living/il/plainfield/harborchase-of-plainfield/ |
| Heritage Woods of Plainfield | http://bma-mgmt.com/heritagewoodsplainfield/index.aspx |
| Independence Village | http://indvillage.com/naperville/ |
| Lakewood Nursing Center | https://lakewoodnursingcenter.com/ |
| Meals on Wheels | https://www.dupageseniorcouncil.org/meals-on-wheels/ |
| Spring Meadows | http://www.springmeadowsnaperville.com/ |
| St. Patrick's Nursing Home | http://www.stpatricksresidence.org/ |
| Tabor Hills | http://www.taborhills.com/ |

Food Pantries and Shelters:

Work must be done in DIRECT CONTACT with those receiving aid. Stocking shelves does NOT count.



At these sites, most of what you do will probably focus around food. You might end up eating with some people in need, serving them their food, or assisting them in some other way around meal time. Who knows, maybe you'll get some free food out of it too!

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| Hesed House | http://www.hesedhouse.org/ |
| Loaves and Fishes | https://www.loaves-fishes.org/ |
| Mission of Our Lady of Angels | http://www.missionola.com/ |
| Morning Star Ministries | http://morningstarmission.org/ |
| People's Resource Center | www.peoplesrc.org |
| Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry | http://www.plainfieldfoodpantry.org/home |
| St John Lutheran Church | https://www.stjohnfood.org |
| West Suburban Community Pantry | http://www.wcpinc.org/ |

People with Special Needs:



Similar to working with the elderly, these sites are mainly based around just spending time with people. Things you might do at these sites includes playing board games, sharing meals, and just playing games with people. Though they can sometimes be challenging, working with special needs people can be especially rewarding!

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| A Special Place | http://www.asp4us.org/ |
| Children of Mary | https://www.localprayers.com/US/Carol-Stream/402063333316109/Children-of-Mary |
| Easter Seals of Joliet | http://joliet.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ILJO_services |
| Easter Seals of DuPage County | http://dfvr.easterseals.com/page.aspx?pid=356 |
| GiGi's Playhouse | https://gigisplayhouse.org/ |
| Misericordia | http://www.misericordia.com/about/default.aspx |
| REACH Program - St. Raphael Catholic Church | https://st-raphael.com/reach-special-needs-programs/ |
| Special Olympics | http://www.soill.org/area/index.php?area=07 |
| Western DuPage Special Recreation Assoc. | https://www.wdsra.com/employment-volunteers/ |

Other Various Needs:



Finally, here are some other places that Confirmation students have gone in the past. These have a little more variety to them, so they range from working with kids to animals to families who have members in the hospital.

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| Friends for Therapeutic Equine Activities | http://www.ftea.org/ |
| Kids Matter | https://www.kidsmatter2us.org/volunteer/ |
| People's Resource Center | http://www.peoplesrc.org/ |
| Ready Set Ride | http://www.readysetride.org/ |
| Ronald McDonald House | https://rmhccni.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/ |

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