

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Community Development Law Clinic

The Community Development Law Clinic was founded in 1988. Participating students from SU's College of Law represent a variety of client organizations in corporate, tax, business, and real estate law matters. For more information, contact 315-443-4582.

Community Folk Art Center (CFAC) and Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company (PRPAC)

Located at 805 East Genesee Street, near Irving Avenue, CFAC and PRPAC are units of the Department of African American Studies that provide Syracuse University and the local community with new opportunities to celebrate the arts and diverse cultures. CFAC emphasizes works by artists of the African diaspora, as well as works that celebrate and interpret Latin American, Native American, and Southeast Asian artistry and culture. PRPAC offers multicultural experiences, provides opportunities to participate in cross-generational artistic interaction, and gives various groups opportunities to display their skills and talents in an atmosphere of mutual respect. For more information, contact CFAC at 315-442-2230 or PRPAC at 315-442-2727.

Joe and Emily Lowe Art Gallery

Located in the Shaffer Art Building at the southeast end of the Quad on Main Campus, Lowe Art Gallery mounts a wide range of exhibitions, free and open to the public. For more information, including hours, contact 315-443-3127.

Light Work/Community Dark Rooms

Founded in 1973, Light Work, located at 316 Waverly Avenue (near Comstock Avenue), provides direct support to artists working in photography and digital imaging media by maintaining community dark rooms, facilitating projects for mid-career artists, and making grants to Central New York artists. For more information, contact 315-443-1300.

Neighborhood Youth Recreation Program

The Neighborhood Youth Recreation Program is a University-sponsored program for young people (5-18), facilitated by the Department of Recreation Services. The program provides recreational opportunities for youth in the Syracuse community, offering lessons in gymnastics, cheerleading, ballet, and swimming. For more information, contact 315-443-3242.

Point of Contact Gallery

The gallery, located at 914 E. Genesee Street, is a distinctive new space for exploration of the visual and verbal arts, offering international art exhibitions, theater events, academic symposia, poetry readings, and cross-cultural exchanges. Established by Dean Carole Brzozowski of SU's College of Visual and Performing Arts, the gallery is a component of the increasing art presence throughout the city that is supported by the University community. For more information, contact 315-443-2247.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

Members and pledges of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting fraternity in SU's Whitman School of Management, volunteer two hours each week to offer members of the Syracuse community assistance in completing the 1040-EZ tax form and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) form. For more information, contact CPCS at 315-443-3051.

For information about opportunities for students to connect with the University and the greater Syracuse community, please contact

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Syracuse University
IN THE COMMUNITY

SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION: The University as a Public Good

The University in the Community:

Connecting through Service

The commitment to **community service** reflects the University's heritage and its guiding values of **quality, caring, diversity, innovation, and service.**

Approximately 5,000 students are involved in some form of University-sponsored service each year.

Mary Ann Shaw Center for Public and Community Service

The Mary Ann Shaw Center for Public and Community Service (CPCS) was founded to facilitate Syracuse University's commitment to community engagement. In honoring this commitment, the University collaborates with several hundred community organizations in developing and implementing reciprocal University-community learning, research, and service opportunities each year.

Adopt-a-Street

The Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs works with Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF student organizations to adopt streets in the University neighborhood. Students participate in monthly litter pick-ups, distribute information to residents of their adopted blocks, and work with community leaders on other neighborhood projects.

Ten Tons of Love

The Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs joins together with Students Offering Service, the Office of Residence Life, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and First English Lutheran Church at the close of each academic year to collect clothing, food items, furniture, and other unwanted household items to donate to community organizations. In 2007, twenty tons of food, clothing, and furniture were collected.

Community-Based Service Learning and Research

Syracuse University promotes research and learning opportunities that foster community engagement and benefit people in nearby neighborhoods and around the world.

Curbside Appeal

Each spring, the Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs, in conjunction with the Office of Government and Community Relations, the University Neighborhood Preservation Association, and www.orangehousing.com, invites residents in the University's east neighborhood to participate in this program. The program encourages inexpensive measures for improving the neighborhood's appearance, such as removing overgrown plants and brush, planting flowers, and repairing a broken fence or porch.

Earth Day Clean-Up

More than 100 SU students and community residents join together to pick up litter in the University neighborhood in celebration of Earth Day. This annual spring event is sponsored by the Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs, the Office of Government and Community Relations, the City of Syracuse Department of Public Works, and the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency.

Big Event

The Big Event, sponsored by OrangeSeeds, aims to provide a way for the University to create lasting bonds with, and show its appreciation for, the surrounding community. By sending volunteers into nonprofit agencies throughout the city, The Big Event connects a wealth of eager volunteers with agencies that have limited resources, staff, and time to undertake spring cleaning projects or service initiatives. OrangeSeeds is committed to making The Big Event more than one day of service; out of "One Big Day," OrangeSeeds hopes to establish a lifetime of friendship and support.

Syracuse University Literacy Corps (SULC)

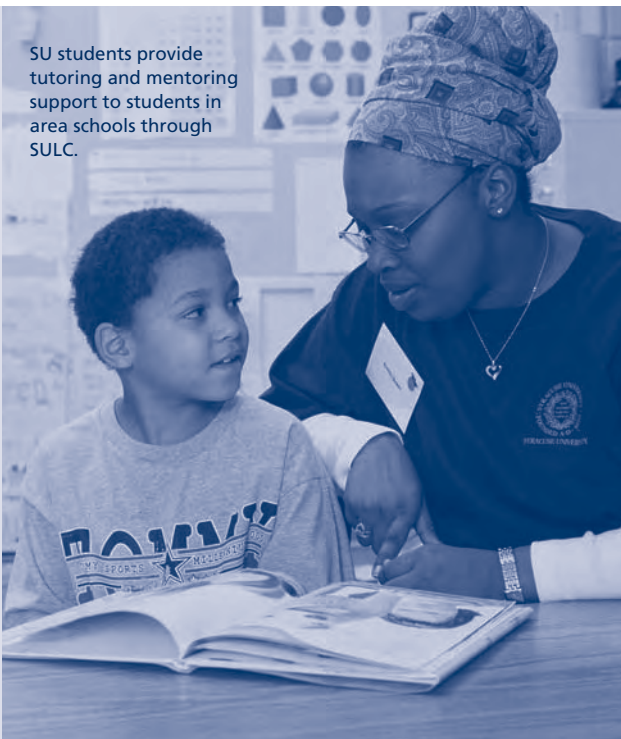
SU students learn the fundamentals of teaching and the challenges of urban education as they provide tutoring and mentoring support to students in area schools. Focusing on literacy skills, some 230 SULC tutors worked with more than 4,800 children at community-based organizations and local schools during the 2004-05 academic year. The combined efforts of the tutors amounted to more than 36,000 hours of work with local children.

The Syracuse University Volunteer Organization (SUVO)

SUVO is a student-run organization. Housed at CPCS, it sponsors a variety of one-day events that provide SU students opportunities to serve the community. Annual activities include Dome Day, a food drive held at an Orange home football game in conjunction with the Salvation Army; and Kidfest, an annual spring event bringing children from the community onto campus for a day of games and all types of fun.

Thornden Park Chili Bowl Festival

Each year, SU students team up with local residents to volunteer for the Thornden Park Association's annual Chili Bowl Festival. Members



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of the association sell homemade chili and other items in the Thornden Park Field House, raising money for park beautification and improvements, and attracting many area residents.

Volunteering at Westcott Community Center

SU students volunteer to help the Westcott Community Center run many of its events and activities. These include senior lunches, after-school programs, lectures, movies, and concerts. The center is located at a former fire station at the corner of Westcott Street and Euclid Avenue.

Westcott Street Cultural Fair

Syracuse University students volunteer to participate in the annual Westcott Street Cultural Fair. The fair is a unique gathering of artists, performers, and residents of the culturally diverse neighborhood.