

Students Serve

Improving Communities by Empowering Students to Serve, Learn, and Lead

New Website Launch

From the Founder

Angela Perkey

What an exciting time the past few months have been in the life of Students Serve! We have been working to launch a new website that we believe will dramatically revamp and expand our operations.

The new website, which will still be located at www.StudentsServe.org, will be able to match students who have service project ideas with donors online. Anyone will be able to go to the website and search for student projects that they can fund through Students Serve. You can look for students from your alma mater or search for projects that will be done in your local community. Or, if you're passionate about a specific, such as homelessness or the environment, you will be able to locate projects that will work to solve those problems.

Then, when you find a project that interests you, it will be possible to read about the

student and his/her ideas. You will also be able to see the budget that they have developed, and it will be possible to fund specific parts of the project.

For example, if a student is proposing to do a \$1,000 project to rebuild playgrounds that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, she might need \$50 to purchase the 2x4 boards that will be used in the construction. Even if you can't fund the entire project, you might be able to donate the \$50 she needs for the 2x4s. You will be able to submit a tax deductible donation through the Students Serve website that allows you to fund this part of the project.

You will also be able to connect directly with students and see how your money is being used to make a difference. Once students receive the full amounts they need for their projects, they will begin keep-



A Students Serve staff meeting

ing blogs that provide updates. Donors will be able to offer encouragement, provide helpful advice, and interact with students.

As you can tell, we are thrilled about the potential for this new website. We especially appreciate Professor Bob Noonan, at the College of William and Mary, and his computer science class, who designed our website free of charge.

As always, thank you for your continuous support. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or would like to make a donation.

Thank you!
Angela

Now Accepting Applications October 1st-November 15th

Students Serve is excited to announce that it is now accepting applications from college students. Anyone enrolled in college can apply to receive serviceship funding if they submit their application between October 1st and November 15th.

The application is online at www.StudentsServe.org. Once students complete the application and fill in the information about their service ideas, personal information, and project budget, they send it to us by email to

StudentsServe@live.org.

We can't wait to start receiving the applications and hearing from these inspiring students. This is what Students Serve is all about!

If you know anyone who may be interested in applying for a grant, just tell them to go to www.StudentSserve.org.

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Now Recruiting Volunteers!

Students Serve is in need of volunteers to help run the organization. If you're interested or know of anyone else who might be, send an email to StudentsServe@live.com or call 703-865-8790.

Volunteers will get hands-on experience helping to run a non-profit organization, which looks great on a resume. Plus, it's a great way to feel like you're making a meaningful difference.

We're really flexible and can make it work with your schedule. This is an ideal opportunity even if you only have a few spare hours or just want to make some new friends and contacts while doing good.

About Students Serve

Students Serve is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides funding to college students so that they can use their knowledge to improve our communities.

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