

Xavier University

Guide to Community Service and Social Justice Clubs/Organizations

Community Service Clubs/Organizations

These clubs and organizations have mission of service (to meet the needs of others and improve the community) or routinely participate in/plan service related events for the XU community. Students interested in learning more about Service Opportunities can contact the Office of Student Involvement by e-mail at service@xavier.edu or stop by Gallagher Student Center Suite 320.

Alternative Breaks

Contact: Evan Werk, werke@xavier.edu

Groups of 12 students spend spring break or the first two weeks of summer immersed in service experiences learning about particular issues such as homelessness, urban youth, AIDS, or the environment. There are over 10 locations each year including El Salvador, Colorado, Florida, and Ukraine. *Application required.*

ConneXions

Contact: Matthew Mellon, mellonm@xavier.edu

A service program for first-year students that offers a wide variety of weekly volunteer opportunities, along with a chance to build friendships while learning to make positive changes in society.

Habitat for Humanity

Contact: Pete Telaroli, telarolir@xavier.edu

Build simple, decent, affordable housing for families in need. While house building begins in September, group fundraisers and various mini-builds take place throughout the year.

Natural Ties

Contact: Jamie Gentile, gentilejl@xavier.edu

Dedicated to increasing awareness of the need for full participation in communities, Natural Ties create friendships between people with and without disabilities.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Contact: Rev. Thomas Kennealy, kennealy@xavier.edu

Based on a Christian call to service, SVdP works in the community in various ways: tutoring at local schools, collecting necessities for the poor and serving at soup kitchens. Members meet regularly to pray and reflect.

X-Action

Contact: Anna Russell, russella2@xavier.edu or
Dhwani Mehta, mehtad@xavier.edu

Community-conscious student service leaders create and manage the following volunteer programs:

STAR: Students Taking Active Roles

Contact: Brigid Cafferty, caffertyb@xavier.edu or
Adrienne Perry, perrya1@xavier.edu

(STAR) gives Xavier students the opportunity to volunteer at sites around Cincinnati on a weekly basis. There are about 25 sites that include volunteer opportunities from working at nursing homes, tutoring and mentoring children, and revitalizing the Cincinnati community.

Community Action Day

Contact: Morgan Miller, millerm1@xavier.edu

350 XU students meet once every semester in front of Gallagher to participate in service at one of over 23 sites around the Cincinnati community for about 3 hours once a semester.

Saturday Morning Service

Contact: Kate Franchini, franchinik@xavier.edu

Exposes students to different service opportunities around Xavier through monthly activities such as caroling at nursing homes, basketball with disabled youth, assisting local food pantries.

Xavier Make-A-Wish

Contact: Margaret Weidner, weidnerm@xavier.edu

Students sponsor the wish of a child who is terminally ill. This includes raising money for, planning and implementing the wish event.

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Social Justice Clubs/Organizations

These clubs and organizations attempt to address the root causes of problems that affect society. They do so by learning about and challenging the issues locally, nationally, and globally. Students interested in learning more about Social Justice can contact the Dorothy Day House at (513) 745-3046.

Alliance

Contact: Dr. Stephen Yerian, yerian@xavier.edu

The Xavier Alliance provides a safe place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual students to meet and encourage mutual understanding and support among all members of the Xavier community.

Amnesty International

Contact: Ashley Bonnell, bonnella@xavier.edu

Students and activities organized around human rights issues.

Earthbread

Contact: Dave Johnson, johnsond8@xavier.edu

Students increase personal and community awareness/ education of food and farm issues.

Earthcare

Contact: Dave Johnson, johnsond8@xavier.edu

Members focus on environmental issues and are advocates for a healthy earth.

Fair Traders

Contact: Jess McCoy, mccoyj1@xavier.edu

Focusing on education and action, Fair Traders promote trade practices that support human dignity, economic justice, and international solidarity. On campus, they encourage the use of fair trade coffee and other products.

Pax Christi

Contact: Dr. Walker Gollar, gollar@xavier.edu

Students committed to social action that emphasizes peace and justice.

Shantytown

Contact: Kaitlyn Kramer, kramerk1@xavier.edu

This week-long program sponsored cooperatively by numerous organizations on campus raises awareness surrounding the issues of homelessness and poverty. Speakers, reflection and action are key components of this annual event.

STANDXU

Contact: Dr. Walker Gollar, gollar@xavier.edu

This group promotes awareness of the crisis events in Darfur and the Sudan within the XU community.

Students for Life

Contact: Dave Johnson, johnsond8@xavier.edu

Following a consistent ethic of life, this club engages the community in dialogue and action concerning the unborn, the elderly, and the condemned.

Students Against Sweatshops

Contact: Justin Cancelliere, cancellierej@xavier.edu

This group promotes awareness and education of unjust labor and business practices in addition to encouraging practices that uphold human dignity and economic justice.

Voices of Solidarity

Contact: Sammy Pettinichi, pettinichis@xavier.edu

Focusing on peace issues in Latin America, VOS commits itself to being a voice for the voiceless. By uniting in solidarity with many victims of injustice, VOS offers educational, cultural, and service experiences celebrating and supporting the people of this region.