**Community Engagement Day Interest Sessions - Saturday, August 30, 2014**

**Be IN the CHANGE at your ON-CAMPUS YMCA (UY)**

*Hosted by: University YMCA*

Encourage youth, improve health, and bring positive change to your community! Connect to a vibrant thriving college student community on a large campus! Gain real world leadership skills through volunteer and work study opportunities. Tap into your strengths and passions at a cause-driven organization. Make a difference on campus and in the community. #THRIVEattheUY!

**Volunteer, Learn & Build with Habitat!**

*Hosted by: Habitat for Humanity at the University of Minnesota*

Want to build a house, meet new friends, or travel the country? Get involved with Habitat for Humanity! We work to raise awareness of affordable housing issues in the Twin Cities through educational events, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities to fit all schedules. Join our bi-weekly meetings, weekend house builds, campus events, event committees, spring/winter break service trips, and more!

**Democracy, Environment, and Corporate Accountability - MPIRG!**

*Hosted by: Minnesota Public Interest Research Group*

MPIRG is a grassroots, student-directed, nonpartisan organization that empowers and trains students and engages the community to take collective action in the public interest statewide. A critical component from the beginning was to hire a set of experts, scientists, lawyers, and advocates to be the voice of students on the issues they care about. The MPIRG staff give students the added know-how they need in order to have a seat at the table with decision and policy makers. On campus, students hire organizers to train them how to thoroughly investigate a problem and come up with a practical solution. Students learn how to strategize around a problem, work with the media, organize the community, and take subsequent action. Through MPIRG, students get the hands-on and professional educational experience the classroom can never directly provide.

**Breakthrough Twin Cities**

*Hosted by: Breakthrough Twin Cities*

Breakthrough Twin Cities’ mission is to support highly motivated students to overcome adversity and prepare for college with the support of older students who are passionate about education. Breakthrough employs a “Students Teaching Students” model of education, and offers one of the top 10 national college internships as ranked by The Princeton Review.

**Volunteer with 4th-8th graders in Minneapolis and Saint Paul Public Schools with ACES!**

*Hosted by: ACES (Athletes Committed to Educating Students)*

ACES is an after-school tutor/mentor program working with fourth- through eighth-grade students in Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Schools to overcome the academic achievement and opportunity gaps. Each semester, ACES seeks 80-100 volunteers to work as Classroom Leaders, part of a team of paid staff and volunteers who spend time with the same 10-15 students at least once per week, building relationships and supporting their academic success.

**Becoming a “Big” Mentor**

*Hosted by: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities*

Volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sisters provide friendship, emotional support, and hope to young people across the Greater Twin Cities. University of Minnesota “Bigs” are matched with “Littles” between 1st and 5th grade in schools near the Minneapolis campus. Bigs spend one hour per week with their Littles and help build self-esteem, improve school performance, and create lasting friendships.
Fighting Hunger Locally and Internationally with Students Against Hunger  
Hosted by: Students Against Hunger  
The mission of Kids Against Hunger, a humanitarian food-aid organization, is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. Students Against Hunger is an on-campus satellite of Kids Against Hunger that provides students the opportunity to participate in meal packing sessions and volunteer at local soup kitchens and food shelves.

Free Arts Minnesota: Bring the healing power of artistic expression to at-risk youth in our Twin Cities community!  
Hosted by: Free Arts Minnesota  
Free Arts Minnesota inspires hope and builds self-esteem for youth who have experienced poverty, homelessness, abuse, and mental illness, using the healing powers of artistic expression and caring volunteer mentors. Through the Weekly Mentorship Program groups of mentors volunteer for an hour-and-a-half per week at one of our partner agencies, bringing arts programming to the youth we serve.

BE THE MATCH: You have the power to help save a life!  
Hosted by: Be The Match  
Blood cancers kill more people under 20 than any other disease. When chemotherapy doesn’t work, a marrow transplant is a patient’s only hope. Thirty percent of patients have donors within their family, but 70% must turn to BE THE MATCH national registry to find one. Learn about fun ways to help us, both off and on campus.

Project for Pride in Living: Helping People Help Themselves  
Hosted by: Project for Pride in Living (PPL)  
Project for Pride in Living (PPL) works with families and individuals with lower incomes to achieve self-sufficiency through housing, employment training, support services, and education/youth programs. Learn, serve, and gain career development and leadership experience working with diverse participants in a large, multiservice urban organization. PPL offers career-track experience in social services, education, youth development, and related fields through internships and work-study positions.

Closing the Achievement Gap: Minneapolis Public Schools  
Hosted by: Minneapolis Public Schools  
Minneapolis Public Schools’ mission is to ensure that all students learn. Volunteer MPS supports all students by providing trained community volunteers who engage in meaningful assignments that promote successful outcomes for students. Work on early literacy by reading to elementary students or help adults learn English; many different opportunities are available. No teaching experience is required.

Hennepin County Medical Center Volunteer Program  
Hosted by: Hennepin County Medical Center  
As a Level 1 Trauma Center and a safety net for the community, Hennepin County Medical Center offers a broad range of experiences to fulfill your personal goals for volunteering. There are opportunities in many different departments, behind the scenes, working with the public, working with patients, supporting staff, and assisting families. Join our diverse community of volunteers, staff, visitors, and patients and help supplement and enhance hospital services and programs. You will make a difference!

Constituent-Based Organizing Against Police Brutality  
Hosted by: Students United Against Police Brutality  
Students United Against Police Brutality is the University of Minnesota Chapter of nationally recognized Communities United Against Police brutality. The chapter provides students with opportunities to engage in cop watch and court observation, learn and train others in their rights, and provide support and empowerment for victims, while challenging the underlying causes of police brutality.
Get Help! Get Educated! Get Involved! Volunteer with The Aurora Center for Advocacy & Education!

Hosted by: The Aurora Center for Advocacy & Education

The Aurora Center for Advocacy & Education is a safe place where students, faculty, and staff will find information and advocacy services for victim/survivors and concerned persons affected by sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. TAC offers students volunteer opportunities in the following areas: Direct Services, Violence Prevention, and Special Projects. Volunteers receive quality training, professional experience, and leadership skills!

Sierra Club North Star Chapter: Grassroots Action for Minnesota’s Environment

Hosted by: Sierra Club North Star Chapter

Sierra Club North Star Chapter is the leading grassroots voice to preserve and protect Minnesota’s environment. Our priorities include: 1) moving beyond coal to clean energy; 2) land use and transit; 3) environmental justice and 4) protecting wild lands and waters from the threats of sulfide mining. Students can get involved as interns, leaders or volunteers in research, education, advocacy and volunteer team-building.

Get to Know Your Neighbors: Be a Classroom Assistant in Cedar Riverside

Hosted by: Cedar Riverside Adult Education Collaborative

The Cedar Riverside neighborhood, next to the West Bank of the U of M campus, has been a starting point for immigrants and refugees since the early 1900s. Through the Cedar Riverside Adult Education Collaborative, several organizations work jointly to provide education opportunities to adult immigrants and refugees in the neighborhood, offering English as a Second Language, citizenship preparation, math, and computer literacy classes, as well as English conversation groups.