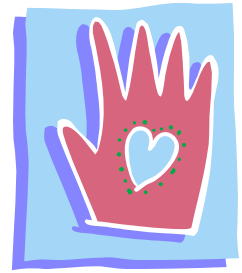


**CRESSET CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPONENT
DEVELOPING A HEART FOR MINISTRY**



“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.” Matthew 25:40

Cresset Christian Academy strongly believes that students should develop a “heart for ministry” during their high school years. Christians are called to serve, and to be a light in the world. Community service not only provides a tangible help to those in need, it also provides significant opportunities to build relationships as preparation for evangelism. Developing a “heart for ministry” facilitates the Christian student’s response to the increasingly greater societal needs that will be present as the student transitions into adulthood.

The focus on community service is integrated throughout the curriculum. The requirement of community service transcends the entire educational process and is not a specific requirement for a subject. In other words, completion of community service is not a requirement to pass a course. However, completion of community service is a requirement for continued re-enrollment at Cresset. It is also required to be eligible for extra-curricular activities.

Specifically, Cresset Christian Academy requires every **high school** student to donate **thirty-six** hours of community service **each** academic year. **Ten** of these **thirty-six** hours must be completed in a **church** setting. This community service component is an essential responsibility that must be completed by each **high school** student. Students are required to complete **six hours per term** and submit the recorded hours to the office. Students will receive a pass/fail grade on their report card each term for community service. **Failure to complete the thirty-six hour requirement will preclude continued enrollment at Cresset or receiving of a diploma.**

The attached verification form will be your tool to inform the school of your completed service hours. Students are permitted to begin their accumulation of service hours in June for the upcoming academic year. **PLEASE NOTE: The individual who supervised the service must sign the form.**

Write a brief explanation of the service completed, including the organization or individual assisted. **Turn the forms in to the office prior to the end of each six week term.**

We trust that your service will result in God’s love being demonstrated in a tangible way to our community.

Pre-approved organizations:

A. Directed ministries through local churches

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| Shut-in visitation | Nursery worker (unpaid) | Officer in youth group |
| Puppet ministry | Choir practice and performances | Visitation of prospective members |
| Vacation Bible School | Teacher Sunday school | Usher or greeter |
| Missions trips | | |

B. Volunteer organizations

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| Red Cross | Beta Club service project | Salvation Army |
| Soup kitchen | Homeless shelter | Habitat for Humanity |
| Cresset Christian Academy | Rest homes | Greater Durham Volunteer center |
| Hospitals | | Child Evangelism Fellowship |
| Summer camps (unpaid positions) | | Learning center for inner-city youth |

Service to family members is considered an obligation and should not be included in this ministry. As well, service to teachers should not be included as we are all part of the Cresset “Family”.

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DEVELOPING A HEART FOR MINISTRY
Tracking Sheet

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Time served _____(Hours) Date work was completed _____

Brief description of service _____

If self directed, pre-approved by: Administrator ____ Bible Teacher ____

Verified by: _____ Church-related ____ Not church ____

Supervisor's Signature

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Time served _____(Hours) Date work was completed _____

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