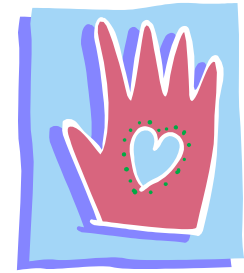


## CRESSET CHRISTIAN ACADEMY COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPONENT DEVELOPING A HEART FOR MINISTRY



*“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 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 student. Students are required to complete **six hours per term** and submit the recorded hours to Mrs. Mattson. Students will receive a pass/fail grade on their report card each term for community service. **Students who do not complete their six hours per term will be ineligible for any extra-curricular activity until the hours are caught up.** Students who fail to complete the thirty-six hour requirement during the academic year must attend the Cresset Christian Academy Summer Service Institute. Failure to successfully complete Cresset Christian Academy Summer Institute’s requirements will preclude continued enrollment at Cresset.

The attached verification form will be your tool to inform Mrs. Mattson 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 Mrs. Mattson 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

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

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

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”.

**DEVELOPING A HEART FOR MINISTRY**  
**Tracking Sheet**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_  
Signature

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