Marlins Make a Difference in March (right to left)—From the top, Mike Pezzella shares a story about recycling with children at Coleman Place Elementary (Norfolk) during Green Reader Month; Damon Brown, Nikki Nedwick, Elizabeth Kayser and Brandon Long clean up after the 16th Annual Empty Bowls Charity Dinner; Britany Brandon, Jerlise Coles, Cortnee Brandon, Lauren Amos, Crystal Lunkin, Shanisha Branch, Olivia Birmingham and Troy DePlo lend a hand in the garden at St. Mary’s Home for Disabled Children on Marlins Make a Difference Day; Dr. Ben Haller plants one of some 400 trees during Spring Break with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH...
(To commit to a volunteer opportunity, check your planner, and come to the Office of Community Service to sign up, or reply to this email.)
April 3  Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 5:30 am
April 3  Film Screening and Student Forum on Immigration Reform: The Dream is Now, 1:30 pm
April 5  Walk for Hunger at Oasis, 9 am, Portsmouth
April 5  Wesleyan Softball Strike Out Cancer, 1 pm, Softball field
April 9  Cooking for Kids, 6:30 pm, Campus Kitchen
April 10  Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 5:30 am
April 12  Veterans Health Fair by Monterro Medical Missions, 9-1, Chesapeake
April 12  Landscaping at the Gloucester Institute, 9-5, Gloucester, Va.
April 12  SOC Event: Web of Life Humane Society, 9-12, Chesapeake
April 17  Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 5:30 am
April 19  Work Bingo for ACCESS Aids Care, 5-10, Norfolk
April 22-26  Stand Against Racism
April 23  American Red Cross HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK Blood Drive (double red opportunity)
April 23  Community Garden Work, 2-5, Across the Street
April 23  Cooking for Kids, 6:30 pm, Campus Kitchen
April 24  Soup Line with the Catholic Worker, 5:30 am
April 26  The Gardens Assisted Living Service Project, 10:30 am, Virginia Beach
April 27  Leadership and Service Awards, 2 pm, Boyd
April 30  Community Garden Work, 2-5, Across the Street
April 30  Cooking for Kids MEATBALL ROLL, 6:30 pm, Campus Kitchen

WEEKLY SERVICE PROGRAMS
Mondays   Marlins Count at Bayside Elementary, 9 a.m.
Tuesdays  Marlins Read at Newtown, 11:30 am.
           Neighborhood Tutoring at Heritage United Methodist Church, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays  Marlins Read at Bayside Elementary, 10 a.m.
Thursdays  Marlins Read at Shelton Park, 11 a.m.
           Marlins Count at Newtown and BF Williams, 11:30 a.m.
           Marlins Read at Diamond Springs, 1 p.m.
Fridays   Global Marlins at Newtown, 9 a.m.
           Future Marlins at Bayside Middle, 11 a.m.

WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?
April 3, 10, 17, 24, Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 5:30 am
DELIVER A SMILE AND THE FIRST MEAL OF THE DAY—Join a small band of students interested in helping where the need is greatest. Assist volunteers from the Catholic Worker organization “bringing breakfast to the streets”. Learn more about this organization at http://www.catholicworker.org/communities/Commdetail.cfm?Community=116 or contact Mindy Bertam at msbertram@vwc.edu. Space is limited. Transportation is provided. Sign up in Community Service.

April 3, Film Screening and Student Forum on Immigration Reform: The Dream is Now, 1:30 pm
LEARN ABOUT UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH, THEIR STRUGGLE TO EARN CITIZENSHIP—Imagine living in a country where your parents could be taken from you at any time and you have no access to education and other rights to make life better for yourself or your family. This is the story of millions of young people born in the United States to illegal immigrants. Their fate is tied to immigration reform law before Congress now. Be informed. Learn more about this issue at this forum in the Hospitality Suite in Batten.

April 5, Walk for Hunger at Oasis, 9 am, Portsmouth
SUPPORT OUR HOMELESS GUESTS IN THIS EVENT—Transportation is provided to Portsmouth to join our homeless guests and their supporters in a walk downtown to raise money and awareness of hunger and homelessness among us. Sign up in Community Service.

April 5, Wesleyan Softball 6th Annual Strike Out Cancer, 1 pm, Softball Field
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, HAVE FUN, SUPPORT THE TEAM, STRIKE OUT CANCER—Enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere and rich silent auction at this event designed in memory of Coach Elliott’s mother to raise thousands for research to find a cure for this disease. Tickets on sale at the fishtank.
April 9, 23, Cooking for Kids, 6:30 pm, Campus Kitchen

**POPULAR MEAL PREPARATION PROGRAM CONTINUES**—Participate in this food assembly program for children in after-school programs. Roughly 1251 servings are made at each session by volunteers in the campus kitchen. No experience necessary.

April 12, Veterans Health Fair by Monterro Medical Missions, 9-1, Chesapeake

**HELP VETERANS OBTAIN MUCH-NEEDED MEDICAL REFERRALS**—This quarterly Health Fair serves veterans only and results in individuals receiving expedited referrals to get the care they need. Assist at one of 12 screening stations. Training will be provided. Transportation is provided. Sign up in Community Service.

April 12, Landscaping at the Gloucester Institute, 9-5, Gloucester, Va.

**VOLUNTEER AT THE GLOUCESTER INSTITUTE** and/or **WITH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION ON THE EASTERN SHORE**—Learn about the historic significance of Holly Knoll in nearby Gloucester, Va., while conducting beach restoration and landscaping at this “cradle of the civil rights movement.” Learn more about this historic site at: [www.gloucesterinstitute.org](http://www.gloucesterinstitute.org). Transportation is provided.

April 12, SOC Event: Web of Life Humane Society, 9-12, Chesapeake

**UNUSUAL HUMANE SOCIETY SERVES DOMESTIC AND FARM ANIMALS**—Join animal lovers on this outing to help clean and serve all animals in its care, from cats and dogs to horses and pigs. Sign up in Community Service. Transportation provided.

April 19, Work Bingo for ACCESS AIDS Care, 5-10, Norfolk

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT INDIVIDUALS WITH HIV/AIDS**—Work the floor at the Suburban Bingo Hall in Norfolk to benefit our community agency that serves people living with HIV and AIDS in our community. Sign up in Community Service. Transportation provided.

April 22-26, Stand Against Racism

**HELP ELIMINATE RACISM**—This annual YWCA event aims to bring people together from all walks of life to acknowledge that racism still exists, to encourage dialogue across community about the issue, and to celebrate diversity in our culture. Sign the pledge to take a stand. Participate in activities throughout the week. For more information, contact Lena Johnson in the Office of International and Intercultural Programs.

April 23, American Red Cross HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK Blood Drive (double red opportunity)

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE—DONATE, VOLUNTEER TO FACILITATE THE DRIVE**—Go on line to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for a time to donate blood at the last blood drive of the semester. Scheduled donors will complete the donation process in about an hour. Walk-ins are welcome as space is available. Volunteers are needed at registration and the canteen on the day of the drive. Volunteers may sign up in the Office of Community Service for one-hour shifts throughout the drive. Kappa Alpha Order sponsors the Blood Drives. Helps us break a record for number of pints collected! The need is critical, especially for O blood types. Help us hit it out of the park! Donate blood!

April 23, 30, Community Garden Work, 2-5, Across the Street

**GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY, FEED A FAMILY**—The Western Bayside Churches United Community Garden on the property of Good Samaritan Church on Baker Road seeks volunteers on Wednesdays, 2-5, to join Farmer John in working the land and tending the crops throughout the spring and summer. Two work days have been set through the Office of Community Service. Gather at 1:45 in the office to head over on these days, or go on your own to help.

April 26, The Gardens Assisted Living Service Project, 10:30 am, Virginia Beach

**VISIT, LISTEN, LEARN, HAVE FUN**—It’s always a pleasure to visit with older adults whose lives shed light on our own. We’ll do a craft or activity together, visit for a while, listen, learn and have fun. It might just be the sunshine that gets your new friend through the night. If this is your thing, sign up in Community Service. Transportation is provided.

April 27, Leadership and Service Awards, 2 pm, Boyd
RECOGNIZE CAMPUS LEADERS—Awards packets are out and soon a short list of campus leaders will be recognized for their service at this program. Come be inspired. Join us for the celebration.

April 30, Cooking for Kids MEATBALL ROLL, 6:30 pm, Campus Kitchen

HOW MANY QUALITY, ROUND MEATBALLS CAN YOU ROLL IN A MINUTE? This annual event times teams of two to see how many quality, round meatballs can be rolled in specified times. The winning team gets bragging rights and possession of the Meatball Roll Trophy for a year. Sign up in teams of two in the Office of Community Service. Space is limited. Volunteers will also be needed for a regular Cooking for Kids session, cooking and packaging the meatballs to serve kids in after-school programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO DONATE YOUR FARM FRESH RECEIPTS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION?—Look no further. The Office of Community Service is partnering with Newtown Elementary to collect these items. Simply stop by the office and insert your donations in the box at the foot of the podium right inside the door or send them through campus mail. The money from these receipts and coupons is used for education materials and supplies for students. The collection will conclude at graduation in May.

DOCUMENT YOUR SERVICE. USE THE ON-LINE SERVICE LOG—Students needing to document their service hours have the opportunity to record them as they go through this on-line, on-your-honor service log system. Go to www.vwc.edu/service where you will find a button on the homepage that says DOCUMENT YOUR SERVICE. Once there, you will be asked to register the first time you access the system. After that, you will be sent directly to the log where you can input a description of your volunteer work and hours. If you are in Honors and Scholars, be sure to check the Honors and Scholars line in the Service Type box. You may print your log to submit wherever your service is required.

ITEMS TO RECYCLE: LAPTOPS, TABLETS, MP3 PLAYERS, DIGITAL VIDEO/CAMERAS, GAME CONSOLES, GPS DEVICES, T1 GRAPHING CALCULATORS—These items, in addition to ink jet cartridges, alkaline batteries and cell phones, can all be recycled in the Office of Community Service. Bring old and broken items to the Office. Proceeds from recycling benefit Office programming. Just over $100 was added to the Office budget last year from these donations.

SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITY…

CKI (Circle K)... Seeking a leader and members. Former Key Club Members and those who like service will have a special interest in this organization. Want to build on something that was real good? Contact Diane Hotaling at 455-3216, dhotaling@vwc.edu.

Habitat for Humanity... President Jonathan Snow, josnow@vwc.edu. Upcoming projects include work days and planning for the 25th anniversary of the college’s Habitat Charter in 2014-15.

Imagine: Wesleyan’s Alternative Break Program... Possible sites for Spring Break include the Virginia Eastern Shore with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Virginia Peninsula with the Gloucester Institute. Students interested in leading a trip should contact Diane Hotaling at dhotaling@vwc.edu.

Marlins Go Green… Students interested in environmental issues should contact Ben Freiler at bjfreiler@vwc.edu

Marlins Against Cancer…Get this club off the ground, serving the cancer community. Contact Diane Hotaling at 455-3216, dhotaling@vwc.edu.

CALLS FOR SERVICE (To sign up for any of the opportunities listed, please call the contact noted.)

...FEMA Corps In Action-- Are you between the ages of 18-24 and looking for ways to serve? Check it out. Deadline for Summer 2014 is April 1, 2014. The Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) have launched an innovative partnership to establish a FEMA-devoted unit of 1,600 service corps members within AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) solely devoted to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Every year, millions of Americans suffer the effects of natural and man-made disaster. Disasters can lead to human losses, social problems, economic harm, and environmental damage. Given the prevalence and severity of disasters and other hazards, FEMA is looking for ways to diversify and fortify its existing disaster workforce structure. FEMA is partnering with CNCS to support 1,600 additional service corps members annually within AmeriCorps NCCC, a full-time residential service program for individuals ages 18-24. FEMA Corps members focus on disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities, providing support in areas ranging from working directly with disaster survivors to supporting disaster recovering centers to sharing valuable disaster preparedness and mitigation information with the public. A FEMA Corps member gathers information from a Hurricane Sandy survivor after the 2012 storm. Becoming a FEMA Corps Member. FEMA Corps members serve full-time for a 10-month term with an option to extend for a second year. Members serve in teams of eight to 12 and are assigned to projects throughout the region served by their campus. Members are based at one of five regional campuses and travel to complete service projects throughout those regions. To be considered for FEMA Corps, you must first apply to AmeriCorps NCCC. The program is open to all U.S. citizens between 18 and 24 years old. Members are given a living allowance of approximately $4,000 for 10 months of service; housing; meals; limited medical benefits; up to $400 a month for childcare, if necessary; member uniforms; and become eligible for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award upon successful completion of the program. Learn more about FEMA Corps
http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps/fema-corps

...THE GARDENS ASSISTED LIVING seeks regular Bingo Callers, Mondays at 6:30 and Fridays at 6:30. Call Mary Kell Powers at 499-4800.

...For volunteer opportunities at the NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDENS, go to
http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-needs/

... ACCESS AIDS Care seeks volunteers for a variety of tasks. ACCESS is dedicated to promoting the health and dignity of those individuals and families impacted by HIV/AIDS. The agency offers medical care management services, permanent supportive housing, a meals program, transportation services, support groups and is the only ASO in the area to offer clinical mental health services. For more information on ACCESS AIDS Care, or to volunteer, call 757.640.0929 or visit
http://accessaids.org/index.php/how-you-can-help/volunteer-your-time

ACTIVE CITIZENS RECOGNITION...

Soup Line with Catholic Worker, Mar. 6, 13, 27— Mindy Bertram, Kim Rose, Megan Edwards, Dejha Crudup, Paul Kaufmann, Christina Reynolds, Christian Spivey, Kwame Harris, Travoy Bynum, Miranda Santiago.

Green Reader Program, Mar. 11— Mike Pezzella, Lashawnda White, Lauren Kingsbury.

Tree Planting, Mar. 21— Marlan Hare, Ben Freiler, Ericka Thomas, Camaron Hayes, Benjamin Haller, Patty Clark.

Empty Bowls, Mar. 14— Valerie Wilburn. Xzavier Darden, Nana Nishimura, Christina Reynolds, Lauren Amos, Stacy John, Lena Johnson, Aaliyah Green, Elizabeth Kayser, Nichole Nedwick, Damon Brown, Brandon Long.

Norfolk Animal Care Center, Mar. 2— Lauren Hoffman, Lisa Murray.

Neighborhood Tutoring, Mar. 11— Brittany Titus, Brittany Tasker, Keshana DeCruise, Alicia George, Jazmin Velasco, Marteen Majinnasola.
Cooking for Kids, Mar. 12, 26—Denisha Howard, Aaliyah Green, Adrian Benn, Taylor Hannan, Nikki Burns, Christina Reynolds, Nana Nishimura, Katie Baker, Liz Kayser, Taylor Bellamy, Courtni Wilson, Lena Johnson, Molly Fanney, Kyle Grabulis, Karissa Jackson, Destiny Banks, Nicolette Burns, Natalie Ulysse, Troy Aubut.


Marlins Count-Newtown & Bettie F. Williams/Bayside, Mar. 6, 10, 13, 24, 27, 31—Lizzie Eby, Christina Reynolds, Jacqvie Palaschak, Craig Lesher, Jessica Seymour, Kiera Bell, Megan Edwards, Kyle Kirkbride, Melinda Simmons, Taylor Roche-Dutch.

Marlins Read, Bayside, Mar. 5, 12, 19—Natasha Bugey, Hayley Cooper, Jenny Huffman, Abigail Sexton, Brooke Totzeck, Christina Morris, Jessica Moss, Dennai Moore, Ashley West, Bianca Nonnenmacher.

Marlins Read, Newtown, Mar. 11—Jennifer Pate, Chelsie Watkins, Molly Barnes, Toni Aris-Howell, Emma Gustin, Shakiella Daniel, Toni Owens, N’sou Hoba, Lewis Myers.

Marlins Read, Shelton, Mar. 6, 13—Kylah Jackson, Diamond Prue, Taylor Diggs, Brooke Gunter, Lauren Smith, Sam Domoracki, Avriana Chavez, Riana Garcia, Destiny Banks, Cierra Eldridge, Julia Zewede.

Marlins Read, Diamond Springs, Mar. 6, 14—Fatima Davis, Lizzie Eby, Taylor Roche-Dutch, Ember Jenison, Erin Chambers, Heba Habib, Carissa Stevens, Tone’ Boykins, Kiana Kisino, Mindy Bertram.

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Marlins Count…Lizzie Eby

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