

SEWANEES BONNER AND CANALE SERVICE SITES 2019-2020

BETTERFI

BetterFi is a 501(c)(3) financial non-profit operating out of Coalmont, TN that serves the South Cumberland Plateau. BetterFi provides financial coaching as well as an affordable alternative to costly predatory consumer loans that often entrap low-income individuals and families. Bonner interns will be able to work on identifying and establishing partnerships between BetterFi and regional organizations including banks, churches, and employers to create pipelines of potential clients; become IRS tax certified to assist in free income tax filing for local residents in order to save local families hundreds of dollars that they would otherwise spend; and teach and manage financial literacy and career planning games and activities with local 8th graders via Junior Achievement. Other areas where Bonners could initiate and build projects include in development planning by identifying local, regional, and national grant-giving organizations or fundraising opportunities; in grant acquisition by developing and writing grant proposals to secure funding for BetterFi's loan fund, and in research by collecting and analyzing client and repayment data with Tableau to evaluate underwriting criteria and collection.

COALMONT, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

SITE LEADER:
SYDNEY
MASTERSON

SITE SUPERVISOR:
SPIKE HOSCH

BEERSHEBA SPRINGS MEDICAL CLINIC VOLUNTEER ORGANIZING AND RESOURCE AID

Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic is a free medical clinic in Grundy County, TN that serves an annual 2,000 patients a year. Student volunteers partake in patient in-take, filing, organizing medical records, data tracking for the clinic, and can be trained to be Diabetes Educators for patients with diabetes. In addition to this, Bonner Leaders help with capacity building projects, such as running the Patient Assistance Program and getting volunteers for the new building renovation (which will one day become a dentistry office).

BEERSHEBA SPRINGS, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
MEDICAL CLINIC

SITE LEADER:
ELLIE MCLEAN

SITE SUPERVISOR:
ALISON GOWER

BLUE MONARCH

Blue Monarch is a residential recovery program for women and their children that aims to break the cycle of addiction and repair families. This position will be working with the Pen Pal Program between the children and individuals who sign up through Blue Monarch's website. With over 350 applications already the program is expanding to be able to meaningfully engage everyone involved. We also aim to foster learning and creativity through this process for the children. This will also allow them an opportunity to take on some responsibility, practice writing skills and penmanship.

HILLSBORO, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
YOUTH MENTORING,
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

SITE LEADER:
SARAH COVINGTON

SITE SUPERVISOR:
KATE CATALDO

BONNER LEADERS PROGRAM GRANTWRITING PROGRAM

This position will work as a team to learn the process of researching funds, learning grant cycles, meeting with community partners to explore needs and funding sources, working with Bonners at their sites on program development, and writing grants.

SEWANEES, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
GRANTWRITING

SITE LEADER:
MESGANA
DAGNACHEW

SITE SUPERVISOR:
JESSE BORNEMANN

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING TEAM

Bonner's Business Development & Marketing Team aims to promote the development of businesses and organizations on and around the Cumberland plateau. It is our belief that information (about the business or organization) presented in a clear and concise manner and that is easily accessible plays an integral role in the long-term stability of businesses. Furthermore, we also believe that consistent communication with clients helps to develop trust and lasting relationships with them. With these ideas in mind, we plan to empower local business owners and organization heads by providing direct assistance in three primary areas: strategy and consulting Marketing Advanced Analytics

SEWANEES, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
MARKETING, VIDEO,
WEB DEVELOPMENT

SITE LEADER:
ASHLEY STEWART AND
DIRK KAYITARE

SITE SUPERVISOR:
ROBIN HILLE
MICHAELS

CHRISTIANS CELEBRATING GOD'S BOUNTY CLINIC

WINCHESTER, TN

Sewanee students volunteer at Volunteers in Medicine are responsible for working with the other community volunteers on a variety of tasks that are necessary for the clinic's efficient function: checking patients in (retrieving/making files, taking histories, vitals, blood sugar, etc.), sanitizing patient rooms between uses, locating and properly packaging medication prescribed to a patient, identifying and organizing donated medications categorically, making appointments in person or over the phone, taking/recording phone messages, and any general organization or cleaning that might be necessary at the time. Additionally, students will sometimes have the opportunity to shadow the day's volunteer physician. On these days, the student is able to learn by observing the physician interactions with patients, and also helps the physician in any way that might be needed.

SERVICE TYPE:
MEDICAL CLINIC

SITE LEADER:
STEPHEN PRIEST

SITE SUPERVISOR:
JEANNA THOMPSON

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE PROGRAM AID

SEWANEE, TN

The CAC is a local food bank in Sewanee. Bonners pack groceries once a week, unloading food shipments, organizing shelves, providing support for clients as needed, and starting a garden for CAC. Bonners go to the CAC 1-5 days a week. They also work on organizing food insecurity awareness and alternative ways to help the community. Additionally, CAC interns offer monthly meals to CAC friends and families. Volunteers will help pick up food, cook food, set up tables, talk with clients coming to eat meals, and clean up after the meal. Students can also offer weekly tutoring for elementary-aged children in the adjacent Midway community.

SERVICE TYPE:
**FOOD INSECURITY,
SOCIAL SERVICES**

SITE LEADER:
**HAYDEN DUNBAR &
SAM STRAESSLE;
MICHAELA BLOW**

SITE SUPERVISOR:
BETTY CARPENTER

DISCOVER TOGETHER PROGRAM AID

TRACY CITY, TN

A Place for Families (the Family Coop) provides the opportunity for parents/caregivers and their children (ages birth-five) a place to gather, play, learn, and explore. Each activity is carefully sculpted to promote skills critical for school success, with a primary focus on early literacy and social skills. A service intern would be responsible for supporting the lead teacher in the day to day activities and working with children and their families to support their experience in the co-op.

SERVICE TYPE:
YOUTH MENTOR

SITE LEADER:
JENNI STRUTHERS

SITE SUPERVISOR:
**SHERRY GUYEAR,
EMILY PARTIN**

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

SEWANEE, TN

The Diabetes Prevention program works with the Franklin and Grundy County Health Educator and Assistant Director to Sewanee's pre-health program to develop, implement, promote, and lead a weekly, evidence-based program designed to help prevent diabetes from developing in two counties with low health rankings in a state that is ranked low, nationally, in health. In 2010, 35% of the Grundy country residents reported taking insulin and 30% of the population has adult obesity. Students interested in working with this program apply during the spring semester to work the following year as a Diabetes Education Fellow

SERVICE TYPE:
DIABETES PREVENTION

SITE LEADER:
OLIVIA WHITCOMB

SITE SUPERVISOR:
CYNTHIA GRAY

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TUTOR FOR ADULTS AT ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

MANCHESTER, TN

Students teach ESL to adult immigrants at All God's Children in Manchester, TN. They participate in creating weekly lesson plans, tracking the ESL students progress, developing trust and relationships with mostly undocumented residents, and hosting workshops about immigrant rights.

SERVICE TYPE:
**TUTORING ADULT
IMMIGRANTS**

SITE LEADER:
EDGAR HUERTA

SITE SUPERVISOR:
**ROBIN HILLE
MICHAELS**

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TUTOR FOR CHILDREN AT WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MANCHESTER, TN

Students teach ESL to spanish-speaking children at Westwood Elementary School in Manchester, TN. This is a new site that involves supporting their afterschool program including lessons, workshops, help with homework. This program could work in tandem with the ESL program for adults as both programs will share family members and are right around the corner from each other.

SERVICE TYPE:
**TUTORING ENGLISH
TO SPANISH-SPEAKING
STUDENTS**

SITE LEADER:
ALONDRA RAMIREZ

SITE SUPERVISOR:
JENNIFER RAULSTON

FOLKS AT HOME

Folks at Home is a local non-profit organization developed for and dedicated to assisting its members in continuing a dignified and comfortable lifestyle in the community through coordination of services they need during their elder years. Students working with Folks at Home would offer companionship to seniors, develop student volunteers for services, teach health-based classes, and offer general support to the work and mission of Folks at Home.

SEWANEE, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
ELDERLY SUPPORT

SITE LEADER:
SARAH CORDELL

SITE SUPERVISOR:
WALL WOFFORD

GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Grundy County Sheriff's Office runs a variety of recovery, education, and rehabilitation programs for inmates reentry. The partnership with the Office of Civic Engagement helps with these programs, primarily in tutoring inmates for their Hi-SET GED Test. Bonner Leaders tutor inmates in reading, writing, social studies, math, and science. They also assist in finding post-release employment, education, or recovery opportunities for inmates. Bonner Leaders also facilitate a lecture series for Sewanee professors to offer inmates interesting new topics.

ALTAMONT, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
**INCARCERATED
ADULTS
REHABILITATION**

SITE LEADER:
PETER BAHR

SITE SUPERVISOR:
ALICIA SHADWICK

GRUNDY EATS

Grundy Eats looks to address many food and therefore health issues within the community. Grundy Eats is the title of the Grundy based cooking show which will bring in community members to make health conscious, budget friendly meals. The overall goal is to encourage the members of Grundy County to invest in their health and community. This builds skills around filming, editing, health and wellness, rural community development.

SEWANEE, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
**LOCAL COOKING
SHOW**

SITE LEADER:
KARA ADAMS

SITE SUPERVISOR:
**ROBIN HILLE
MICHAELS**

GRUNDY SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION

GSCC is an outreach program focused on addressing opioid-related addictions and overdoses in Grundy County; it works to reduce substance abuse rates among youth and young adults in Grundy County. Students working with GSCC will work on: weekly social media posts to educate on substances; attend community meetings to learn about GSCC and their community partners and initiatives; lead educational prevention programming through after-school programs; and coordinate other youth events with substance abuse programming.

TRACY CITY, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
**OPIOID DRUG ABUSE
PREVENTION**

SITE LEADER:
SERIAH WYATT

SITE SUPERVISOR:
CHASITY MELTON

HOSPITALITY SHOP

Having a presence since 1968, the Hospitality Shop is a volunteer-run business that upcycles, recycles and re-purposes donations to lessen the impact on the environment. Most of the Hospitality Shop's revenue is awarded to Franklin and Grundy County graduating High School students, and in 2013, the shop was able to raise \$29,000 for the hospital programs. Students' tasks and specific responsibilities would include assisting in day-to-day operations, as well as trying to further increase our presence on campus through social media platforms and making the shop more accessible and appealing with Venmo Saturdays.

SEWANEE, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
**RE-USE AND RE-SALE
CLOTHING AND HOME
GOODS SHOP**

SITE LEADER:
**TIJA ODOMS & YOUJIN
SUNG**

SITE SUPERVISOR:
LAUREN NEWMAN

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MIDDLE TN AND THE CUMBERLANDS

The Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland is a non-profit law firm that works throughout the state of Tennessee to "enforce, advance and defend the legal rights of low income and vulnerable families in order to obtain for them the basic necessities of life." This position could help perform research, collect data, as well as potentially translate for staff members working with Spanish speaking clients on issues like criminal problems, child support, immigration, and any other need for free legal support.

TULLAHOMA, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
**FREE LEGAL SUPPORT
FOR LOW-INCOME
AND VULNERABLE**

SITE LEADER:
CARTER WARE

SITE SUPERVISOR:
ISKA HOOLE

NEW LIFE

This position will work with the clients of New Life, being trained by the staff there to understand the needs and complications around working with adults with disabilities. This position will assist individuals to be as independent as possible; provide direct care for individuals with basic needs including, but not limited to, outdoor education, meals, safety, and other related issues. Individuals will be transported to Sewanee once a week to be led on hikes and other activities on the domain. They are also interested in having art and/or music classes taught to their members.

WINCHESTER, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
**ADULTS WITH
DISABILITIES**

SITE LEADER:
CRYSTAL NGO

SITE SUPERVISOR:
VICKI WINTERS

PARTNERS FOR HEALING

Partners for Healing is a free medical clinic in Tullahoma, TN. They serve 3 counties, over general care, lab work, and referrals. They have a prescription assistance program and offer diabetes education to patients. The clinic is interested in students willing to research and write grants, organize clinic structure, create new initiatives, digitize medical records, educate the clinic on technology and offer cooking demonstrations.

TULLAHOMA, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
MEDICAL CLINIC

SITE LEADER:
MORGAN JENNINGS

SITE SUPERVISOR:
MICHELLE CARMACK

PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACTIV8 LEADER

Activ8 leaders work with elementary and middle school aged children twice a week to increase their physical activity, provide education on nutrition, and promoting a more active, healthier choice lifestyle. Enjoy your days getting to know these exciting students and being a role model in their childhood.

PELHAM, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
**YOUTH MENTOR
(NUTRITION/PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY)**

SITE LEADER:
EMMA FAIN

SITE SUPERVISOR:
JUDY FULTS

SOUTH CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY FUND

READ TO BE READY PROGRAM/GRANT-FUNDING PROGRAM

SEWANEE, TN

The South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF) helps improve the quality of life across this region by increasing philanthropic giving and supporting leadership to build on the strength of the area's people, communities, and natural setting; to enhance community capacity building and collaboration; and to support innovative ways to solve community problems. Under the Governor's initiative, SCCF is building the capacity of the local school system to help get their students reading at grade level from roughly 36% to the Governor's goal of 90%. Work with the Grade Level Reading Initiative will include aiding in convening learning communities, assisting in the preparation, communication/reporting, and research. In the fall, students can support the hosting of Community Conversations in September and October as well as help with SCCF's grant-awarding process to local non-profits.

SERVICE TYPE:
**LITERACY PROGRAM,
GRANT-FUNDING
PROGRAM**

SITE LEADER:
EMILY BADGETT

SITE SUPERVISOR:
NICKY HAMILTON

SOUTH PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE COUNSELING

SOUTH PITTSBURG, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
COLLEGE COUNSELING

SITE LEADER:
**EMMANUEL
ADESANYA**

SITE SUPERVISOR:
LYNN COOPER

Providing college application assistance to students through essay reviews, mock application workshops, college explorations, FAFSA assistance, resources for test prep, explorations of skills, majors, futures jobs, and visits to nearby colleges. Research, develop and implement workshops to help students succeed and keep retention at community colleges, given during the spring after they have been accepted.

SOUTH PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CORE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT MENTOR

SOUTH PITTSBURG, TN

SERVICE TYPE:
**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
MENTOR**

SITE LEADER:
KYLEE RICHARD

SITE SUPERVISOR:
PAIGE HILL

CORE (Connecting Others Respecting Each Other) is a mentoring and empowerment program. The goal of the program is to mentor at risk girls identified by faculty and follow them throughout their high school career. That means bonners will start CORE as a freshman and mentor a group of high school freshman girls, ideally both groups will graduate from college and high school respectively creating a tight bond. Through individual and group mentoring the girls will eventually embody CORE. Part of the goal of this program is to increase in the graduation rates because the girls are learning self worth, goal setting skills, and leadership development.

**SOUTH PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
GENDER-BASED EMPOWERMENT MENTOR, "MAN UP" SOUTH PITTSBURG, TN**

Man Up is a gender-based youth empowerment focused on educating and mentoring male high school students to develop self-confidence in themselves, hope for the future both in their own lives and their roles in their small-knit communities, and how to have healthy relationships that are both romantic and platonic. The Mentor will develop new curriculum, build a cohort of students from counselor recommendations and through marketing of the program, organize field trips and collaborative experiences with youth empowerment programs at nearby county schools, and establish this new program by mentoring students throughout the school year. Mentors will have bonding meetings on and off campus. We will work together to empower each other and build strong connections.

**SERVICE TYPE:
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
MENTOR**

**SITE LEADER:
PUJA BASNET & CALID
SHORTER**

**SITE SUPERVISOR:
PAIGE HILL**

**SWISS MEMORIAL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB GRUETLI-LAAGER, TN**

10-12 week program in the fall and spring working with 5th - 8th graders in an educational garden program. Bonners/Canales plan lessons and curriculum, introduce and eat healthy snacks, teach classroom components involving basic science, gardening, or nutrition, and spend time working with the children in the garden to reinforce lessons taught in the classroom.

**SERVICE TYPE:
GARDEN/FARM
DEVELOPMENT**

**SITE LEADER:
IYASSU KEBEDE &
SYKES ECKHARD**

**SITE SUPERVISOR:
JOHN ROGERS**

WEDNESDAY WONDERINGS YOUTH MENTOR SEWANEE, TN

Wednesday Wonderings (WW) is an after-school program at Sewanee Elementary School, held each Wednesday from 2:30-3:30. Students offer themed classes with curriculum for 6 weeks each semester and potential classes could include: fort-building, building a garden, writing and acting out plays using items found in nature as props, or any other subject that students feel interested in leading.

**SERVICE TYPE:
YOUTH MENTOR**

**SITE LEADER:
CAROLINE GRAHAM &
EMILY STONE**

**SITE SUPERVISOR:
ROBIN HILLE
MICHAELS**