
Caring Place

We can always count on the children at The Caring Place to be smiling and making jokes. They help brighten our day with their infectious excitement from the time we walk in to the time we leave. Although we only go to The Caring Place once a week, it has given us new friends in the Allentown community and on Muhlenberg's campus.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteers, 2009-2010

Casa Guadalupe

Every week that I go to Casa, I always find myself learning something new. Sometimes it's something small like what a particular student thinks about Miley Cyrus' new movie and sometimes it's something bigger like learning what the middle school students want to be when they grow up.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

Community Bike Works

This program builds confidence in these kids and I have witnessed this first hand. Community Bike Works has given me the opportunity to learn that although I am from a different background than most of these kids, I can be accepted as a friend and mentor through my own authenticity.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

Shape it up!

It was great to be learning and giving back to Allentown, where I will be spending the next four years of my college career. I was very happy to find the Shape It Up program in particular because it fits my interests of sports, exercise, and working with kids. I love seeing the kids return every week and watching their confidence and enthusiasm increase each time. Volunteering with the program is something I look forward to each and every week. Thank you!

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

Phoebe Home

Being part of Adopt A Grandparent is a rewarding experience. We are able to spend time with the residents of the Phoebe who are always happy to see us and us to see them. Everyone enjoys the atmosphere of being silly and having fun. Whether we are playing bingo, going to the zoo, or having ice cream, its always a good time. Simply stated, it has been great and I am happy to have the opportunity to be part of it.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

6th St. Shelter

I have always believed that being around kids keeps me on my toes, and that they might actually teach me more than I could teach them. After being at the Kids Club, I know that to be true. I've gained so much from the kids there and from the volunteers I work with. I am so appreciative of the way I am treated at the Shelter, and I will continue to offer my help there until I graduate. Thanks, Sixth Street.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

The Civic Theatre

Volunteering at Civic Theatre is great, in part because the people who work there are amazing! It is a friendly and fun environment. I have learned so many new things at The Civic and I know that I will learn many more.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

Family Centers at Jefferson & Central

Working at Central Food Bank has been one of the most rewarding experiences for me during my time here at Muhlenberg. Going to the food bank allowed me to really interact with the Allentown community, and it made me feel as though I am truly making a difference.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

Impact Project

Being involved with the IMPACT project has had a huge influence in my life on campus. I enjoy working with IMPACT because it gives me the opportunity to be a role model for youth who live in the Allentown community. Within the IMPACT program, the students see us as friends as well as older siblings. For this reason, we build strong bonds with the students and great friendships that last well beyond the program completion.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

Cleveland Elem.

I had anticipated the students bouncing off the walls and having a difficult time focusing, but boy was I wrong. These students were completely engrossed in their work and loved listening to the volunteers explain each activity and loved chatting with the Muhlenberg students. Art Day was such an amazing experience for these students and showed not only me but all the other volunteers and the teachers how important the arts are to our schools and to our children.

- Muhlenberg College Art Day Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

Arts & Crafts at Jefferson

It's pretty difficult to get twenty-five second graders to calmly do a project, but this was one of the most rewarding things I've done all year. It was a lot of fun to put together a new (but simple) craft and then not only help the kids complete it, but just sit and talk about their families and how their day was. No matter how hard my day had been, I could relax and just have fun at Jefferson.

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010

Daybreak

I was at the Farmer's Market two weeks ago and ran into one of the sweet, older women that attend Daybreak every week. She was so excited to see me and my friend. It really just goes to show that you form a relationship with the individuals who are part of the program that exists outside the borders of Daybreak and I think that's awesome!!

- Muhlenberg College Student Volunteer, 2009-2010
