**Service-Learning Benefits**

**Students benefit through...**

- Hands-on use of skills and knowledge that increases the relevance of academic skills and deepens the understanding of core academic concepts and theories
- Opportunities that accommodate different learning styles
- Interaction with people of diverse cultures and lifestyles
- Increased sense of self-efficacy
- Enhanced analytical skills and social development
- Valuable and competitive career guidance and experience
- Opportunities for meaningful involvement with the local community
- Increased sense of civic responsibility

**Faculty benefit through...**

- Inspiration and invigoration of teaching methods
- Increased student contact through greater emphasis on student-centered teaching
- A new perspective on learning and an increased understanding of how learning occurs
- Connecting the community with curriculum and becoming more aware of current societal issues as they relate to academic areas of interest
- Opportunities to tap into expertise of community agencies as co-teachers
- Identifying areas for research and publication related to current trends and issues

**The Community benefits through...**

- Access to university resources
- Positive relationship opportunities with the university
- Opportunities for contributing to the educational process
- Affordable access to professional development
- Short and long term solutions to pressing community needs
- Development of a pool of potential employees

**The University benefits through...**

- Enhanced teaching, research and outreach activities
- Faculty and student engagement in local and state community issues
- Opportunities to extend university knowledge and resources
- Positive community relationships
- Increased development and preparation of university graduates
- Access to wisdom and experience of community agencies as co-teachers

**Further Reading**

