



Msgr. Edward Pace High School Community Service

“Whoever wants to rank as the greatest among you must become the servant of all.
Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus

Christian service is born from a profound sense of gratitude for the great service that Jesus Christ has done for the benefit of us all. It is also born from the example of his love that inspires us, a love that fills us up and desires to love others with Christ’s own love. Remember also that Saint Marcellin Champagnat lived his life following Jesus by *living to serve* young people in need. Our *Catholic* school calls each of its students to participate in the works of service and mercy through our Community Service Program. This gives all the opportunity to go beyond self-absorption by thinking about others, by reaching out with *joy and generous love* and giving hope through solidarity. Jesus said, “There is more joy in giving than in receiving.”

What does this program involve?

All students enrolled at Msgr. Edward Pace High School are required to complete a total of at least seventy-five (75) community service hours at recognized **NOT-FOR-PROFIT** organizations/ministries/institutions as a requirement for graduation. This not only make a student eligible for Florida’s Bright Futures program but it is in keeping with the very mission of the school as a Catholic institution which enables students to experience the meaning of generous service by meeting real needs in the community. *The seventy-five hours need to be completed and verified no later than two weeks prior to the end of the third quarter of their Junior Year.*

What is the process?

1. Students select from one or more of the organizations listed below. They are to call ahead of time and introduce his/herself as a Msgr. Pace student wishing to contribute time and talents toward the efforts of this organization as part of Msgr. Pace’s community service program. **The student must request an official letter of verification of community service. The letter must be written on official letterhead/stationary (with the name, address, and phone of the organization). It must include: (1) the name of the student, (2) the hours and service provided, (3) the name of the coordinator who could be contacted.**
2. Outside of this list we will only accept community service hours from:
 - A. From a parish/church of your choice. In such a case the church is to write a letter on their official letterhead/stationary with the church’s name, address, and phone number. The letter must include what kind of service you did and how many hours of your time you volunteered. It needs to be signed by the person who supervised you and whom we could contact.
 - B. From a private or Catholic elementary or middle school (no day-cares). The student needs the school to write a letter on their official letterhead/stationary with the school’s name, address, and phone number. The letter must include what kind of service you did and how many hours of your time you volunteered. It needs to be signed by the person who supervised you and whom we could contact.



- C. Students can opt to serve in or through Msgr. Pace High School. *Open houses* and other *school events* that the school invites students' help is one way to serve to the school community. Another way could be through *Club* or *Service Club organizations* of the school that plan events to serve the needs of the wider community. In both cases the moderator, coach or teacher responsible for supervising the event(s) needs to write a letter explaining what service was done, together with the name(s) of the student(s) involved, along with the number of hours each volunteered next to student's name(s). The moderator, coach or teacher is then responsible for handing this letter to the coordinator of the CS program.
3. Students wish the school to consider **adding another organizations** to our official list, need to submit in writing (1) his/hers name, grade and homeroom, (2) the name of the organization, its telephone, website if available, number and address, and (3) a short description of what the organization is about, together with your reasons why we should consider it. This list will be up-dated and posted whenever a new site is entered into our official list.

KEY ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR WEBSITES:

http://www.catholiccharitiesadm.org/what_we_do.htm
(Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami)

<http://www.miamiarch.org/ipsSimple.asp?op=C100000>
(parishes and schools of the Archdiocese of Miami)

<http://www.miamiarch.org/ip.asp?op=B000000&lg=E>
(offices and ministries of the Archdiocese of Miami)

<http://www.respectlifemiami.org/>

<http://www.mariancenterschool.org/>

<http://www.camillushouse.org/>

<http://www.covenanthouse.org/>

<http://www.hhch.org/contactus.html>

Below is a list of South Florida service organizations provided by *Hands On Miami*

Hands On Miami (Youth Volunteer Corps) can be reached for information and to register:
http://www.handsonmiami.org/AboutUs/index.php/YVC_main.html

After School House	Little Haiti Housing Authority
Allapattah Middle School	Lorah Park Elementary
Ambrister Park	Lutheran Ministries
American Forests	MACtown
American Cancer Society's Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge	Madison Middle School
American Littoral Society	Martin Luther King Elementary
American Red Cross	Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services
Amigos Construction and Community Development Corporation	Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, Leisure Access Service
Arch Creek Park	Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Arts & Business Council
Association for the Development of the Exceptional
A Woman's Place/A Kid's Place
The Barnacle
Bear Cut Preserve
Belafonte Tacolcy Center
Best Buddies
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Miami
Bill Baggs State Recreation Area
Biscayne Community School
Biscayne Estuaries
Biscayne National Park
Botanical Foundation
Boys and Girls Club
Boys Town
Castelow Hammock
Catholic Home for Children
Cedars Medical Center
Centro Campesino
Charles Deering Estate
Children's Home Society
Christmas In April
Citizens' Crime Watch
City of Miami Committee on Beautification
City of Miami Department of Parks and Recreation,
Programs for Persons with Disabilities
Clean Florida Keys
Colonial Drive Elementary
Communities In Schools
Community Habilitation Center
Community Partnership for the Homeless
Concept House
Cool Communities
Corporate Academy North
Corporate Academy South
Crandon Park
Dade County Animal Shelter
Dade Heritage Trust
Daily Bread Food Bank
Department of Environmental Resources
Miami Central High School
Miami Heights Elementary
Miami Jackson High School
Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
Miami Project to Cure Paralysis
Miami Museum of Science
Miami Rescue Mission
Miami V.A. Medical Center
Miami Youth Museum
Modello Housing Authority Resident Council
Naranja Elementary
National Marine Sanctuary
Native Plant Society
Nature Conservancy
Neat Stuff
Neighborhood Enhancement Team - West Coconut
Grove
Neighbors 4 Neighbors
Norland Middle School
North Dade Center
North Miami Elementary
North Miami Middle School
North Miami Senior High School
Oleta State Park
One Nation
Opa-Locka Elementary
Operation Green Leaves
PACE Center for Girls
Palm Springs Elementary
Parent Resource Center
Paws on Miami
Peace Education Foundation
Pelican Harbor
People With AIDS Coalition
Pet Rescue
Phyllis Wheatley Elementary
Pierre Toussaint Haitian Catholic Center
Pine Villa Elementary
Poinciana Park Elementary
Possible Dream Foundation

Management
Edison Park Elementary
Eneida Hartner Elementary
Environmental Cleanup of Miami Beach
Everglades National Park
Fairchild Tropical Garden
Fair Havens Convalescent Center
Family Resource Center
Federation of Garden Clubs
Feinberg Fisher Elementary
Floral Heights Elementary
Florida Association for Disability Advocacy
Food for Life
Frank C. Martin Elementary
Global Re-Leaf
Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Habitat for Humanity
Haven Center
Hialeah-Miami Lakes High
Holiday Project
Holmes Elementary
HOPE Center
I Have A Dream Foundation
International Coastal Cleanup
Jackson Memorial Hospital
Jewish Vocational Services
Kelsey L. Pharr Elementary
Kinloch Park Middle School
Kiwanis Horses and Handicapped
Lakeview Elementary
Landmark Learning Center
Laura C. Saunders Elementary
Liberty City Businesses, Churches, Homeowners
and Tenants Association
Liberty City Health Services Center
Liberty Square Housing Project
Lillie C. Evans Elementary
Redlands Tropical Gardens
Richmond Elementary Community School
Richmond Heights Middle School
Right Trak
Riviera Middle School
Ronald McDonald House
Salvation Army
Shake-A-Leg
Shelbourne House
Simpson Park
South Dade Beautification Committee
South Florida Association for Disability Advocacy
South Florida Veterans Foundation
South Florida Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
South Miami Heights Elementary
Special Olympics
St. Vincent de Paul
Sunrise Club
Suited for Success
Surfrider Foundation
Thena Crowder Elementary
Tiger Woods Foundation
Trees For Dade
Tropical Park
United Home Care Services
Van E. Blanton Elementary
Ventilator Assisted Children's Camp (VACC)
VITAS Hospice
Walden Community School
William A. Chapman Elementary
West Dade Regional Library
WorldTree
YMCA
YWCA of Greater Miami