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AWARD WINNERS

**Champion Award for
Community Impact**



**Gabrielle Doty (l)
Class of 2023**

**Julie Fisher (r)
Class 2023**

Gabrielle Doty dedicated 4 years of her college experience in service to the Springfield community, working closely with the Campus Cupboard and the Heritage Center. She supported other students service experiences as a Hagen Center Coordinator, working to plan service events.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



His hands. His feet... *every*

The Ark has been serving children with free after school programs since 1995. We are now serving second generation children. It has been a remarkable blessing to be able to give children a safe place to continue learning during the after school hours. The program is based on educational theories, that have been developed by respected leaders like, Jean Piaget and Erik Erikson. The use of "Learning Centers" and positive choices follows along with the "High Scope" curriculum used by Head Start.

Currently, we are located at 1027 W. High Street, Springfield Ohio. This year The Ark has 169 (and growing) children enrolled. Children in grades K-4 may come to the ARK on Monday and Wednesday from 3-6:15, and children in grades 5-8 come to the Ark on Tuesday and Thursday, 3-6:15. A second Ark location has been re-opened at 403 Selma Road, which offers yet another location for student volunteers.

(cont.) Julie Fisher dedicated 4 years of her college experience to service in the Springfield community, serving most recently with Rocking Horse Community Health Center. She supported other students service experiences as a Hagen Center Coordinator, also supporting Civic Engagement Scholars.

**Champion Award for
Community Impact--
Faculty/Staff**

**Dr. Kelly Dillion-
Communications
Department**

Dr. Kelly Dillion has fostered position connection between campus and many partners in the community through her Social Media course, matching students with clients with a critical need. Emphasizing reciprocity, her work has helped student apply academic, interpersonal, and professional skills to local nonprofits through the project of creating a social media strategic plan.

**Campus Compact
Newman Civic Fellow**

**Danny Bean
Class of 2024**

Danny Bean was recognized as he launches his fellowship year working with Equality Springfield on programs for LGBTQ+ youth in the Springfield community. He is passionate about combining support for this population with mental health support for college students.

(cont.) Sue Rose has directed the Ark for over 20 years. Not only does she oversee all activities of the Ark, but she oversees the staff and volunteers, (which include Wittenberg University students). Sue is an amazing woman as your students have related to you. She loves, disciplines, and always shows her gratitude through gifts and notes of thanks to those who help at the Ark. She cares deeply and cares for the student volunteers. She has been known to come in extra days just so students could complete their volunteer hours.

Additionally, the Ark is at the center of a community campus that is shared by New Day Fellowship Church and Jefferson Street Community Garden. The garden has prepared plots for families to garden and free plants. The garden welcomes kids to learn about gardening in raised beds...only stipulation is that they are accompanied by an adult. "Community" is happening at 1027 West High and at Wittenberg University. It is good! And we are thankful!

-by Susie Rastatter-Co-Founder Children's Rescue Center



Sue Rose, Director of the Children's Rescue Center, is the inaugural winner of The Rose Award for Excellence in Community Partnership (2022-23).



Sue Rose, pictured with 2 student volunteers, Parker Hayes and Lanai Stevenson



Assistant Director of the Hagen Center, Rachel Scherzer, presents Sue Rose with the Rose Award at Wittenberg Honor's Convocation.



Copeland Community Service & Social Justice Award

Abby Gertenzang Class of 2023

Abby Gertenzang has engaged deeply in service and social justice work through her experiences serving WellSpring's FAST Program and as a Springfield Promise Neighborhood summer camp youth intern. Her work has helped to build youth confidence and develop agency in the lives of young people.



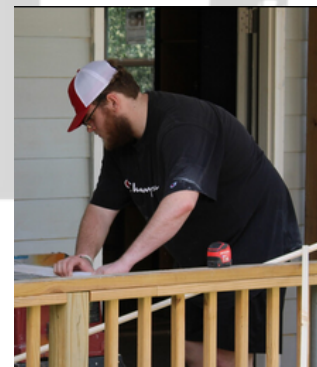
Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award

Amanda Kot Class of 2024

Amanda Kot has a commitment to equal access to education, working this year to translate materials to Spanish for students at Springfield High School, as well as serving Springfield Promise Neighborhood and the Wellspring & Partners in Prevention Program, planning a youth-led summit at Wittenberg.

Fuller Center FIRE week trip

Five students from Wittenberg traveled to Americus, Georgia to serve with the Fuller Center for Housing during their FIRE Week. They continued our long-standing tradition of students participating in a service immersion experience with organizations addressing housing insecurity. This year's group helped a mother of four turn a once-vacant property into a like-new home and visited the Fuller Center headquarters to hear about the history of their movement. Thank you to our students who made this tremendous commitment to serve the community - Justin Chambers, Jack Duffer, Dane Flatter, Abby Holbrook, and Morgan Rainey.



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Community Events



Teen Summer Service Fair

May 6, 10-1pm | CCPL Southgate Branch

Learn how YOU can make a difference and earn your community service hours this summer! Local organizations like Autumn Trails, Warder Literacy Center and Junior Achievement want to connect you to volunteer opportunities and resources you can use. Games, prizes, crafts, and light refreshments will be available for the whole family to enjoy!

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Springfield Pride Festival

June 24, 12PM | 76 E High St

This year's Pride celebration will be June 23-25. For more information, follow the Equality Springfield Facebook page.

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Summer Arts Festival-Newsies Jr.

June 14, 8PM pm | Veterans Park Amphitheater

The Springfield Arts Council's 2023 Summer Arts Festival presents the Youth Arts Ambassadors production of "Disney's NEWSIES JR" for three performances on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, June 14, 15, 16, at 8:00 PM in Veterans Park Amphitheater!

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Mrs. Claus' Spring Coffee Crawl

May 20, 10-3PM | Warder Literacy Center

This is Mrs. Claus' downtown Springfield tour, highlighting historic gems while allowing participants the rare opportunity to sample coffee and treats from local vendors all for one price!

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Community Events



Community Tree-Planting

May 6, 9:00-12:00PM | Shawnee High School

Clark Shawnee Highschool students are hosting this event in partnership with Tree-Plenish, a student-led 501(c)(3) non-profit organization empowering students to create a more sustainable and equitable future through community tree planting. Together with students from Clark-Shawnee, Tree-Plenish hopes to drive Springfield toward a sustainable future.

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Serve Ohio-Workshop Proposals

Conference November 2 | Westerville, OH

The 2023 Conference Planning Committee is seeking proposals for presentations at the conference. The deadline to submit a proposal is May 25th at 11:59 PM EST. To submit a proposal, email the Request For Proposal Form to rebeccah.verhoff-kiss@serve.ohio.gov.



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Eat Smart Move More

Springfield Ohio Urban Plantfolk

Cooking and Nutrition Classes | Springfield, OH

Central State University Extension in partnership with Springfield Ohio Urban Plantfolk (SOUP) is offering a weekly nutrition course, as well as plant sales and other courses throughout the year.

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