

Redemptorist High School

2009-2010 S.I.G.N. Service Directory

“Service In God’s Name”

(Last updated on December 17, 2009)

Below is the 2009-2010 service directory. These are all of the approved agencies where you may volunteer for your service hours. More agencies are being added periodically. **If an agency is not listed below and you want to volunteer, you must seek permission prior to completing the work.** In order for an agency to be added, it must meet certain requirements outlined in the service hour policies. For all questions or approval of non-listed agencies, email Ms. Maylon at nmaylon@rhsbr.org.

A. GOSPEL MISSION HOURS (Minimum of 10 hours)

- A1. American Red Cross, Louisiana Capital Area** - Provides free emergency assistance to victims of disasters; service to military families; health, safety and AIDS education; volunteer and youth development in the 10-parish area

Contact: Ruth Merrell
Phone: 225-291-4533
10201 Mayfair Drive
Baton Rouge , LA 70809
Email: rmerrell@batonrouge.redcross.org

- A2. ARC Baton Rouge** - Assists those with disabilities through a swimming program, t-ball league, BREC Summer Camp, and others.

Contact: Sheryl Rimes
Phone: 225-927-0855
8326 Kelwood Avenue
Baton Rouge , LA 70806
Email: srimes@arcbatonrouge.org

- A3. Baton Rouge Food Bank** - Organize food at the warehouse which is distributed to the hungry.

Contact: Bonnie Bordelon, ext. 200
Phone: 225-359-9940
5546 Choctaw Drive
Baton Rouge , LA 70806
Email: bonnie@brfoodbank.org
Website: www.brfoodbank.org

***NOTE:** Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes. No sandals are allowed.*

***NOTE:** Baton Rouge food bank does not provide individuals letters confirming service hours. They email a master list to Ms. Maylon. See Ms. Maylon at the beginning of March to get a copy the letter confirming your hours.*

A4. Big Buddy Program - Work/play with underprivileged children

Contact: Myrties Russel
Phone: 225-388-9737
333 E. Chimes Street
Baton Rouge , LA 70802
Email: bigbuddyprogram@aol.com

A5. Bingo and Birthday Parties for Elderly – Play bingo and celebrate the birthdays of the elderly residents of the Catholic/Presbyterian Apartments on 6th Street downtown. Takes places on the 2nd Saturday every month

Contact: Gloria Simmons
Phone: 225-926-6416
Email: gabat@bellsouth.net

A6. Bishop Ott Shelter(Men/Women) - Cook and serve meals for the homeless. May work in groups of no more than three students. Must buy, cook and serve meal for total packet of five hours per student

**Bishop Ott Shelter for Men
Bishop Ott Shelter for Women and Children
Sweet Dreams Shelter**

Contact: Yolanda Perriloux
Phone: 225-383-7837, ext. 221
1623 Convention Street
Baton Rouge, LA
Website: www.svdpr.com
Email: yperriloux@svdpbr.com

- A7. Boys and Girls Club** – Make a difference in the life of a child in need. If you would like to give your time to a child who deserves it, please download a [volunteer application](#). Applications can be faxed or mailed in.

Contact: Onya Carter, Director of Volunteer Services
Phone: 225-383-3928, ext. 206
Fax: 225-454-6333
8281 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge , LA 70806
Email: onya@brclubs.org
Website: www.brclubs.org

- A8. Boys Hope/Girls Hope of Baton Rouge** - Helping children who are hurt or at risk

Contact: Christina Bertucci
Phone: 225-346-5095
P.O. Box 4414
Baton Rouge , LA 70821
Website: www.boyshopegirlshope.org

- A9. BREC's Hearts and Hooves Therapeutic Horsemanship at Farr Park** – Provides assistance to children with disabilities who want to learn riding skills. They meet Mondays at 4 pm to saddle and prepare horses for the children, assist the children with riding, and then unsaddle and bed-down the horses. Roughly 3-4 hours each Monday.

Contact: Melissa Wood
Phone: 225-769-7805
BREC Farr Park
6202 River Road
Baton Rouge , LA 70820
Email: mwood@brec.org

- A10. Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge** - Assist cancer patients and their families

Contact: Cindy Tramonte
Phone: 225-927-2273, ext. 310
550 Lobdell Avenue
Baton Rouge , LA 70806
Email: events@cancerservices.org
Website: www.cancerservices.org

A11. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge - Volunteer opportunities vary throughout the year. Please contact us at any time! Populations served: Expectant Mothers, Adoptive Parents and their families, Migrants and Refugees (parents and children), Evacuees, Persons with Disabilities, Children needing Foster Grandparents, Children of Prisoners, Low Income Families in Crisis, and Seniors.

Contact: Marie Carmody, Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: 225-303-5096
1900 S. Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Email: mcarmody@ccrbr.org
Website: www.ccsbr.org

NOTE: Catholic Charities is located next door to the Catholic Life Center at S. Acadian and Hundred Oaks. Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A12. Catholic Heart Work Camp – Attend one of the Catholic Heart Work Camps with your local church and earn 6 hours per day for the 5 days you are serving those in need. For more information, check the website listed below and talk to your youth minister.

Website: www.heartworkcamp.com

A13. CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates – Help abused and neglected children in the foster care system.

Contact: Christy Kayser
Phone: 225-379-8598
341 St. Joseph's Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Email: ckasyser@casabr.org
Website: www.casabr.org

A14. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - The CF foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with CF.

Contact: Erin Achberger
Phone: 225-769-9994
9141 Interline Dr. Suite 4A
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Email: baton-rouge@cff.org

A15. Everybody Reads/Everyone Counts at Eden Park – Tutoring in Reading and Math

Contact: Tracy Portle
Phone: 225-226-4701
Email: tportle@ebrschools.org

A16. Gait Way Therapeutic Horsemanship - Help people with disabilities ride horses for therapy

Contact: Shelly Barry
Phone: 225-766-1614
Mailing Address:
6555 Pikes Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Email: SBarry@GaitWay.org

A17. Generations Hospice – Enhance the lives of patients, their families, and nursing home residents.

Contact: Dottie Spangler or Sarah Cannon
Phone: 225-791-7775
103 S. Range Ave.
Denham Springs, LA 70726
www.generationshospice.us

A18. Highland Hospice and Palative Care of Louisiana - Read to patients, do yard work, sit and listen as a friend/companion

Contact: Latricha Peters
Phone: 225-771-1881
5100 Groome Road
Baker, LA 70714

A19. Habitat for Humanity - Build homes for the poor and those who have lost their homes due to disaster. **Volunteers MUST be 16 years of age or older.**

Contact: Katie Paulson
Phone: 225-927-6651
Website: www.habitatbr.org

A20. Habitat for Humanity ReStore – Perform miscellaneous tasks for Habitat on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8 am – 5 pm.

Phone: 225-355-1895
4301 Airline Hwy at Plank Road
Baton Rouge, LA

A21. Hospice Care of Louisiana – Reading and visiting with patients who are terminally ill.

Contact: Donna Lofton
Phone: 225-768-0866
8280 YMCA Plaza Dr.
Building 3, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
Email: donna.lofton@chahospice.com
Website: www.chahospice.com

NOTE: Must be 18 to volunteer with Hospice Care of Louisiana.

A22. Life Source Hospice – Reading to patients, arts and crafts, making birthday cards, and more

Contact Justin
Phone: 225-291-9421

A23. Locks of Love – Girls donate 10 to 12 inches of hair to be made into wigs for cancer patients. Students will receive 2 hours per donation.

A24. Louisiana Senior Olympics Games – LSOG promotes physical fitness and an improved quality of life for people over 50 through sports and physical training.

Contact: Lori Faris
Phone: 225-925-1748
Fax: 225-925-3553
P.O. Box 14748
Baton Rouge, LA 70898
Email: lori@lsog.net

A25. Mission Trips – Can claim 8 hours per day, excluding travel days, working with people. Trips will be announced as offered or available through local churches. Mission trips must be confirmed by the student's religion teacher.

A26. National Charity League – NCL is a non-profit organization of mothers and daughters who join together in community involvement. NCL's goal is to foster a sense of community responsibility in the girls as well as strengthen the mother/daughter relationship through philanthropic work, educational activities, and cultural events.

Contact: Christina Greenblatt
Phone: 225-753-2048
Website: www.ncl.org or www.nclriverroad.org
Email: cgreenb@bellsouth.net

***NOTE:** You must be a member of NCL. NCL is open to 7th – 12th grade girls.*

A27. Nursing Homes / Assisted Living Facilities – Visit with the elderly (play bingo, play music, etc.) at **any** of the local nursing homes or assisted living facilities. The nursing homes listed below have contact us, but students aren't limited to just the ones listed below. ANY nursing home is acceptable.

Heritage House

Contact: Activity Department
Phone: 225-924-2851
1335 Wooddale
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Ollie Steele Nursing Home

Contact: Ed Picard
Phone: 225-926-0091
4250 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

St. James Place

Contact: Sybil Cox w/ Assisted Living
Phone: 225-215-4568
Contact: Nisey Ward w/ Nursing Home
Phone: 225-490-3256
333 Lee Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Phone: 225-490-3400

A28. St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall - Provides a hot nutritious meal everyday of the year from 11:30 am - 1 pm. Also provide brown bag meals everyday of the year.

Contact: Shedonna Martin-Mason
Phone: 225-383-7837, ext. 207
220 St. Vincent de Paul Place
Baton Rouge, LA
Email: smason@svdpbr.com

A29. St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy - Helps the poor in our community receive needed medications.

Contact: Kaye Kyes
Phone: 225-383-7450
Phone: 225-383-7837, ext. 310
1647 Convention St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Website: www.svdpbr.com
Email: kkyes@svdpbr.com

A30. St. Vincent de Paul Stores/ Processing Center - Stores provide clothing, appliances, furniture, and other items to needy individuals and families in our community.

Contact: Lucile Dunn
Phone: 225-267-5447
Email: ldstvincen@bellsouth.net
Website: www.svdpbr.com

2655 Plank Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70805
Phone: 225-356-9683

12107 Florida Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
Phone: 225-275-1135

5621 Government St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Phone: 225-925-5255

1925 Staring Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
Phone: 819-0460

14455 Greenwell Spring Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Phone: 261-9644

4171 Hwy 1
Brusly, LA 70767
Phone: 749-2003

A31. St. Agnes Holiday Food Deliveries - Deliver food to needy at Christmas and Easter

A32. St. Agnes Shelter - Help clean shelter and play with homeless children

A33. St. Agnes Soup Kitchen - Serve meals to the homeless

Contact: Sr. Alokesh
Phone: 225-383-8367
Missionaries of Charity
737 East Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

***NOTE:** The above contact information is for the three St. Agnes ministries. St. Agnes does not provide a letterhead when you volunteer with them. You must type a letter and have it signed by the person supervising you.*

A34. Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge - Serves abused, neglected children, at risk youth, homeless, elderly, disabled persons

Contact: Amanda Gustavson, Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: 225-408-3796
3949 North Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Website: www.voa-br.org
Email: amanda@voa-br.org

A35. Volunteens – Work on various service projects with groups of other teenagers on weekends and school holidays.

Contact: Lavonia Nowell
Phone: 225-343-8270
460 North 11th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Email: vbr@volunteerbatonrouge.org
Website: www.volunteerbatonrouge.org

***NOTE:** You must go to the website (under the Volunteens section) to download and complete a volunteer application form before being able to participate in service projects.*

A36. Braveheart-Brave Heart- Children in Need, Inc., is a non-profit organization which was founded in August, 2004. We are focused on the cause of improving the quality of life for children who are experiencing the emotional trauma of being removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. Brave Heart- Children in Need participates in many community projects and activities regarding the plight of abused children. We are inspired by the concept of tangible items that can be looked at and used on a daily basis to remind a child that they can face the unknown with hope. We have in place several programs which offer hope, encouragement, and comfort to children. www.braveheartchildren.org

Contact: braveheartchild@bellsouth.net
Phone: 225-296-0000
4111 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.
Baton Rouge, La 70816

A37. Diocese of Baton Rouge-Youth Ministry & Marriage and Family Life Office-Help with various events sponsored by the YMO such as Mother and Daughter functions, Right to Life events, etc...
www.christianformationbr.org

Note: Some events are for certain age groups, as well as by gender. Please call ahead.

Contact: Sharon Baldrige
Marriage & family Life and Youth Ministry Offices
1800 S. Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, La 70821
Email: sbaldrige@diobr.org
Phone: 225-242-0323

A38. Challenge Clubs (Girls) and Conquest Clubs (Boys)-Challenge and Conquest are Catholic Youth leadership clubs sponsored Regnum Christi to support parents in the Christian formation of their children by offering girls and boys opportunities for spiritual and human growth. Dynamic team activities and service projects take place in environments where healthy friendships and Christian outreach flourish.

Contact names and phone numbers vary by area. Please visit their websites at challengeclubs.com and conquestclubs.com for more information.

A39. St. Vincent de Paul Society- Through our various programs, we reach out to those in need. We provide hot meals to those who would otherwise go hungry, warm beds to those who would have no place to sleep, medications to those who could not afford them on their own, and the mandatory uniforms that children need to attend school. By fulfilling these basic needs we do more than address the needs of the moment; we believe that we are giving a hand up, and not a hand out. At every opportunity, we move to better the lives of those we help and move them towards self-sufficiency and a better quality of life. Please visit the website at www.svdpbr.org/Index.aspx to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Contact: Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Volunteer Opportunities
P.O. Box 127
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0127
(225) 383-7837

A40. Hospital Volunteer Work- Volunteer at local hospitals via their “candy striper” or “young volunteers” programs. The work done should NOT be any secretarial or clerical work. The work must be hands on with patients (i.e. reading to them, visiting with those patients receiving long term care who do not receive many visitors, visiting the children’s ward, etc...), assisting with distribution of meals, clean up after meals, etc..

Please contact the local area hospitals for more information on their individual volunteer programs. Be sure to ask about age requirements when you call. **Some hospitals require that you are 17 years of age or older to volunteer:**

Our Lady of the Lake 225-765-4325

Baton Rouge General 225-387-7000

Ochsner 225-754-5000

Woman’s Hospital 225-924-8159

A41. St. Jude Hospital-Students may receive service hours for working at fundraisers (i.e. RHS St. Jude Volleyball Tournament, RHS Jr. High Homecoming Spirit Links) that benefit St. Jude. Students that take a “road trip” with youth groups to the hospital in Memphis, TN may also earn hours for visiting with the patients at the hospital. Please visit <http://www.stjude.org/volunteers> for more information on the volunteer programs in your local area, as well as in Memphis, TN.

Note: When visiting the hospital in Memphis, TN, students can also volunteer their time at the Ronald McDonald House and Target House. Students and their families can cook meals, play games, organize birthday parties, etc. for the patients and their families that are staying there while they are receiving treatment. Please categorize this volunteer work under A41. St. Jude Hospital.

A42. Rosary Making-Students may make rosaries and donate them to area hospitals, nursing homes, Sr. Maria Dulce’s Ministry, Battered Women’s Shelters, etc...

One hour is awarded for each rosary that is made and donated.

A43. Blood Bank – Donate blood and receive 2 hours per donation. Donate blood platelets and receive 4 hours. (*You must be 16 years old to donate blood and you must be 17 years old to donate platelets.*)

Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Center

Contact: Sherry Braud

Phone: 225-743-2405

5000 Hennessy Blvd.

Baton Rouge , LA 70808

Website: www.ololrnc.com (Click on “How to Give”)

Email: SBraud@ololrnc.com

NOTE: When giving blood, ask for a community service form. The Blood Bank confirmed that they will write you a letter because the piece of paper that they give you after you donate blood does not have your name on it.

A44. Pat’s Coats for Kids- This organization has been developed by Pat Shingleton from Channel 2 WBRZ. Pat’s Coats for kids is able to provide coats for underprivileged children who cannot afford to purchase a coat on their own. Students will be able to help this organization at their annual “Kick off” celebrations that are held throughout Baton Rouge. Students may also volunteer their time at the TV station sorting and separating the donated coats. For more information, please visit www.2theadvocate.com/wbrz or call WBRZ at 225-387-2222.

A45. Iberville Parish Food Bank (Part of Our Brothers Keeper)- The food bank is open every Thursday in the a.m. (except the last Thursday of a 5 week month).

58317 Plaquemine Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764 225-687-9986.

Contacts: Valerie Simpson and Barbara Laurent

A46. Muscular Dystrophy Association- MDA is dedicated to raising money and supporting research for a possible end to MD as well as other neurological diseases. MDA has an annual telethon-The Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

Contact: Monique Simpson, MDA Executive Director

8126 One Calais, Suite 1-C

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Phone: 225-761-7010

email: msimpson@mdausa.org

A47. Kiwanis Club- Every year this club sponsors a Pancake Breakfast. The Kiwanis Club is responsible for helping many youth and disabled throughout the community. Funds raised from the annual pancake breakfast are donated to help the needy.

A48. The National Kidney Foundation- The NKF assists patients with Chronic Kidney Diseases. Every year they sponsor walks to raise funds to assist those who cannot afford to pay for any or all of their treatments. Volunteers would assist patients in filling out forms, and providing meals for patients during the holidays. Volunteers are also needed to help at other events such as free kidney screenings and organ donating fairs.

Contact: Torie Kranze, Chief Executive Officer
National Kidney Foundation, Louisiana Home Office
8200 Hampton Street, Suite 425
New Orleans, La 70118
Phone : 504-861-4500

****Note**** This office is also responsible for scheduling events in the Baton Rouge area.

B. COMMUNITY BUILDING HOURS (Minimum of 5 hours)

****PLEASE NOTE** Due to some issues in the past, working at a church for service hours is now limited to Catholic Churches and ONLY APPROVED CHURCHES OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS for the 2009-2010 school year.**

- B1. Church - Childcare for Church Functions** (RCIA, nursery, etc.) – Help provide babysitting for Church events.
- B2. Church - Parish Fair** – Volunteer at your Church Fair/Festival.
- B3. Church - Office Help** – Office work in your local Church parish.
- B4. Church - Vacation Bible School** – Volunteer for Vacation Bible School during the summer at your local Church parish.
- B5. Church - Assist with Parish School of Religion** – Help assist with the Parish School of Religion in your local Church parish.
- B6. Church - Altar Server** – Altar Serve at Mass on Sundays in your local Church parish
- B7. Church - Choir** – Sing or play music at Mass in your local Church parish.
- B8. Church – Lector** – Read at Mass on Sundays in your local Church parish
- B9. Church – Usher** – Usher at Mass on Sundays in your local Church parish
- B10. Church - RCIC/RCIA Teacher or Sponsor** – Serve as a teacher or sponsor in RCIA or RCIC in your local Church Parish.
- B11. Church - Homebound Eucharistic Minister** – Bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners.
Note: Must be 18 and Confirmed and a Eucharistic Minister.
- B12. Church - Cleaning the Church** - Clean in and/or around your local Church parish.
- B13. Grammar School Volunteer** – Serve as a mentor, coach, tutor, etc. at any of the local grammar schools.
- B14. Knights of Columbus** – Volunteer with any of the Knights of Columbus events such as the Tootsie Roll Drive, etc.
- B15. Redemptorist - Assistance to RHS teachers outside of class time** – Clean classrooms, etc.
- B16. Redemptorist - Open House** – Student guides are selected by teachers and administrators.
Note: To receive credit, ask the teacher or administrator who invited you to help for the letter.
- B17. Redemptorist - Peer Ministers** – Work grammar school retreats through Campus Ministry

B18. Redemptorist – Alter Server – Altar serve at school liturgies.

B19. Redemptorist - Lector – Read at school liturgies.

B20. Redemptorist - Usher – Usher at school liturgies.

B21. Redemptorist - Liturgy Band/Choir – Sing or play an instrument for school liturgies.

B22. Redemptorist - Athletic Events – Volunteer in the concession stand, setting up or cleaning up for an athletic event, etc.

B23. Tutoring @ CAWSC (Community Association for the Welfare of School Children)- Serve as a tutor, mentor, or coach.

440 North Foster Drive
Baton Rouge, La 70806
225-924-7506
info@cawsc.org

B25. Holiday Work-Any work that is done through area fire departments, police or sheriff stations, and churches for the collection, sorting, and delivering of gifts, foods, and clothing for the needy at Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter.

B26. Volunteering Personal Time at Summer Camps-Students may earn B service hours volunteering their time at summer or holiday camps, but they CANNOT receive compensation for their time worked. If the camp makes a profit to support a sports team, dance squad, cheerleading squad, youth group etc... it cannot be used as valid service hours. The camp must be strictly a non-profit organization that is not using profits to sustain a business and it is for the sole benefit of helping kids.

B27. Chapel on the Campus (LSU)- This non denominational, Christian church located on the campus of LSU has proven excellence in mentoring and witnessing the word of God to students of all ages. Other than mentoring to youth, the Chapel on the Campus sponsors many other youth activities where service hour opportunities can be performed.

3355 Dalrymple Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-6915

Head Pastor: Kevin McKee
Youth Group Directors: Levie Chustz and Matt Dearman
Contact number: 225-387-1580

B28. Broadmoor United Methodist Church- BUMC has many service hour opportunities available for youth in the BR area. Please contact the church for more info about their various service opportunities.

Contacts: Fred Wideman-Senior Minister
Ken Carroll-Assoc. Pastor
Lee Allen-Assoc. Pastor
Lee Mc Kenzie-Assoc. Pastor
Dr. Brenda Walker-Youth Choir Director

10230 Mollylea Drive
Baton Rouge, La 70815
225-924-6269
Fax: 225-928-9472

www.broadmoor-umc.org

B29. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Port Allen, La.- SMBC often visits local nursing homes, participate in community activities to better the community, and youth in the parish are allowed to teach Bible classes in the church daycare.

B30. Healing Place Church- Healing Place Church has been built on the vision to be a healing place for a hurting world. Pastors Dino and DeLynn Rizzo and the staff at HPC have a passion to express Christ through creative means. God has brought together an incredible team to express his love in practical ways. Community outreaches and missions' projects of every kind are just a couple of the ways that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared with countless individuals. HPC is reaching out to the lost and hurting of this world. Filled with compassion and offering hope to the poor, oppressed and forgotten, HPC is a healing place for a hurting world!

HPC takes an active role during the holiday seasons by partnering with other local churches and organizations to distribute food and Christmas gift baskets to the needy families of the Baton Rouge area.

www.healingplacechurch.org

Contact : Pastors Dino and DeLynn Rizzo
19202 Highland Road
Baton Rouge, LA
70809

Phone- 225.753.2273

Fax - 225.753.7175