



Benefits of Service Learning Through a Nonprofit

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What is Service Learning?

Dr. Wayne Buchanan of Defiance College defines service learning as “a teaching and learning approach that integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities” (2007).

Who Seeks Service Learning?

All types of people seek these experiences, but through our experience we have found two reoccurring character traits:

- Hungry for life experiences
- Intellectually curious

What is Gained from Service Learning?

According to Astin (2000), participating on a service-learning trip improves:

- academic performance (GPA, Writing skills, critical thinking skills)
- values (commitment to activism and to promoting racial understanding)
- self-efficacy
- leadership (leadership activities, self-rated leadership ability, interpersonal skills)
- choice of a service career
- plans to participate in service after college

Benefits of Service-learning

- Dual-exchange of information
- Heightened sense of civic engagement
- Transformative process



Benefits of Non-Profits

- Mission Statements
- Community Stakeholders
- Non-profit status, 501(c)(3)
- Oversight (Board of Directors)

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