Examples of Previous BSOM B1 Service Learning Student Initiated Electives*

The Foodbank (Lizz Kelly, Volunteer Coordinator)

Working with community faculty, students assist with processing food donations, stocking food pantry shelves and preparing food for distribution to area food pantries and individuals in the community. Students learn about the cultural, economic and social situations where people find themselves in need of services provided by the Foodbank and area food pantries.

<u>Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton</u> (Brad Roediger, Volunteer Services Coordinator) Working with other volunteers or families, students assist with building homes for area residents or assist at the ReStore. Students learn about the value of safe housing to community members and various aspects of coordinating a community project.

<u>Hospice of Dayton</u> (2014-2015 Student Coordinators: Laura DiScenna, <u>discenna.2@wright.edu</u>, and Maggie Rechel, <u>rechel.3@wright.edu</u>)

Working with community faculty (social workers and chaplains) and interacting with patients and their families, students learn about multi-disciplinary teams, family dynamics, and the role of compassion and empathy in a hospice facility.

New Orleans Spring Break (2014-2015 Student Coordinators: Chait Bukkapatnam, bukkapatnam.2@wright.edu, Lauren Gunderman, gunderman.4@wright.edu, and Susan Wherley, wherley.2@wright.edu)

Working with NGOs operating in New Orleans, students learn about local culture and the city's efforts to rebuild post-Katrina while providing social and human services ranging from home building to nutrition therapy with HIV/AIDS patients.

<u>St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter</u> (2014-2015 Student Coordinator: Caleb Dukeman, <u>dukeman.2@wright.edu</u>)

Students work with community faculty to provide tutoring and recreational services activities for children and their families who are residents of homeless shelters in the Dayton community while learning about the causes of homelessness and health issues challenging those without regular housing.

Student to Student (2014-2015 Student Coordinator: Catherine Baker, baker.391@wright.edu) Students work with faculty from the local public school districts providing educational experiences for children from grade school to high school in areas including nutrition, puberty, human anatomy, drugs and alcohol, AIDS/HIV, and what to expect when they visit the doctor. Students gain experience in teaching, interacting with various age groups and teamwork.

*The community sites listed in the descriptions above have partnered with the Boonshoft School of Medicine students at least two times in facilitating service learning community sites. Check with your student colleagues about their experiences with service learning as there are many more sites which to date have partnered with BSOM students only one time. Additionally, look in the B1 Elective Catalog at www.med.wright.edu/medu/electives for faculty-directed service learning courses.