To: Tutorial Faculty  
Fr: Amy Graves, Coordinator of the Community Service Center, x4247  
Re: Opportunities for using the community as a resource in your tutorial.

The idea of combining community service with learning -- or what is now commonly referred to as service learning -- has gained significant attention from a variety of disciplines in recent years. Combining community service with academic work can strengthen each, providing a context for learning and developing an understanding of the issues behind the service through reflection in the classroom. Students new to Grinnell are also given the opportunity to develop relationships outside the college and to become a part of the larger community.

I would like to offer the assistance of the Community Service Center to any faculty who are interested in using community agencies or resources in their courses. Following is a partial list of previous tutorials and courses in which community based learning was used. I have also included a list of many agencies and volunteer sites in our area. Please feel free to contact me if I can help.

*The Future of Health Care in America*, tutorial, (Chuck Sullivan) - students volunteer one hour per week for nine weeks at Grinnell Regional Medical Center or with the elderly in Grinnell, record their reactions a journal and give an oral presentation based on the journals.

*Understanding the Process of Aging*, tutorial, (Kent McClelland) - class members interviewed residents of Grinnell and volunteered in local agencies serving the elderly.

*AIDS, the Disease and its Impact*, tutorial, (Martin Minelli) - students met and interviewed Persons with AIDS and made oral presentations with this "first-hand" information.

*Gender and Women's Studies* (Irene Powell) - allowed students to earn extra credit by writing a paper that connects volunteer work with women (or gender in some other way) to the issues that were covered in class.

*Abnormal Psychology* (Thayer Kramer) - required students to spend five hours over the semester volunteering at the Clubhouse, a day treatment center for chronically mentally ill adults or Jasper County Care Facility.
American Beliefs and Cultural Values (Hanna Griff) - students did an ethnography of a female artist and presented to the class.

Theologies of Nonviolence (Beverly Lanzetta) - students spend at least one Saturday during the semester at the Catholic Worker in Des Moines.

VOLUNTEER SITES/PROGRAMS

Grinnell College Community Service Center

**Adults with Special Needs**
- CIRSI Group Homes
- Jasper County Care Facility
- Poweshiek County Career Development Center
- Poweshiek County Mental Health Center (Clubhouse)
- Unified Sports/Special Olympics

**Children**
- Alternative Happy Hour Program
- Buddies Program
- Camp Sunnyside Respite Weekends
- Grinnell Community Day Care
- Grinnell Girl Scouts
- Head Start
- Mentoring Program

**Community Development**
- Grinnell 2000
- Iowa Peace Institute

**Educational Enrichment**
- Women in Science/Saturday Science for Girls
- Afterschool Foreign Language
- Afterschool Art

**Homelessness/Poverty**
- Habitat for Humanity
- Poverty Action Now! (Catholic Worker)

**Senior Citizens**
- Caring Adult Day Care Center
- Friendship Manor
- Grinnell Senior Center
- Mayflower Home
- St. Francis Manor
Social Services
Department of Human Services
Department of Employment Services
Mid-Iowa Community Action
Second Mile

Tutoring Projects
Adult Literacy Program
English as a Second Language Tutoring Program
Grinnell-Newburg School Volunteer Program

Violence Projects
Domestic Violence Alternatives/Sexual Assault Center
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