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Center for Community Engagement

While Covid-19 continues to impact the work of the Center for Community Engagement at Parkland (C-134), Adult Education's **Project READ** is still supporting our community through in-person and virtual adult tutoring on Wednesdays in the Center! Please look for more information on joining Project READ later in this *E-News*.

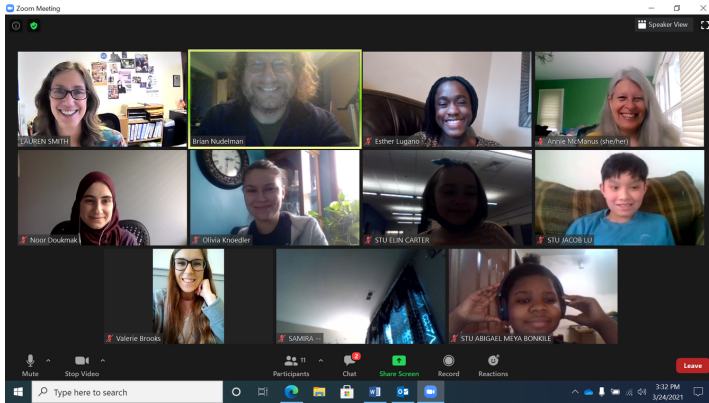
Occupational Therapy / Family Service Senior Citizen Activity Boxes!



This semester, the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program at Parkland College, in collaboration with local nonprofit Family Service, has designed and delivered engaging activity boxes for senior citizens in our community.

Filled with thoughtful mindfulness activities, creative art projects, music, and positivity, these activity boxes have been designed by our OTA students, and constructed by various student groups at Parkland, such as the International Student Association, *The Prospectus* student newspaper, Phi Theta Kappa, and other great groups of Parkland students.

Garden Hills Homework Club is Back!



The Homework Club is back in action! Indeed, since February, a small but dedicated group of Garden Hills Academy students, along with Parkland students and faculty, have met twice a week through Zoom for academic support, mindfulness, and friendship. It's been a blast! In addition, we have welcomed guests from Parkland's Veterinary Technology and Dental Hygiene programs to talk with the Garden Hills kids about healthy teeth and careers within Veterinary Science.

For information about volunteering with the Homework Club in the fall, please contact:
Brian Nudelman (bnudelman@parkland.edu), or
Lauren Smith (smithla@u4sd.org)

How to Help During COVID-19

DREAAM is a community impact organization with the mission to reach, teach and invest in boys and young men placed at risk with a targeted focus on Black males.

DREAAM stands for Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males, and the primary aim is to: increase positive outcomes—academic achievement, behavioral health, college readiness, and decrease negative outcomes—suspensions, drop-out rates, violence.

At this time, DREAAM is providing virtual learning support through tutoring, remote homework help, interactive literacy enrichment, small-group social emotional learning, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) skills.

For more information on how to help DREAAM, please write to:
volunteer@dream.org

Interested in Service- Learning?

If you are interested in bringing service-learning into your classroom, please contact Brian Nudelman.

Share Your Community Engagement Stories!

If you are involved in service-learning or volunteerism here at Parkland College, please share your stories with the Parkland community by contacting Brian Nudelman.

Online Resources

- [Parkland College Center for Community Engagement](#)
- [CUVolunteer](#)
- [National Service-Learning Clearinghouse](#)



How to Help During COVID-19 cont.

The Parkland College Adult Education program **Project READ** is offering new, interactive online platforms for volunteer tutor training, learner intake, tutor support, and tutor-learner introductions. Project READ offers free, learner-centered ESL, Literacy, and Math tutoring services.

**For more information on free tutoring,
becoming a tutor, or any other questions,
please contact a Project READ team member at:
ProjectREAD@parkland.edu**

Hope Lives Youth Ranch is seeking volunteers to help with property maintenance. They offer mentoring sessions to children with adverse childhood experiences and love to provide them with a beautiful and relaxing atmosphere to experience the healing that horses can bring to them. As always, volunteers will receive a voucher for a free Donkey Encounter.

**If you are interested in volunteering at
Hope Lives Youth Ranch, please contact
Emily Reichman at hopelivesrr@gmail.com.
You can learn more about their programs at
www.hopelivesyouthranch.org.**

The mission of the **Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club** is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens." In addition, the Club hopes "to be a beacon of safety, support, and hope for all youth in our community."

**To help support the
Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, please visit:
<https://dmbgc.org/get-involved/>**

For additional ways to help out, please visit the [Illinois Disaster Volunteerism](#) page.

