



Michigan's AmeriCorps Regional Russ Mawby Signature Service Projects May 15-16, 2015

PROJECT OVERVIEW	DATE / TIME	POINT OF CONTACT
<p><u>West Michigan (Grand Rapids)</u> – Registration Deadline: April 24, 2015 Members will be completing a variety of service tasks at West Michigan-area schools connected through Kent School Services Network. <i>Get on the Bus with Russ!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project registration link: http://goo.gl/4kk1ke • Lunch will be provided for all project participants. • This project is not open to outside volunteers. 	<p>Friday, May 15</p> <p>8:30am- 4:30pm</p>	<p>Dan Drust (Program Director) Literacy Center of West MI ddrust@literacycenterwm.org</p>
<p><u>Northern Michigan (Gaylord)</u> – Registration Deadline: April 26, 2015 Members and volunteers will tackle on the ground projects at the Otsego Environmental Learning Center. This is an outdoor learning center that features a classroom building, trails, a pond, and wildlife habitat areas. Our project will increase accessibility by creating a stone pathway to the classroom, ramp to the building, interpretive signs, wood chipping trails, adding a native plant buffer to the pond area, adding wood structures to the pond for habitat, building bird houses, & removing invasive plant species from the area. This location is behind the elementary school on 5th Street in Gaylord. Signs will direct volunteers to the parking lot. Please bring a water bottle, gloves, and yard tools (shovels, rakes, etc...) if you have them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project registration link: http://goo.gl/wL10f3 • Lunch and snacks will be provided for all project participants. • This project is open to volunteers who are not AmeriCorps members. 	<p>Friday, May 15</p> <p>9:00am- 3:30pm</p>	<p>Jennie Jandron (AmeriCorps Coordinator) Huron Pines AmeriCorps jennie@huronpines.org</p>
<p><u>Mid-Michigan (Lansing)</u> – Registration Deadline: April 27, 2015 The Mid- MI day of service will kick off at 9:00am with an opening ceremony. Members will then be bused to six project sites throughout Lansing where they will perform service until 3:30pm. Members will be bused back to the starting location at the end of the project. Most service sites will have a variety of projects including planting/weeding/building community gardens, painting, cleaning, and general beautification efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project registration link: spsmidmichigan.eventzilla.net • Lunch will be provided for all project participants. • This project is not open to outside volunteers. 	<p>Friday, May 15</p> <p>9:00am- 4:00pm</p>	<p>Rachel Diskin (Program Director) CEDAM diskin@cedam.info</p>

<p><u>Flint / Tri-Cities (Flint)</u> – Registration Deadline: April 27, 2015</p> <p>Members will be serving in Flint's eastside neighborhood, an area heavily impacted by poverty, blight, & urban decay. Many of the vacant properties have been turned into community gardens, & other steps are being taken to beautify the neighborhood & increase safety. Members will partner with the Asbury Community Development Corporation & neighborhood volunteers to engage in a variety of projects including: installing rain barrels, planting fruit bushes, tilling garden sites and laying compost, preparing landscaping sites, cleaning up properties/clearing lots, and stripping houses to be boarded or painted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project registration link: http://goo.gl/rYixhk • This project is open to volunteers who are not AmeriCorps members. 	<p>Friday, May 15</p> <p>9:30am- 3:00pm</p>	<p>Jenny McArdle (Civic Engagement Manager) United Way of Genesee County jmcardle@unitedwaygenesee.org</p>
<p><u>Southeast Michigan (Detroit)</u> – Registration Deadline: April 27, 2015</p> <p>Come support a successful growing season for gardens connected through the Detroit Public Schools (DPS) Garden Collaborative and the DPS Office of School Nutrition Farm & Garden Program. Garden planting and infrastructure projects needing your help will include fruit & vegetable planting, perennial tree & bush planting, garden bed building, hoop house repair, and conversion of a former horse stable to an outdoor classroom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project registration link: www.semirusmawby15.splashthat.com • A light breakfast will be provided at each service location and lunch will be served for all participants at the Catherine Ferguson Academy at 1:00pm. • This project is open to volunteers who are not AmeriCorps members. 	<p>Saturday, May 16</p> <p>8:00am- 1:00pm</p>	<p>Daniel Marbury (FoodCorps Fellow) FoodCorps Michigan Daniel.marbury@foodcorps.org</p>
<p><u>Upper Peninsula (Marquette)</u> – Registration Deadline: April 27, 2015</p> <p>Members and the Marquette community will come together to beautify and clean-up surrounding areas by doing highway clean-up, invasive species removal, and weed control. This project will be held in partnership with Lake Superior Watershed, CUPCWMA, and local public schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project registration link: http://goo.gl/N86X6H • Lunch will be provided for all project participants. • This project is open to volunteers who are not AmeriCorps members. 	<p>Saturday, May 16</p> <p>10:00am- 4:00pm</p>	<p>Harger Boal (AmeriCorps Coordinator) MARESA hboal@maresa.org</p>



Dr. Russell –“Russ”– Mawby is a tremendous advocate for youth and volunteer service. He spent the majority of his career leading the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek. Dr. Mawby is now chair emeritus and trustee of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. During his 36-year tenure, he served as a program officer, vice president, CEO, and chair of the Foundation. While serving as CEO and chair, Dr. Mawby was instrumental in convening a series of meetings leading to the formation of the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC). Dr. Mawby was appointed to the MCSC on September 13, 2000, where he served as chair until 2003. To honor Dr. Mawby’s commitment to volunteerism, service, and AmeriCorps, it was only fitting that the service project be renamed the Michigan’s AmeriCorps Russ Mawby Signature Service Project.