



New Executive Committee Kicks off the Year

This fall Project Sunshine has a new addition: an executive committee made up of 8 students who will be working to expand the organization and extend the reach of Project Sunshine in the community. There are already some great ideas in the works, and the committee is very excited to pursue them with the help of all the volunteers.

This year's Executive Committee is made up of:

- Erin Lembo, Executive Director
- Chrissy Kowalski, Events Co-Director
- Jaime Berg, Co-Events Director
- Cristina Criscione, Social Director
- Kimberly Jean, Outreach Director
- Mo Timmeny, Training Director
- Shreya Amin, Finance Director
- Eric Melchoir, Freshman Ambassador

If you have any ideas or suggestions for this year's committee, or anything you would like to see done differently, please stop by the office in 215 Dougherty and let us know. Get ready for awesome things to come!

-Erin Lembo

Executive Committee, Left to right: Mo Timmeny, Chrissy Kowalski, Jamie Berg, Eric Melchoir, Cristina Criscione, Erin Lembo, Shreya Amin. Absent- Kim Jean.



Sunshine Awareness

- Name: Kimberly Jean
- Age: 19
- Hometown: Maplewood, NJ
- Position: Outreach Director
- Time with Project Sunshine: Second semester of Freshman year
- Trips visited: St. Ed's, Divine Providence, Our Mother of Sorrows, Girard College, Southwest
- Favorite Cartoon: Spongebob Squarepants (Come on, did you have to ask)

As the Outreach Director I work closely with various educational entities and social agencies. I am trying to give students exposure to different opportunities ranging from serving Philadelphia's schools to one-day Habitat trips. I work in cooperation with the other members of the Executive Board to determine the outreach need of the campus community and neighborhood. If any one has new ideas or places to visit please email me at

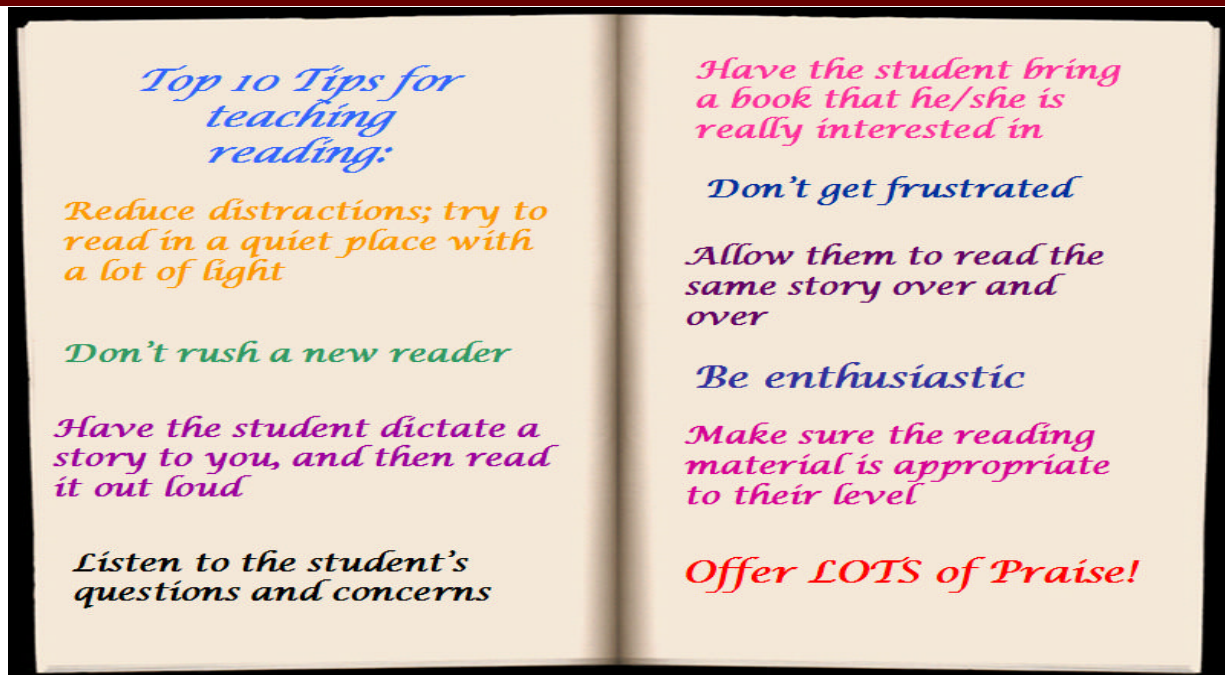
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Tutoring Tips



Freshman Spotlight

This year many new freshmen have volunteered with Project Sunshine and are making great contributions to the work we do throughout the Philadelphia area. One of these freshmen is Tara Hobbie, who dedicates her time to tutor inner city children in such subjects as math, reading, social studies, and science.

"The most rewarding part of volunteering is seeing the kids that I tutor smile and really start to understand their work, to the point where they start quizzing."



Tara is excited about continuing her work with Project Sunshine this year and throughout her time at Villanova. Tara also hopes that more people will join so they can experience the joy of working to help people of all ages and backgrounds learn and achieve new things.

-Eric Melchoir

Perks of a Volunteer

(You mean besides making new friends and community involvement?)

- Gaining knowledge
- Learning new skills
- Building friendships
- The feeling of accomplishment



Holiday Fundraising

Hey guys! In the money world, we are off to a great start this year. Our first fundraising event took place before Halloween. Merry Mead Farms (Lansdale, PA) and Giant Supermarkets (Horsham, PA) donated several pumpkins, which we sold at the Oreo and in front of the Italian Kitchen. The fundraiser's success proved to be an awesome surprise. We sold a total of **52 pumpkins!**

The holidays are coming up fast, and it's time to think about our Christmas Holiday fundraiser. A raffle seems to be the best fundraiser through which we can raise a lot of money to help fund some new and exciting events. Possible prizes include a free dinner at Campus Corner, a gift certificate from the bookstore, tickets to a men's basketball game, and/or a stereo system from Best Buy or Wal-Mart. These are just ideas of prizes, so if anyone has any suggestions, please let me know.

It would be fabulous if every volunteer/member could help out with the Holiday Fundraiser by selling as many tickets as possible to friends, families, professors, and complete strangers!

More details about the fundraiser will be sent to you shortly.



-Shreya Amin

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Events News

Did you see us at this year's Special Olympics Fall Festival? The theme for this year's festival was "Lights, Camera, Athletes!" We ran a caramel apple booth in Hollywood Olympic Town. The athletes and volunteers were able to coat their apples with sprinkles and other fun toppings! We had several volunteers from our organization helping with the project. Thanks for all your help!

The "Run for Hunger" took place during Father Ray Jackson's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. The run/walk was only 5K that took place on campus on November 16th.

Christmas Raffle will run from November 29th-December 10th. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for an arms length. Prizes include various gift certificates and a grand prize yet to be announced!

The 1st Annual Clothing Drive benefiting victims of the Caribbean Hurricane and Philadelphia Salvation Army will take place from November 29th-December 10th. Boxes will be in dorms as well as in the West Lounge of Dougherty Hall for drop off.

Run for Hunger

Do the two things you love most at the same time:
Volunteer and Exercise!

Come help Project Sunshine with this 5K race around campus on November 16 that searches to make advancements for hunger and homelessness worldwide.

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SHOUT OUTS!!!

To the Jackson 306 girls, volunteering together has been a lot of fun. -Carlo P.

To Jonnalyn, thank you for getting me started in P.S. -Carlo P.

"Shout Out" to Bush for a job well done. -Michael P.

All volunteers- Great Job this first semester!!! Keep up the good work.
-Lori

ASK LORI...

Is it true that you can get paid for volunteering with Project Sunshine? Why yes it is. Said to be the BEST Federal Work Study job on campus, Project Sunshine's tutoring volunteers fall under the America Reads Program. This Program is a grant program that provides funding for tutors across the country. So if you qualify for work-study, and you make a weekly commitment to tutor, you get paid! Of course, you can always tutor on a volunteer basis if you do not qualify for work study.

Are there still slots available for Project Sunshine?

There are ALWAYS slots available, whether it be on Saturdays or during the week, we can usually find a time slot to fit everyone's schedule. If you're curious, stop by Dougherty 215 for more info.

What are excused absences? The only excused absences for your weekly commitments to service are: a doctor's appointment/illness, required function (by a professor), death in the family, and class registration. Examples of unexcused absences are: school work, tiredness, and study groups. Though these are all GOOD excuses, there are plenty of alternates waiting to be activated.

UNSCRAMBLE ME!!!

Instructions: Try and unscramble each of the words.
Hint.... They are the names of the new executive board.

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Fast Fact on Timesheets

Did you know that Payroll will not process incomplete timesheets? Please make sure that you **total up your hours** and also **sign the timesheets**. It is very important that you do both things if you want to get "cheese".

-Shreya Amin